

## **2018 Golf NL level 3 Rules Webinar.**

**Executive Summary: There will be no Golf NL Rules Webinar this winter. However, Golf NL hopes to be able to offer something a year from now based on the new 2019 code.**

On Nov3, in a memo to Provincial Associations and Rules Staff, Golf Canada briefly outlined their plans for Rules Education in 2018 and 2019. All efforts are on the new 2019 code. Here are some of the main points in the Golf Canada memo.

1. Final version of the full 2019 Rules of Golf will be available in Feb 2018 and launched in Sept 2018.
2. A DRAFT of the 2019 Decision Book, to be called the Guidebook, will be available in May 2018.
3. Final version of the Guidebook will be available in Sept 2018.
4. A separate Player's Edition of the 2019 rules will be available in May 2018. This will be a shorter and more player-friendly version of the full Rules.
5. Golf Canada is extending, through 2018, any Level 4 officials whose certification would normally expire at the end of 2017. So, current L4 officials are good to go in 2018.
6. For 2019 national events, Golf Canada will require all officials to certify or re-certify at level 4 under the new code.

Golf NL anticipates that there will be very few, if any, local officials looking to certify at level 3 for 2018. It appears relatively more important in 2018 and early 2019 for level 3 and 4 officials to learn about and certify under the 2019 code. However, the 2019 Guidebook is unavailable until May.

For those reasons, GNL has decided to suspend the Golf NL level 3 Rules Webinar for 2018. The question of a webinar will be re-visited in roughly one year for spring 2019.

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