

Golf Newfoundland Labrador Rule's Director's Report – 2018

The 2018 Golf Newfoundland Labrador Championships held at Terra Nova Golf Resort and Bally Haly Country Club along with the 2018 Future Links event also hosted by Terra Nova Golf Resort provided exciting and challenging venues for both participants and rules officials alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Royal LePage, Acura and Golf Canada for their sponsorship and participation which made these events possible and contributed greatly to their success. Thanks are also extended to the management and staff of both facilities for the outstanding job done in preparing the courses and for your contributions in making these championships a true success. Finally, I would also like to thank our rules officials , in particular Kay Thompson, Bruce Watson, Steve Wedgwood and Len Woodford for your commitment to our great game this past summer.

January 1, 2019 marks the start of the New Rules of Golf, a result of the Rules Modernization initiative aimed at bringing the Rules up to date to fit the needs of the game today, while preserving golf's essential principles and character. Currently certified officials will be re-qualifying in the upcoming weeks under the new rules and will be prepared for the 2019 season from both an educational and officiating perspective.

Early in 2019, Golf NL will offer its on-line rules education program available to those interested in updating their rules knowledge or in becoming certified rules officials or referees as we will be referred to in the new year. I encourage all member clubs to advise their members over the coming months as information is made available on the upcoming education program. More concise and easier to interpret rules are now available for all those wishing to participate.

In closing, I would like to remind you that it takes a tremendous amount of planning and coordination to make a golf tournament a success. The vast majority of this effort occurs behind the scenes and is, for the most part, transparent to the players participating. Please join me in recognizing the efforts of those involved whether it be the club`s staff, starters and forecaddies, timing and scoring officials and other volunteers who go above and beyond on your behalf. Next time you pass one on the course, please take a moment to say **Thanks !...** it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time today.

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