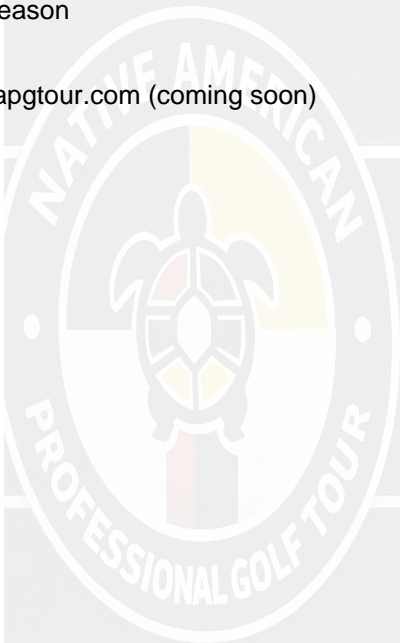


# ■ NAPGTOUR — OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

Native American Professional Golf Tour

2026 Season

[www.napgtour.com](http://www.napgtour.com) (coming soon)



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## 1. Purpose of the NAPGTOUR

The Native American Professional Golf Tour (NAPGTOUR) provides a competitive, professional, and culturally grounded golf environment for Indigenous golfers across North America. The Rule Book ensures fairness, consistency, and professionalism across all sanctioned events.

## 2. Player Eligibility

To compete on the NAPGTOUR, players must:

- Be of Indigenous, First Nations, Inuit, Métis, or Native American heritage
- Provide valid proof of Nation/Tribal affiliation
- Hold a current NAPGTOUR Membership
- Maintain good standing with the Tour and Host Nations
- Comply with all rules, policies, and conduct standards

Amateurs may compete in designated divisions or receive exemptions.

## 3. Membership Requirements

All players must:

- Submit a completed Membership Form
- Provide Nation verification
- Agree to the NAPGTOUR Code of Conduct
- Pay the required membership fee (seasonal)
- Provide accurate, up-to-date contact information
- Maintain professional behavior on and off the course

## 4. Event Entry & Withdrawals

Entry:

Players must enter events before the official deadline. Entry methods include:

- Online registration
- Email confirmation
- Member portal (future)

Withdrawals:

- Must be communicated immediately



- Late withdrawals without cause may result in penalties
- No-shows may lose entry privileges for future events

## 5. Tournament Format

NAPGTOUR events may include:

- 2- or 3-round stroke play
- Cut or no-cut events
- Optional Pro-Am on Day 1

All professional events follow the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A.;

## 6. Groupings & Tee Times

- Pairings determined by the Tournament Committee
- Tee times emailed and posted publicly
- Players must report to the tee 10 minutes early
- Late arrivals may receive penalties under Rule 5.3a

## 7. Scorekeeping

- Each group must maintain an accurate scorecard
- Players must confirm hole scores before submitting
- Scorecards must be signed and submitted immediately
- Incorrect or unsigned cards may result in penalties

Digital scoring may be used where available.

## 8. Pace of Play Policy

A group is considered out of position when:

- They fall a full hole behind
- They exceed the time limit per hole

Penalties:

- Warning
- One-stroke penalty
- Two-stroke penalty
- Disqualification (repeated violations)

## 9. Code of Conduct

Players must conduct themselves with professionalism and respect.

Prohibited behaviors include:

- Verbal or physical abuse
- Throwing clubs or damaging property
- Disrespect toward Host Nations or cultural protocols
- Cheating or score manipulation
- Harassment of staff, volunteers, or players
- Substance abuse during play

Penalties may include warnings, fines, suspension, or removal.

## 10. Dress Code

Acceptable:

- Collared golf shirts
- Golf pants or tailored shorts
- Soft-spike golf shoes

Not allowed:

- Sweatpants or athletic shorts
- Tank tops
- Metal spikes

Cultural regalia may be worn during ceremonies with Host Nation approval.

## 11. Equipment Rules



- Clubs must conform to USGA equipment rules
- Ball brand/model must remain consistent during a round
- Rangefinders permitted unless restricted by event notice

## 12. Caddies & Carts

Caddies:

- Allowed unless restricted
- Must follow conduct standards

Carts:

- Use depends on course policy
- Walking is always permitted

## 13. Weather Delays & Suspensions

During dangerous conditions:

- Play is suspended
- Players must mark their ball
- Seek shelter immediately

Rounds may be shortened if necessary.

## 14. Penalties & Infractions

Infractions include:

- Slow play
- Conduct violations
- Dress code violations
- Scorecard issues
- Ignoring committee instructions

Penalties range from warnings to disqualification.

## 15. Appeals Process

Players may appeal:

- Penalties
- Conduct findings
- Eligibility issues

Appeals must be filed within 24 hours and reviewed by a 3-person committee.

## **16. Media Expectations**

Players agree to:

- Participate in interviews
- Allow photography and filming
- Maintain professional online behavior
- Respect media guidelines

## **17. Cultural Protocol**

Players must:

- Respect Host Nation protocols
- Participate respectfully in ceremonies
- Honor Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and drum groups
- Represent their Nation with respect

## **18. Player Support & Development**

NAPGTOUR supports players through:

- Mentorship opportunities
- Development camps (future)
- Leadership and media training
- Community engagement programs

## **19. Prize Money Distribution**

- Payouts determined before each event
- Standard payout scale published
- Players must submit payment info for deposits



## 20. Season Points System

If implemented:

- Points awarded by finishing position
- Accumulate toward Tour Championship qualification
- Full point table published at season start



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