

Canada Life Series – Overview

About the Canada Life Series

The Canada Life Series, in conjunction with the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada, features two 54-hole events at Bear Mountain Golf & Tennis Resort Community in Langford, B.C. and two more at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley. Tournament fields will consist of Canadian professionals and elite amateurs, as well as Mackenzie Tour members, regardless of citizenship, who are already in Canada. After the cancellation of the 2020 Mackenzie Tour season, the Tour created the Canada Life Series to provide Canadian-based players with a playing opportunity this year. Benefits for top-performing players include 2021 Mackenzie Tour membership and a spot in the PGA TOUR's RBC Canadian Open in 2021 for the overall Canada Life Series points leader.

Events

1. Canada Life Series at Bear Mountain: Mountain Course **August 10-12, 2020**
2. Canada Life Series at Bear Mountain: Valley Course **August 17-19, 2020**
3. Canada Life Series at TPC Toronto: Heathlands Course **September 2-4, 2020**
4. Canada Life Series Championship at TPC Toronto **September 9-11, 2020**

Commitment/Registration Deadlines

All applicants, including sponsor exemptions, must register and pay online before the dates listed below. Once the registration deadline has passed, the final field list will be emailed out along with an alternate list.

1. Canada Life Series at Bear Mountain: Mountain Course **Monday, August 3 @ 12:00 PM ET**
2. Canada Life Series at Bear Mountain: Valley Course **Monday, August 10 @ 12:00 PM ET**
3. Canada Life Series at TPC Toronto: Heathlands Course **Monday, August 24 @ 12:00 PM ET**
4. Canada Life Series Championship at TPC Toronto **Monday, August 31 @ 12:00 PM ET**

All 4 events registration will open on Tuesday, July 14th at 12:00 PM ET. *** Please note that you must sign up for each event individually. ***

Tournament entry fees will be \$220 USD +tax for the two events at Bear Mountain and \$205 USD +tax for each of the two TPC Toronto events.

Practice Rounds

1. Canada Life Series at Bear Mountain: Mountain Course **Sunday, August 9 after 12:00 PM**
2. Canada Life Series at Bear Mountain: Valley Course **Sunday, August 16 after 12:00 PM**
3. Canada Life Series at TPC Toronto: Heathlands Course **Tuesday, September 1**
4. Canada Life Series Championship at TPC Toronto **Tuesday, September 8**

Practice rounds must be booked through the pro-shop at the course. There will be NO first come-first served practice rounds.

Caddies

Caddies will not be permitted at the 4 Canada Life Series events. Pull/Push carts will be allowed, however will not be provided by host courses, players must bring their own.

Yardage books will be available will be given to each participant at Bear Mountain, cost is included in entry fees.

Yardage books will be for purchase at TPC Toronto for the 2 events on the Heathlands Course.

Appearance

Shorts will be permitted to wear during practice and tournament days.

Sponsor Exemptions

To apply for sponsor exemptions, please reach out to the following;

Bear Mountain – Rob Larocque rlarocque@bearmtn.ca

TPC Toronto – Brad Parkins brad@ospreyvalleyopen.com

International Players

Any player based outside of Canada, who is eligible for the Canada Life Series events, **will need to adhere to the federal quarantine act which requires everyone entering Canada to self-isolate for 14 days. More information can be found here.**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/06/canada-extends-mandatory-requirements-under-the-quarantine-act-for-anyone-entering-canada.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html>

This also assumes the border opens for non-essential travel before this series of events begins. The current border restrictions are in effect until August 21st but by all accounts, will be extended. Please pay close attention to that.

Withdrawal Policy

Any player who registers for any of the 4 Canada Life Series events but does not earn a spot in the field by tournament time will be fully reimbursed.

Any player who withdraws after the registration deadline will be refunded minus a \$100 processing fee.

No refunds will be issued to contestants after they have started play in the tournament

Event Format

- 90 Maximum Player field (Bear Mountain Events)
- 120 Maximum Player field (TPC Toronto Events)
- All exempt players
- Remainder of the field would be filled based on the registration order.
- 54 Hole event
- Cut will be closest to 55 and ties
- \$50,000 Purse (\$9,000 first place prize) * Tour reserves the right to adjust prize money *

End of Season Incentives

1st on points list: Conditional Status and 6 playing spots on 2021 Mackenzie Tour

1st on points list: Exemption into RBC Canadian Open

2nd- 5th points list: Conditional Status and 2 playing spots on 2021 Mackenzie Tour

6th -10th points list: Guaranteed entry in 2021 Mackenzie Tour Q-School with \$500 discount

Eligibility

1. Eligible Players (listed in order of the priority that shall be used to complete the starting field in open events):
 - a. **Korn Ferry Tour**
Top 5 eligible who hold dual membership with Mackenzie Tour
 - b. **Mackenzie Tour**
Any current Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada member
 - c. **Sponsor Exemptions**
Canada Life - 2
Golf Canada - 6
Host Course – 2
 - d. **Canada Life Series – Tournament Winners**
Champions of previous Canada Life Series events will be exempt for the remainder of the series.
 - e. **Top 20 from previous week**
Top 20 from previous weeks event not otherwise exempt
 - f. **Residents or Citizens of Canada**
Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada member: 2018-2020
PGA TOUR Latinoamerica member: 2018-2020
PGA TOUR China Member: 2018-2020
Korn Ferry Tour Member: 2018 – 2020
PGA TOUR Member: 2018 – 2020
PGA TOUR Champions Member: 2018 - 2020
Canadian Mackenzie Tour winners since 2013
European Tour Members: 2018-2020
 - g. **Registered players**
To fill the field, applicants will be placed in the field based on a first come first served from registration. Professionals will be given priority into the field and then filled with amateurs. Amateurs must have a handicap of two (2) or less.

List of Exempt Canadian Players

Player	Category	Player	Category	Player	Category
Allenby, James	2020 MT	Duvall, Jake	2018 MT	Mlikotic, John	2019 MT
Anderson, Zach	2019 MT	Fritsch, Brad	2020 KFT	Moser, Luke	2018 MT
Banks, Eric	2018 MT	Funk, Andrew J.	2018 MT	Nesbitt, Drew	2020 PGATLA
Bateman, Wil	2019 PGATLA	Funk, Andrew P.	2019 MT	Rose, David	2019 MT
Belle, Michael	2019 MT	Gilbert, Max	2018 MT	Ross, Chris	Prev. MT winner
Bernard, Hugo	2020 PGATLA	Gillespie, Derek	2020 PGATLA	Rutledge, Jim	PGATC
Brault, Étienne	2020 MT	Hamilton, Blair	2020 PGATLA	Sadlowski, Jamie	2019 MT
Budd, Russell	2020 PGATLA	Harlingten, Seann	2019 KFT	Sear, Max	2019 MT
Burse, Blair	2019 MT	Heffernan, Wes	2018 MT	Secord, Scott	2019 MT
Campbell, Peter	2019 MT	Hogan, Brett	2018 MT	Seymour, James	2019 MT
Carrey, Devin	2018 MT	Iceton, Mathew	2020 MT	Shin, Justin	China member
Casullo, Marc	2019 PGATLA	James, Austin	2019 MT	Shubley, Matthew	2020 MT
Choi, Albin	2019 KFT	Jones, Jimmy	2019 MT	Spooner, Kevin	Prev. MT winner
Clapp, Brad	Prev. MT winner	Jung, Richard	2020 KFT	Szirmak, Sebastian	2019 PGATLA
Cockerill, Aaron	2018 MT	Kennedy, Brett	2018 MT	Thompson, Bret	2018 MT
Cornelson, Adam	Prev. MT winner	Kim, Daniel	2019 MT	Tidcombe, Ally	2018 PGTLA
Crawford, Aaron	2019 MT	Love, James	2019 MT	Wheeldon, Riley	2020 MT
Creighton, Myles	2020 PGATLA	Macdonald, Stuart	2020 KFT	Williams, Patrick	2018 MT
Curren, Bradford	2018 MT	Machtaler, Greg	Prev. MT winner	Williams, Ryan	2018 MT
Davison, Callum	2019 MT	Marshall, Jamie	2019 MT	Wilson, Chris	2020 MT
DeGrazia, Evan	2020 MT	Ménard, Raoul	2019 PGATLA	Wong, Eugene	2018 PGTLA
du Toit, Jared	2020 PGATLA	Michaud, Sonny	2020 PGATLA		

COVID-19 Protocols

Players are recommended to be tested for COVID-19 by their local health authorities before traveling to each event.

Players must carry with them at all times; masks, sanitizing wipes, and hand sanitizer as well as practice social distancing at all times, on and off the golf course.

Players will be temperature screened each day upon arrival along with filling out a COVID-19 screening questionnaire.

Later in the application, players will sign a COVID-19 waiver and must read and follow all COVID-19 protocols listed below;

Canada Life Series Covid-19 Protocols & Tournament Information

We are very happy to return to golf, but please be aware that traditional operations have changed. To conduct an event in a responsible manner, we need your help in following the guidelines set below.

We will ask that players and staff follow proper hygiene practices. We will require that you complete a daily questionnaire. We will be conducting daily temperature checks when you arrive to the course. And we will ask everyone to follow a more stringent set of social distancing guidelines.

If players/staff don't follow these guidelines, it could affect not only the health of others and jeopardize the continuation of an event(s), but it could affect your ability to participate in this series. Please read the following information very carefully.

PLEASE NOTE: Our host facilities may have additional Covid protocols to those listed below. Players must follow any host course requirements in addition to the Canada Life Series Covid-19 Guidelines.

- **Hygiene Practices** We ask that players and staff practice proper hygiene habits, including washing hands regularly and wearing masks in areas where you are not able to properly social distance on and off the golf course.
- **Social Distancing** Players and staff will need to practice proper social distancing (6 ft.) on and off the golf course. Expect that you may not be allowed in the clubhouse. We ask that you not gather with others at the course. Off the course, you should not dine in at restaurants (take out only), go to bars, or frequent fitness gyms, which are common places to contract the virus. We ask that you practice social distancing in hotel, houses, gas stations, airports, cars, and anywhere else you go. If you are not able to properly social distance yourself, please wear a mask. Please refrain from handshaking, fist-bumping, elbow tapping, or any other form of physical contact.
- **Pre-Event Testing** It is encouraged that every player participating in the Canada Life Series take a Covid-19 Test one week prior to playing in any of the first set of events (Bear Mountain, Victoria, BC) and the playing of the second set of events (TPC Toronto, Caledon, Ontario).
- **Daily Questionnaire & Health Screening** Players and staff will be required to pass a health questionnaire every day during an event. In addition, all players and staff will be subject to a temperature reading check-in a designated area upon arrival to the golf course each day. If you have a temperature in excess of 100.4 or you exhibit any illness symptoms (i.e. Muscle aches, loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath, etc.) the player/staff will need to leave the golf course and seek medical attention immediately. Please inform the competitions committee at the bottom of this letter immediately. Under BC and Ontario health guidelines if the player exhibits any types of symptoms they are to stay away from all public facilities.
- **Positive Test Procedure / Contact Tracing**
Should a player test positive, our staff will notify the local health authorities which they will need to conduct a thorough contact tracing exercise to alert other players who may be exposed to the virus. This process may lead us to prevent certain player participation in events unless a negative test is provided. Hence, we cannot stress the importance of adherence to proper social distancing and wearing face masks when in close proximity to

others! In compliance with local health guidelines the individual will be immediately isolated in a designated location either off-site or on-site, consulted by a physician and directed to medical care. The Individual will be required to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days after the positive test and no subsequent symptoms or two negative test results at least 24 hours apart. The Tour and provincial health authorities will be following up with this individual, monitoring their situation on a day-to-day basis to ensure they are adhering to these quarantine policy(s).

- **Caddies, Coaches, Trainers, Managers, Family Members, and Spectators not allowed on site**
In order to ensure that there is limited interaction and social distancing is in place there will be no caddies, coaches, trainers, managers, family members, or spectators allowed on site at the golf course or clubhouse at any time during the event. Players will need to carry their own bags or can use their own pull cart. Pull carts will not be provided by the host facilities.
- **Clubhouse Access/Food & Beverage Off-site** There will be no Access to the Clubhouse other than for Scoring purposes and use of the washroom facilities. Off-site Food and Beverage recommendations are to use Delivery/Take Out as much as possible, avoid in-restaurant local dining & bars.
- **Locker Rooms** There will be no locker room access during the week of the event.
- **Warm-up/Practice Facilities** You must not arrive at the golf course more than 1 hour before your scheduled starting time. There will be designated practice areas blocked off for Mackenzie Tour competitors and strict practice guidelines in place when on-site. The cooperation and respect of all players in following this guideline will help to accommodate social distancing guidelines. There will be no access to practice facilities after the round. Players that don't make the cut are not allowed on site and cannot use the driving range at any time during the rest of the week.
- **Starting Area** Players and Starters must adhere to social distancing protocols in the starting area.
- **Personal Protective Equipment/Supplies** It is strongly recommended that players bring their own hand sanitizer/wipes. Common areas such as clubhouse, starting and scoring areas will have hand sanitizer available. Also, players, staff and volunteers must have face masks readily available to wear in clubhouse, scoring areas, and during a suspension of play when interacting with other players and staff (ex. Riding in a shuttle vehicle) when social distancing is challenging.
- **Hotel and Lodging Guidelines** Players are encouraged to wear masks while in common areas of hotel such as a lobby, dining areas, and workout facilities and wash hands frequently. It is also required that players staying in other lodging accommodations maintain practicing social distancing and keep the accommodations to no more than 4 persons.
- **Transportation and Flights Players** flying to each site are required to wear masks and social distance in the common areas of airports. Players should bring their own hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently during their travels. If players are able to drive while on location, it is required that no more than two persons drive in a car together at any time and wear face masks while driving.
- **Cell Phone Usage**
The use of cell phones in a tournament is typically prohibited by Tournament Regulations; although the Mackenzie Tour Rules Committee may allow use of cell phones during a round due to the new protocols in place to combat the spread of COVID-19 (i.e., checking the current tournament leaderboard). For more information,

please consult the posted document in the links below or at the Tournament site for permitted/prohibited use of cell phones.

- **Scoring Area and Scorecard Return** There will be a defined Scoring Area and players will be responsible for signing and returning their scorecards. Similar to the Starting Areas, Scoring Areas will be set-up in an effort to promote social distancing. Players and their marker will remain responsible for signing and returning their card(s), at which point the scoring official will verify their scores. Players will be required to wear a mask if Scoring is done indoors.
- **Course Equipment** Players must NOT touch the flagstick. There will be a ball retrieval system in place to eliminate the need for reaching deep in the hole. In the event the flagstick is leaning (windy conditions), centering of the flagstick may be allowed in a safe manner which does not involve using the hand (with glove, towel, or club). Bunker rakes will be removed from all bunkers. Players are requested to make their best efforts to smooth bunkers using their feet or a club. As Covid-19 protocols have required the removal of all bunker rakes, each event will introduce a preferred lies in bunkers local rule. This will allow a place in the bunker within one club-length not nearer the hole than where the ball came to rest.
- **Practice Rounds** There will be a designated practice round with tee times assigned. Practice rounds are available the day before the start of each tournament. Players are responsible for booking a time with the pro shop of each host site. Practice rounds must be booked with the Pro Shop, the usual open tee system used for regular Mackenzie Tour events IS NOT being used.

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