

GOLF CANADA ANNOUNCES 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

25 professional and amateur championships to be conducted from coast to coast including four competitions hosted in the Ottawa region as part of Canada 150 celebrations

Registration opens Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 p.m. ET

OAKVILLE, Ont. – Golf Canada is pleased to announce its competition schedule including host clubs and dates for the 2017 championship season.

A total of 25 professional and amateur championships, as well as qualifying events into Canada’s two National Open Championships—the RBC Canadian Open and the Canadian Pacific Women’s Open—will be conducted in 2017.

“We are proud to announce our 2017 championship schedule and anxiously await the spirited competition shared by nearly 3,000 athletes at many of Canada’s premier golf facilities,” said Golf Canada interim CEO and Chief Sport Officer Jeff Thompson. “As the governing body, it is our privilege to conduct these great competitions in partnership with our host venues, sponsors, and thousands of dedicated volunteers from coast to coast. These championships provide high levels of competition and development opportunities while also offering the chance for competitors to stamp their names in Canada’s storied golf history.”

Golf Canada’s amateur championships are proudly supported by RBC, CP, Sport Canada, Titleist and FootJoy.

The complete 2017 championship schedule as well as registration information can be found [here](#).

Championship notes:

Golf Canada’s championship season kicks off with the Future Links Pacific Championship, May 12-14, at Chilliwack Golf Club in Chilliwack, B.C. The event is the first in a series of six regional junior competitions in association with *Future Links*, Canada’s national junior golf program.

The 15th playing of the Canadian University/College Championship will be hosted by Georgian College from May 29 to June 1 at Tangle Creek Golf & Country Club in Barrie, Ont. The championship will be the first of eight national amateur competitions contested in 2017.

Beginning in late July, Ontario will host a number of competitions including the 104th Canadian Women’s Amateur Championship (Cutten Fields in Guelph, Ont.).

Eastern Ontario will be the hub of Canadian junior golf activity in 2017 as the 79th Canadian Junior Boys Championship (Catarauqui Golf & Country Club in Kingston, Ont.) and the 63rd Canadian Junior Girls Championship (Camelot Golf & Country Club in Cumberland, Ont.) will be contested in the region between July 31 - August 4.

The 2017 edition of the Canadian Men's Amateur Championship returns to the Greater Toronto Area for its 113th playing. The Toronto Golf Club—a five-time host of the Canadian Open and the third oldest golf club in North America—will host the world's third oldest amateur championship from August 7-10 alongside co-host Islington Golf & Country Club.

A two-stage qualifying procedure for the 2017 RBC Canadian Open will feature a trio of regional qualifying competitions in British Columbia (Bear Mountain Golf Resort in Victoria on May 9), Ontario (Blue Springs Golf Club in Acton on May 15), and Quebec (Club de golf de la Vallée du Richelieu in Sainte-Julie on June 5). The final qualifying event will be held at Heron Point Golf Links in Ancaster, Ont., on July 24.

On Saturday, July 22, as a kick-off event to the 2017 RBC Canadian Open, Glen Abbey will also open its fairways to junior competitors from across Canada for the ninth annual Future Links Junior Skills Challenge National Event.

For the 29th time in the 108-year history of Canada's National Men's Open Championship, Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ont., will play host to the RBC Canadian Open from July 24-30. In 2016, Venezuelan Jhonattan Vegas was crowned champion, finishing one stroke ahead of John Rahm, Dustin Johnson and Martin Laird. The Canadian storyline of the week was the memorable performance of Kimberly, B.C. product and Team Canada member Jared du Toit, who entered the final round with a share of second alongside U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson.

Late August will see the Canadian Men's Mid-Amateur and Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur & Senior Championships hosted at Wascana Country Club in Regina, Sask., and Humber Valley Golf Club in Little Rapids, N.L., respectively.

To coincide with the "Canada 150" celebrations, Golf Canada is proud to bring a number of golf championships to the Ottawa region in 2017. The 2017 Canadian Pacific Women's Open will return to the nation's capital and Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club from August 21-27. Ariya Jutanugarn captured last year's Canadian Pacific Women's Open by four strokes, securing her fifth LPGA victory of the 2016 season. The tournament's Monday Qualifier will take place at Camelot Golf & Country Club in Cumberland, Ont., on August 21.

Other events coming to the Ottawa region in 2017 include the Canadian Junior Girls Championship (Camelot Golf & Country Club in Cumberland, Ont.) as well as the fourth annual World Junior Girls Championship, which brings together teams from 15 countries September 24-29 at The Marshes Golf Club.

Golf Canada's final national championship of the 2017 season, the 55th Canadian Men's Senior Championship, will be hosted at The Kanawaki Golf Club in Kahnawake (Montreal), Que., from September 10-14.

The Golf Fore the Cure presented by Subaru National Event will be held at Brantford Golf & Country Club on September 26. The one-day event is a celebration of the success of all Golf Fore the Cure events held nationwide during the 2017 season. To date, the program's fundraising efforts have totaled more than \$5.9 million for breast cancer research.

As the National Sports Federation and governing body of golf in Canada, Golf Canada conducts the country's premier amateur and professional golf championships as part of its mandate to promote the sport and aid in the development of the nation's world-class talent. The organization is also a proud participant in the Canada Summer Games, to be held this year in Winnipeg from July 28 - August 13.

GOLF CANADA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Golf Canada annually conducts more than 20 championships nation-wide which play host to more than 3,000 domestic and international athletes from all corners of the world. In partnership with our host clubs, thousands of volunteers, provincial golf associations and our proud sponsors, Golf Canada is dedicated to supporting player development through world-class competition since our inception in 1895. Officiated by certified Canadian Rules of Golf officials, Golf Canada's amateur competitions are fully compliant with golf's international governing bodies and include marquee events such as the Canadian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships as well as the Canadian Junior Girls and Junior Boys Championships. Golf Canada's amateur championships are proudly supported by RBC, Canadian Pacific, Sport Canada, Titleist and FootJoy. For more information and scheduling visit www.golfcanada.ca/competitions

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Golf Canada is the National Sports Organization and governing body for golf in Canada representing 307,500 golfers at more than 1,400 member clubs across the country. A proud member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Golf Canada's mission is to grow participation, excellence and passion in the sport while upholding the integrity and traditions of the game. By investing in the growth of the sport and introducing more participants of all ages to the game, our goal is to be relevant to and respected by all Canadian golf enthusiasts from coast to coast. For more information about what Golf Canada is doing to support golf in your community, visit www.golfcanada.ca.

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