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## **2015 Golf Canada Tournament Administration & Rules Workshop (TARS) Fact Sheet**

**Date:** April 16-19, 2015

**Seminar Location:** Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport

**Seminar Fee:** \$300

### **Registration Details:**

Online registration opens **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**. Registration will only be available online through Golf Canada's E-store. More information to come in the next few weeks regarding the registration process.

### **Included in Seminar:**

- 2014-2015 Decisions on the Rules of Golf Book
- **For those writing the Level 4 Rules Exam** - Level 4 Preparation Guide & Sample Exam
- **For those writing the Level 3 Rules Exam** – Level 3 Preparation Guide & Sample Exam
- Opening Night Reception
- Formal Dinner on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Eligible Participants:**

- Level 3 certified officials
- Individuals who have achieved 70% or better on the Level 4 Rules Exam or 80% or better on the USGA Rules Exam within the last four years
- Individuals who have achieved 92% or better on the USGA Rules Exam after January 1, 2004
- Individuals who are currently or have been previously certified at Level 4 or equivalent by Golf Canada
- Provincial Association staff & representatives
- Representatives from other golf associations in Canada

**Note:** Participants will have the opportunity to write the Level 3 or Level 4 Rules of Golf exam during the workshop. In addition, officials who have achieved a mark of 85% or higher on a level 3 or 4 rules exam, since 2011, have the option to write the exam without the workshop (fee for the exam only is \$100.00).

### **Topics to Be Covered:**

- Tournament administration & operations
- On-course officiating techniques
- Starting, scoring & refereeing best practices
- Practical demonstrations & role playing scenarios
- Pace of play
- Video discussions
- Committee responsibilities (local rules, course marking & set-up)
- Professional championships
- Player development
- Rio 2016 Olympic Games

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**Purpose and Goal:**

The objective is to get championship volunteers and staff members from key golf associations in Canada assembled to discuss important and impactful topics in the golf industry related to tournament administration and golf competitions. Further, this will be an opportunity to align golf competition efforts and related matters within Canada (i.e. championship policies, standards etc.) as we strive to provide the best environment for our various stakeholders.

**Host Hotel:**

**Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport**

33 Carlson Court  
Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 6H5  
(416) 675-1234

**Room rate - \$110.00/night – single or double occupancy** – when booking your accommodations please refer to ‘Golf Canada Tournament Administration & Rules Workshop’.

**Nearby Airport:**

**Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)**

6301 Silver Dart Drive  
Mississauga, Ontario L5P 1B2

**Presenters:**



**Barbara Allan**  
*Chair, Amateur Competitions Committee*  
**Golf Canada**

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Barb has devoted over 20 years of her adult life to the game of golf in Ontario and across the country. With a strong passion for women’s golf, she was invited to join Golf Canada as a volunteer Governor in 2006 and has since served Golf Canada in numerous capacities. Most recently, Barb functioned as a member of Governors’ Council as well as Chair of both the Amateur Competitions and Heritage Services Committees.

In addition to her behind-the-scenes efforts, she has also devoted her time to work several elite amateur and professional championships each season as a Golf Canada Tournament Official. As a Tournament Official, she has vast experience as a Starter/Scorer in Canada’s professional opens, as well as rules officiating experience at Canada’s elite amateur competitions.



**Dale Jackson**  
*Chair, Rules of Golf and Amateur Status Committee*  
**Golf Canada**

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Dale, a long-time volunteer with Golf Canada, was named the Chair to the Rules & Amateur Status Committee in 2012 and he continues in that role today. As Chair, he is a representative on the Joint Rules Committee, working alongside delegates from the R&A and the United States Golf Association. Dale has fulfilled invitations to officiate at the US Open, The Open Championship, The Masters, RBC Canadian Open and other prestigious events throughout his tenure as Golf Canada’s Rules of Golf Chair.

Prior to his efforts to give back to the game as a volunteer, Dale was a staff member with British Columbia Golf, overseeing the day-to-day operations of rules and competitions at the provincial level.



**Adam Helmer**  
*Director, Rules and Competitions*  
**Golf Canada**

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Adam is the longest-standing member of the Rules & Competitions staff at Golf Canada, having started his career with the organization in 2007. He is responsible for the day-to-day direction of rules and amateur competitions for Golf Canada and serves as the staff representative on the Amateur Competitions Committee, as well as the Rules and Amateur Status Committee.

Each championship season, Adam is the Tournament Director for the Canadian Men's Amateur Championship, RBC Canadian Open and Canadian Pacific Women's Open Final Qualifiers, as well as Tournament Rules Chair for the Canadian Women's Tour. Adam's experience as a Rules Official extends to countless amateur competitions, as well as the US Open, RBC Canadian Open and Canadian Pacific Women's Open. In 2015, he will serve as the Technical Delegate for the Toronto 2015 Pam Am Games, the first time golf will be contested in the games.



**Grant Moir**  
*Director, Rules of Golf*  
**R&A**

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Grant is a senior staff member with The R&A in St. Andrew's, Scotland, working in its Rules department for over 20 years, and currently serves the organization as its Director - Rules.

Grant spends countless hours working with representatives from the USGA and Golf Canada on the JRC (Joint Rules Committee) and their collaborative efforts to administer, review and revise the Rules of Golf.

In addition to his day-to-day responsibilities with The R&A, he has served on the Rules Committee for countless international competitions, including all of the Major championships. In the summer of 2014, Moir was the Chief Referee at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. The Youth Olympics initiated the return of golf to the Olympics in preparation for Rio 2016.



**Mark Dusbabek**  
*Rules Official*  
**PGA TOUR**

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Formerly a linebacker for the National Football League's Houston Oilers and Minnesota Vikings, Mark has been involved with the PGA Tour as a Rules Official since 2006. He began his transition into the golf industry by taking a volunteer job in the Course Rating Department for the Southern California Golf Association.

From there, he worked for the PGA's Metropolitan Section, the Southern California Golf Association and served on the USGA's Public Links committee before ultimately joining the PGA TOUR staff as a Rules Official.

As the advance official for the RBC Canadian Open for the past eight years, he works closely with operations staff, club volunteers and his various rules colleagues before, during and after championship week. His season on tour is very lengthy, as he travels 230 days per year throughout the world. Outside of his PGA TOUR schedule, Mark has also served as an official for The Masters, U.S. Open, World Golf Championships and President's Cup.

## Schedule of Events

Date	Topic
<b>Thursday, April 16, 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advice on Exam and Question Period</li><li>• Level 3 and 4 exams</li><li>• Registration</li><li>• Cocktail Reception, Welcome and Introduction</li></ul>
<b>Friday, April 17, 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How the Rules of Golf are made</li><li>• Video Discussions</li><li>• The RBC Canadian Open and Canadian Pacific Women's Open</li><li>• The Committee – Rules 33 and 34</li><li>• Hard Card, Conditions of Competition and Local Rules</li><li>• Starting and Scoring – Importance of Rules of Golf</li><li>• Pace of Play roundtable – how does Golf Canada, R&amp;A, PGA TOUR handle PoP</li><li>• GPoP – basics, PoP official, responsibilities of referees</li><li>• Challenges with Pace of Play – club play, local tournaments, provincial, national and professional championships</li><li>• Practical Demonstrations</li></ul>
<b>Saturday, April 18, 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Challenges of applying Rules of Golf on PGA TOUR and The Open Championship</li><li>• Amateur Status</li><li>• Player Development – Canadian National Team, 2015 Pan Am Games, 2016 Olympics</li><li>• Officiating best practices</li><li>• Art of Referring</li><li>• Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO's)</li><li>• Course Marking and Setup</li><li>• Suspension and Resumption of Play</li><li>• Explanation of Role Playing Sessions</li><li>• Formal Dinner at Crowne Plaza</li></ul>
<b>Sunday, April 19, 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Role Playing</li><li>• Final Questions</li><li>• Closing Remarks</li></ul>

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

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