



# The Rules Education Pathway

*Develop your  
Rules Knowledge*



# LEVEL 1

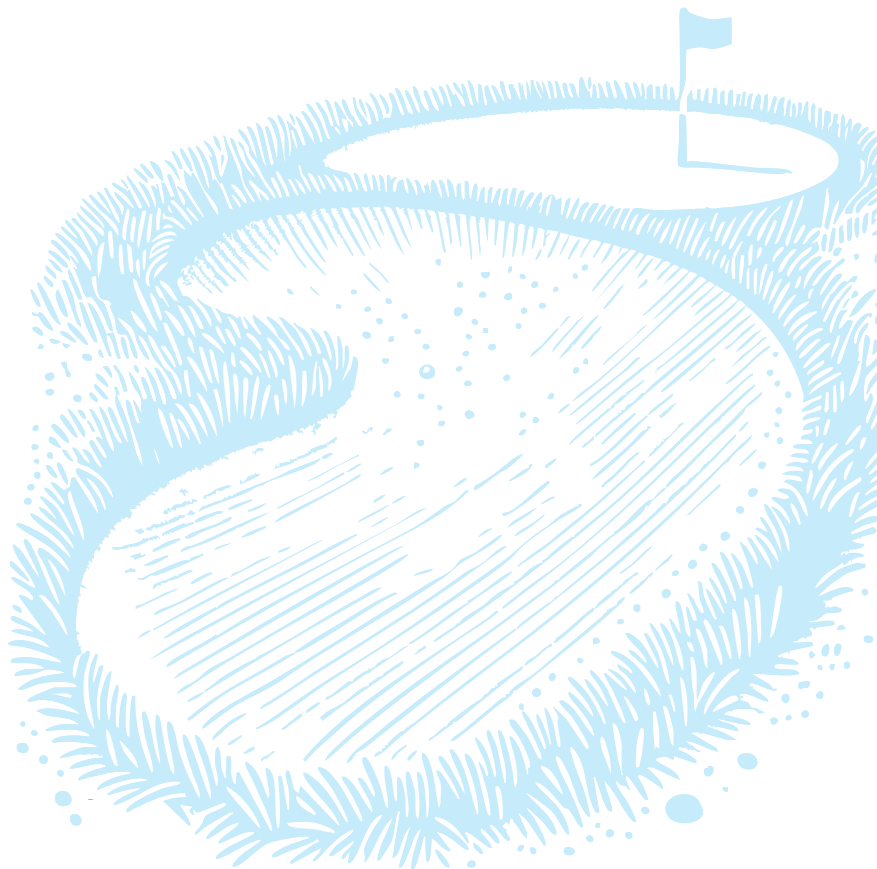
## Introductory Certification

Level 1 is an easy and interesting way to learn the basics of golf. This level focuses on the game's etiquette, key definitions, and the most common situations in the field. As part of the Level 1 program, students can put their knowledge to the test by answering summary questions at the end of each section, before tackling the Level 1 online certification exam.

***Eligibility:***

Anyone interested in learning more about the basic rules of golf!

[Click here](#) to learn more about becoming Level 1 Certified



# LEVEL 2

## Provincial Certification

Provincial level seminars are conducted by the provincial golf associations (PA), and the curriculum will begin to look at the more important playing Rules in detail. Some of the complexities that are found in the Rules of Golf book or the Official Guide on the Rules of Golf are introduced along while also implementing on-course demonstrations. The Provincial level is designed for individuals with an involvement in tournament administration, or a desire to have such an involvement.

### ***What does this mean:***

A provincially certified Referee is certified to referee at the following events:

1. Provincial championships and events
2. Golf Canada NextGen Championships and Qualifiers
3. Junior and Amateur golf tours (ie. MJT, CJGA, GTA Am Tour, Alberta Player's Tour, etc.)

### ***Prerequisite:***

- Level 1 Certified

### ***Requirements to be Provincially Certified:***

- Attend and achieve a minimum of 80% on the Provincial exam, administered by the Provincial Association
- Complete 50 hours of on-course experience as a Referee.
- Complete an additional 10 hours accompanying a Nationally certified Referee at a championship.

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# LEVEL 3

## National Certification

The National level education program consists of an eight-week online seminar run by Golf Canada. It serves to give guidance and advice on refereeing at the highest level. This program is intended for experienced Referees who wish to improve both their technical and practical knowledge as a referee.

### ***What does this mean:***

A Nationally certified Referee is certified to referee at the following events:

1. International and National Championships
2. Provincial championships and events
3. Golf Canada NextGen Championships and Qualifiers
4. Junior and Amateur golf tours (ie. MJT, CJGA, GTA Am Tour, Alberta Player's Tour, etc.)

### ***Prerequisite:***

- Level 2 Provincial Certification (written and practical components completed)

### ***Requirements to be Nationally Certified:***

- Attend and achieve a minimum of 80% on the National level exam, administered by Golf Canada.
- Complete 100 hours of on-course experience as a Referee
- Complete an additional 10 hours accompanying a Nationally certified Referee at a championship.

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## Additional Educational Opportunities

### ***Golf Canada Referee Schools***

The Regional Referee Schools are workshops for Provincial and National Certified referees of all experience levels who wish to attend. Referees will receive hands-on experience to learn how to prepare a course for a championship including how to mark a golf course, establish appropriate yardages, select hole locations, prepare tournament documents and understand the art of Refereeing.

