



Rules Modernisation Initiative FAQ's – May 2018 Update

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See below for FAQ's pertaining to the implications of the Rules Modernisation Initiative in Canada.

1. Will the classifications (levels) remain the same for 2019?
 - No, Golf Canada will be adopting the R&A's Rules Education Program, with three levels of referee certification instead of our current four levels.
2. What was the rationale for adopting the R&A Rules Education Program?
 - One of the main objectives of the Rules Modernisation Initiative was to create consistency around the world in many facets of the Rules of Golf, including educating and training referees. Golf Canada and many countries under the R&A's jurisdiction will be adopting their program. The exams that we use and the designation by marks achieved would be consistent throughout the countries allied to the R&A, such as Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
3. How do the new 2019 Rules Education levels compare to 2018?

2018	2019
Level 1 (online)	Level 1 (online)
Level 2 (online)	
Level 3 (provincial)	Level 2 (provincial)
Level 4 (national)	Level 3 (national)

4. Are the fall seminars in 2018 a preparation for the new Level 2 and new Level 3 exams?
 - Yes. Level 3 exams will be available at these seminars. You can refer to your respective provincial association website for more information on provincial seminars.

5. What is the structure of the fall (2018) and spring seminars (2019)?
 - The structure will be similar to previous provincial and national seminars but, given the significant change in the Rule book, there will be more of a focus on explaining the new Rules, with less focus on practical demos.
6. What is the cost of the national 2019 Rules of Golf seminars?
 - \$300
7. If I am currently Level 2, will I qualify to attend the education sessions in the fall of 2018?
 - Our focus will be for provincial and nationally certified referees to prepare for their 2019 seasons. It is anticipated that the provincial golf associations will be conducting Level 2 seminars based on the 2019 Rules of Golf in the winter and spring of 2019.
8. Are there separate exams for Level 2 and Level 3?
 - Yes, as there are currently.
9. If I am currently Level 1 certified, do I re-take the new Level 1 or the new Level 2?
 - You will be required to take the new Level 1.
10. If I am currently Level 2 certified, do I take the new Level 2 or the new Level 3?
 - Your next step would be the new Level 2.
11. What is the main difference between Level 2 and Level 3 since there is no difference in the Rules?
 - The Rules are the same, but there is a difference in depth of knowledge, understanding and experience. It will be similar to the differences in the current provincial and national certification.
12. If I am currently Level 3 and I want to write the fall new Level 3 exam, when will I qualify for Golf Canada events?
 - The requirement for Golf Canada events is to be nationally certified (new Level 3). This includes achieving the required mark on the Level 3 exam and meeting the existing practical hours.
13. If I take and pass the USGA course, will I qualify for Golf Canada events?
 - There will be credit given for achieving certain marks on the USGA exam. There is still the need to do the on course hours in order to be fully certified as Level 2 or Level 3.

14. If I am currently nationally certified, do I have to take the fall seminar or can I just write the exam?

- For the 2018 fall seminars and 2019 spring seminars, full attendance is required in order to write the exam.

15. If I am not satisfied with my mark on the exam in the fall, can I write the exam again in the 2019 spring seminar?

- Yes, and the exams will be different. We will be providing an opportunity for participants of the fall seminars to have a second chance to write the exam only in the spring (only if you attended a seminar in the fall).

16. Are there any exam preparation courses similar to the provincial and national certification programs of previous years prior to the seminars in the fall and spring?

- Due to the amount of work required to prepare for the 2019 season with the new Rules, exam preparation courses are unlikely to occur.