



Operating Principles

Who are the Coyotes?

The Riverside Coyotes, a.k.a. The Edmonton Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club is an unincorporated, not-for-profit sporting group that has played golf on Wednesday mornings for close to 40 years at the Riverside Municipal golf course - owned and operated by the City of Edmonton.

We're a group of well-seasoned male golfers, 55+ years young. We welcome up to 130 new or returning members each season, who enjoy good conversation and friendly competition.

Our club is member-driven and executive-supported by a group of volunteers whose purpose is to enrich the member-experience.

The season officially starts the first week of May and runs every Wednesday morning for 21 weeks concluding in September with an Awards Luncheon on the Thursday a week after the last official event. In recognition of climate change, there may be bonus unofficial draws before and/or following the official season – no prizes for the unofficial draws.

What about Fees?

Member fees cover all prize payouts, one shotgun/BBQ event and individual membership in Golf Canada – fees are non-refundable. Our 21 events include 15 regular draws, a one-day Memorial tournament using the Stableford scoring method, a 2-day Club Championship concluding the season with a 2-day RivEx tournament (this all-season competition is patterned after The PGA FedEx cup). We follow a “flow-through” (what comes in goes out) principal as it pertains to income and expenditures. Over 55% of income is paid out in prizes. The balance pays for Golf Canada (24%), BBQ (10%) and admin/website (10%). A reasonable surplus is maintained and monitored.

Members can also purchase 80/20 balls (2 max.) and Annual Awards Luncheon tickets. The 80/20 was adopted during the COVID-19 period. A member can purchase one or two “Bingo Balls” at the beginning of the season. Once the total collected for 80/20 balls is known, the payout amount is calculated (80% of amount collected). Every purchased ball goes into a drum. Each week 4 balls are drawn plus 2 vouchers. Ball winners are paid via e-transfer shortly after the draw, whilst vouchers are honoured by the caterer and can be used towards the cost of refreshments during the season. No limit on number of wins per season. Player can win even if he's not playing that week.

Golf Canada Handicaps, Brackets and Tee choice

All events, with the exception of low gross and skill holes require a current Golf Canada Handicap to win. A current Golf Canada Handicap is defined as a player having posted his last 3 consecutive Coyote events to Golf Canada (except the Stableford and scramble events). Our Scoremaster and Scorer monitor all score cards AND a separate Hole-by-Hole record is kept for every player in each event. The data is all there to help with any difficulties that may arise from being able/willing to post. All members of the executive are available to help players who wish assistance.

Coyotes are grouped into 3 similar-sized handicap brackets (A/B/C) based on their official Golf Canada

handicap. In order to make that work, each player is asked to post his weekly gross Hole-by-Hole score to Golf Canada). Executive members will work with players who are having difficulty following this club requirement. The beauty of the three handicap brackets is that prizes are awarded in each handicap bracket each week – thus creating an equitable distribution of prizes.

Players commit which tee (Gold, Black or White) they will start from for the season. Although Black is our default tee selection, to help improve pace-of-play we encourage higher handicap players to consider starting from the White (front) tees.

When's our Tee time?

Our drawmaster groups players on a weekly drawsheet with the emphasis on putting different players together each week. He makes every reasonable effort to accommodate special situations. Each player is asked to indicate whether early or late tee times suits best. In order to facilitate weekly draws, we do require that players stick to their early or late selection, in so far as is possible.

We operate on an honor-system that assumes you will play every week unless you advise the drawmaster otherwise - ahead of time. Thus, the drawmaster only gets exception notification of Not Playing. Players who consistently fail to notify the drawmaster of their absence will be contacted.

If you prefer playing with the same foursome every week, the Coyotes are probably not for you.

How'd we do?

All data is maintained on our website: riversidecoyotes.ca. Notifications, weekly draws, results, cumulative scoring and prize winnings are maintained on the website. Members are directed to make it a practice to visit the Coyotes website each week.

The Scorer collects all scorecards following each round. These scorecards are reviewed, and the gross scores uploaded to the riversidecoyote.ca website. This process can reveal adding errors and discrepancies which are followed up.

The resulting data then is sorted by bracket and net score to rank the players. RivEx points are awarded as are winning prizes – low gross, low net 1/2/3 and skill holes (their winnings are accumulated for payout at the Annual Awards Luncheon).

80/20 winners are also recorded and their winnings e-transferred to them. Results are posted on the website. The Scoremaster has final say over all scores entered.

During the months of May and June, the Scoremaster and Scorer direct the work of monitoring pace-of-play, a perennial issue. Our target is 4 ¼ hours per round – not always achieved. As needed, individuals are contacted and general pace-of-play results posted.

For the entire season, the Scoremaster follows up with individuals whose Golf Canada handicap is not current (most recent draws posted to Golf Canada). Players without current Handicaps are not eligible for prizes...

How do we join?

The Membership process involves three groups of players – the returning, the wait list/former members and the new prospects. In consideration of new members who are searching for places to play for the season, there are two deadlines – March 1 for returning members, April 1 for all members. In January, the President produces a President's letter that outlines the schedule for the season, fee structure and deadlines. At the same time, the website has the registration documents for completion.

Both returning and new members can complete, and e-transfer their fees to the Treasurer beginning in April. Returning members are given until the beginning of March to pay or make arrangements to satisfy the treasurer as to their intent. In March, the

treasurer, in consultation with the President, notifies those new members that they can now be formally accepted into membership. Acceptance is based on date of payment. Any who have paid and are not accepted will have their fees returned,

Once the maximum membership is attained, membership is closed. All members must have paid their fees on or before April 1. All registration is done through the riversidecoyotes.ca website. Once full registration is closed, the website registration section is replaced to accept "interest in next season" and that membership is full. Maintenance of the waitlist is the responsibility of the Secretary.

What does the executive do?

Executive Members: These valiant volunteers are here to serve the needs of the members and to enhance the quality of the member-experience. Membership fees for each executive member is reduced by \$50.

President	Vice President	Club Captain
Secretary	Treasurer	Scoremaster
Drawmaster	Scorer	Webmaster

Leadership Responsibilities: Listening and interacting with our members on a regular basis is essential to fully serving the needs of our members. On the first Wednesday of each month during the season, our executive will be grouped in an early and late tee time. This informal executive get-together enhances the flow of information and quality of decisions. Further, the Executive members will stay and visit with members during those days. This is an opportunity for members to share ideas and voice any concerns directly with executive members.

Communications: Communication to members will primarily occur via the Coyote's website riversidecoyotes.ca. Any other communications will be by e-mail to the member's designated e-mail address.

Annual Awards Luncheon: The Annual Awards Luncheon is generally held in the month of September – date and place will be confirmed to all members within one month of the established event date. All members and invited guests are welcome to attend the Annual Awards Luncheon whose social purpose is to present season Awards and celebrate the season. The business purpose of the at the event is to: confirm the election of executive members and solicit members who may want to join the Executive; present the budget; address issues that may be require a vote or feedback from the Membership.

Executive Meetings: Meetings of the Executive may be called by the President or any two of the other executive members by giving one week personal, telephone or email notice. The Executive will determine issues that require a physical meeting, an on-line discussion and/or a vote of the membership. If a vote of the membership is required, the Secretary shall prepare an agenda that explains the issue, and after review by the Executive shall submit to the membership for a vote. The President will preside over all executive meetings. A quorum is present when there is a simple majority of the executive members in attendance.

Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the Club may be called by the President, by the Executive, or on the written request of any five Full Members. Where the outcome of a Special Meeting requires a Membership vote, the question will be compiled by the Secretary and, after review by the Executive and submitted to the membership by email for vote.

Election of Executive members: The Secretary shall seek nominations from all Full Members for all Officer positions by way of email correspondence at the time the Annual Awards Luncheon is announced. Members may self-nominate or nominate another Member. Nominations close on one week prior to the date of the Annual Awards Luncheon. If only one nomination is received for a position, then that candidate is considered elected. If more than one nomination is received for a position, the Secretary shall prepare an email ballot and send to all members. Members will have two weeks to respond with their votes, at which time the election will be closed. Election of Executive members will be announced at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Executive members will serve in their positions for a minimum of two Membership Years with no limit to the number of years he may serve on the Executive. Executive members shall assume their duties once their election is confirmed.

Voting: A Special Meeting vote requires a quorum of 33% of Members. A vote for Executive members requires a quorum of 33% of Members. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. The Secretary will tally the votes and report the results to the Executive. Once the election results are verified and accepted by the Executive, the Secretary will prepare an email announcing the results.