



## **Class “A” Pathway for Tour Players**

*Pathway to Class “A” membership for former tour players*

The purpose of this pathway for Tour Players is to recognize the knowledge of the game of golf that is required to play at the game’s highest levels. This pathway maintains the standards and expectations of Class “A” membership with the PGA of Canada and mirrors those of any Candidate for Membership who completes the Core Competencies of PACE. Credit is offered to those individuals who meet the Tour Player criteria in that they may move directly to evaluation for each core competency.

In order to achieve Class “A” status, you must successfully meet all entry criteria, pay your PGA of Canada dues and successfully complete all Core Competencies of PACE.

### **About the Professional Advancement and Career Enhancement (PACE) Program**

The purpose of the PGA of Canada PACE Program is:

1. To ensure that all members of the PGA of Canada have standardized training and knowledge of the golf industry
2. To support the professional development of our members throughout their careers
3. To enhance career opportunities by offering a system that will improve and simplify the employment process
4. To encourage and celebrate continued development in a specialized field.

### **Entry Criteria (via PGA of Canada application process):**

1. Meet the PGA of Canada’s [Entrance Requirements](#)
  - a. Play Ability Test exemption will be applied
2. Current or prior status on one or more of the following professional tours:
  - a. PGA Tour
  - b. LPGA Tour
  - c. European Tour
  - d. Web.com tour
  - e. Symetra tour
  - f. Champions Tour
  - g. PGA Tour Canada (minimum 3 years)

*Please note: if you have had status on another professional tour not listed above, please submit request to Darcy Kral (membership) at [darcy@pgaofcanada.com](mailto:darcy@pgaofcanada.com) or (800) 782-5764 x224.*

**To begin this process, please contact Darcy Kral. Registration may begin at any point during the year.**



## Steps to become a Class “A” member

The identified [core competencies](#) are required to become a Class “A” member of the PGA of Canada:

<p><b>Rules of Golf</b> Must successfully complete the level II online RCGA Rules of Golf <a href="http://www.rulesofgolf.ca">www.rulesofgolf.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Club Fitting</b> Candidates for Membership must complete the recognized club fitting program. <i>Tour Player (TP) will receive exemption for Club Fitting workshop; must complete evaluation</i></p>
<p><b>National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)</b> Must obtain certified status in Instructor of Beginner Golfers (IB) and Instructor of Intermediate Golfers (II) contexts. <i>TP will receive exemption for IB and II workshop; must complete evaluation for both contexts.</i></p>
<p><b>PGA of Canada Core Competency Golf Modules</b> Must successfully complete the five PGA of Canada Core Competency Golf Modules.</p>
<p><b>Formal Education</b> 3 year Business diploma, PGM diploma, or a University degree with a business major <b>OR</b> University degree other than Business or a 2 year diploma in any discipline <b>with a</b> 1 year business certificate from an accredited college or the Golf Management Institute of Canada online diploma  <i>TP may apply for Prior Education and Experience Assessment (PEEA)</i></p>
<p><b>Working in the golf industry</b> Must obtain a minimum of 3,000 hours of relevant workplace time during their training in six years.</p>

***Evaluation attempts: If evaluation is not passed after 2 attempts, attendance at training for Club Fitting, Instructor of Beginner Golfers, and/or Instructor of Intermediate Golfers will be required at full price of workshop.***



## **Costs**

Upon undertaking the following core competencies, costs will be as follows:

- Rules of Golf - \$35 (paid online to access Level II evaluation)
- Club Fitting - \$100 (paid to PGA of Canada for material and link to evaluation)
- Instructor of Beginner Golfers - \$250 (\$200 paid to PGA of Canada for IB material; \$50 paid online with submission of evaluation)
- Instructor of Intermediate Golfers- \$250 (\$200 paid to PGA of Canada for IB material; \$50 paid online with submission of evaluation)
- Core Competency Golf Modules - \$600 per module (paid to PGA of Canada at time of online registration)
- Formal Education - \$0 to PGA of Canada (optional PEEA process is \$300 to assessor)

**If you have any questions about the Class “A” Pathway for Tour Players, please contact:**

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