



# WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

## Members Guide 2024

Playing at McCleery, Langara and Fraserview  
Established in 1932 [www.westpointgolf.org](http://www.westpointgolf.org)

### 1. West Point Golf Club

- West Point Golf Club (WPGC) consists of up to 120 Full Playing Members plus Associate, Lifetime and Honorary Members. There is usually up to about 20 people on the waitlist, who will move into membership when space becomes available.
- As a “senior men’s” club, all members and waitlisters must be 55 or older. Members range from 55 to the 90s in age, with widely varying handicaps.
- The West Point GC main playing season is 32 weeks of golf events every Thursday from April to October, played on City of Vancouver municipal courses at Langara (April – May), McCleery (June – August) and Fraserview (September – October). The club has secondary play at Riverway most Tuesdays and “away games” at other local courses on six Mondays. There is winter golf most Thursdays in the rest of the year at Langara and some weeks at Riverway.
- Each week, members pay their green fee (and \$5 booking fee) to the city at the course Pro Shop. The annual club membership fee (currently \$150) covers prize money for tournaments and administration. The club is managed by about 30 members who volunteer their time, including 13 directors and advisers, the Captain’s Table and many golf/event coordinators.
- West Point members are very involved with the club, we typically fill 80 tee times each week among the 120 members. The average member plays 20 of the 32 weeks in the season. Full members must play at least ten Thursday main season club games to maintain membership.
- We treat golf as a sport, in that we play according to the rules, record scores and there are small prizes for those who play well enough to finish high in their flight or score a deuce. But more important than winning, we just enjoy playing golf.
- The club is a source of camaraderie and friendship for its members; social engagement is a priority. Members rarely find a foursome partner with whom they do not enjoy playing. We expect golfers to come into the clubhouse after the round to enjoy the company of other members. Not everyone can socialize every week, but the club should not be seen as just a tee-time booking service.
- Our membership is known for its politeness and courtesy, to each other and to city staff. We are very dependent on the city course Pro Shops for our tee-times, and maintaining good relationships is critical. Given demand for tee-times, the Pro Shops and the Club strongly dislike cancellations and no-shows. There are “no-show” penalties as deterrents.
- There are two other important events, the Pre-Season Opening Social (Dinner and Meeting) to be held at Fraserview GC on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Meet up before the season and hear of plans and developments for 2024. In early November, the Annual General Meeting and lunch wraps up the season, with awards being presented to tournament winners.

- All players will receive an online copy of the **West Point Golf Club Players Handbook** (*see web portal for latest version*) providing information on club procedures and weekly tournaments. Please refer to the Handbook. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

## 2. Draw

- These procedures apply to Members. Separate sign-up procedures apply for Waitlisters. See the “Waitlister Guide”.
- Registration for all games is done via eSignup, reached at <https://wp.golfclub.net> or through the golfsoftware.com app. A comprehensive “[Sign-Up Manual](#)” is available on the eSignup web page. If you have difficulties, please contact Brian Montpellier, [bmontpellier@shaw.ca](mailto:bmontpellier@shaw.ca).
- If you sign up for an event, you are expected to play. Only sign up for events you plan to play in, and if you do change your mind, it is important you withdraw before the draw is set four days out. Also, we are not just “fair-weather golfers” - only an absolute downpour is considered a good weather reason not to play. Contacting the course to cancel is essential.
- Most events open for bookings three weeks in advance at 7.00pm and close four days ahead at 12.00 noon. If you forget to sign up in time, email the Drawmaster to see if spots are open.
- Tee-off times are typically between 8:00 am and 11:00 am but vary according to time of year. Some weeks, players sign up to a specific tee-time, and in other weeks, players register for the tournament, with the Vice-Captain Draw assigning tee times. The Vice-Captain Draw is Alex Andrews, reachable at [drawmaster.wpgc@gmail.com](mailto:drawmaster.wpgc@gmail.com).
- On occasion, but not regularly, you may ask for a specific tee-time request, e.g., early or late.
- The Drawmaster prepares the draw for the next Thursday game by the Monday prior. You must check the draw for the next week on Wednesday, as times may be changed from when you signed up. Draws are posted in eSignup, under each event, in “Pairings”.
- We know life and unforeseen circumstances, e.g., appointments or injuries, will cause people to become unavailable occasionally. Please cancel as soon as you can. For example, for a Thursday booking:
  - Prior to the Sunday prior 12.00 noon deadline, use eSignup on-line to withdraw.
  - Between Sunday noon and Tuesday at 9.00 am, contact the Drawmaster ASAP.
  - If later than that, you must contact the course Pro Shop by phone at least two hours ahead of your tee time (DO NOT cancel using the City’s on-line booking system). Also advise the Captain Bill Titmuss at [bill4titmuss@gmail.com](mailto:bill4titmuss@gmail.com). Cancelling with the Pro Shop is essential, otherwise you can incur fines and penalties.

### 3. Game Day

- Play is according to the Golf Canada Rules of Golf, plus some West Point local rules, including playing “lift, clean, place, 6 inches” all year. Each Thursday event has a specific format, details online and in the Players Handbook. Any questions, contact Captain Bill Titmuss at [bill4titmuss@gmail.com](mailto:bill4titmuss@gmail.com).
- Pace of Play is extremely important. WPGC has agreed with the Park Board that we will ensure our members complete their rounds within the course’s recommended time. Keep up to the foursome in front of you (not ahead of the foursome behind you). Play ready golf, be ready to play. If your group falls behind, putt continuously and the first two players who putt out should go straight to the next tee and tee off.
- Be sure to confirm your final score with the designated Captain for your foursome who will turn in the final scorecard to the Captain’s Table.

### 4. Handicaps

- WPGC uses an online e-Handicap system. You are provided with an ID and password for access. If you need assistance, contact Brian Montpellier at [bmontpellier@shaw.ca](mailto:bmontpellier@shaw.ca). If you are a member of another club which records scores with RCGA, the WPGC system (although similar) is completely separate and you must enter scores individually in each system.
- All scores for Thursday main season games and Away Games will be entered by the Captain’s Table and automatically added to the WP e-Handicap system. You must manually enter all other scoring rounds you play at other West Point events, with other clubs or independently.
- For all scoring rounds, count all your strokes and enter them according to the Golf Canada “Adjusted Gross Score” maximum net double bogey procedure. See the Players Handbook.
- New members, who have just been moved from the WP Wait List, must check and ensure you have added the scores you submitted to qualify for admission to the Club. Any main season Thursday games you played while on the waitlist will have been added automatically. Manually add the scores from all other games you have played while on the waitlist.
- The only exceptions to entering scores are where play or course conditions are declared as not suitable for posting, for example:
  - Where the tournament does not give a score suitable for handicap purposes, e.g., scrambles, Three Clubs and a Putter, or mixed tee boxes.
  - Winter play – Canadian courses between November 16<sup>th</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Captain determines it is a “No Posting” day because of course conditions, e.g., using temporary greens, or it has been recently punched and sanded.

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