

XGolf National Tournament Series - Individual Stroke Play Shadow Employee Tournament Series

Terms of Competition

Tournament Rules Committee

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All Competition rulings & rules not covered in the Terms of Competition will be handled by the Tournament Rules Committee.

All Rules Committee decisions and adjustments to scoring are final.

1 - Format

- Individual Stroke Play
 - 6 Events - Fall Swing thru the Showdown
 - No Team Competitions will be included
 - Season Point system listed on Franconnect - [HERE](#)
- These event(s) will be Gross & Net scoring
 - Handicaps will be applied to get the Net Score
 - No handicaps will be applied to the Gross Score

2 - (2) Rounds of Competitive Play per event

- Competition 1st and Final Rounds to precisely follow all dates from XGolf National Tournament Individual Stroke Play Series thru September 2025
 - Playoff round dates TBD at the completion of play after each event Final round has concluded.
 - All Competitors need to be prepared to compete in the Play-off Round if close to the lead heading into the Final Round. **No Exceptions if you cannot make the Playoff round date window**
 - Details will be relayed to Competitors that qualify for a playoff round. Handicaps will be adjusted from the Final Rd to the Playoff Rd as they were from Rd 1 to the Final Round. Deciding Ties = In the event of a tie at the end of the playoff round, matching scorecards Version 1 (USGA Style) - See Program Rules

3 - Making the cut to the Final Round per event

- Top 20 GROSS scores + ties + individuals within 8 strokes of the lead will be eligible to compete in the GROSS Flight Final Round.
 - Top 5 + ties must play in the GROSS Flight Final Round.
- Top 20 NET scores (less players ineligible due to Top 5 GROSS score) + ties + individuals within 8 strokes of the lead will be eligible to compete in the NET Flight Final Round. (If less than 20 Players are within 8 strokes of the NET leader, then only those players will be eligible for the NET Final Round)
 - Players who are eligible to compete in either the GROSS or NET Final Round must choose and may only compete in one. Selection will be determined by the system based on which Final Round is initiated first by the eligible player during the Final Round period.
- Final round qualifiers are limited to only 1 attempt, The first started round must be completed.

4 - Teeing Area - All Rounds (may NOT change Tee Area during any round)

- ALL PLAYERS
 - Precisely Match for player type (Male, Female, Senior) Tee Location designations for each round and each event, Net or Gross

5 - Who Can Play

- Open to all X-Golf Employees, Contractors, and Staff.
 - **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PLAYING IN PLAYERS 1ST EVENT - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**
- When competing, Participating Players must have the X-Golf Mobile App
 - When prompted on the Mobile App during Scan-In, players should enter their X-Golf location and enter "EMPLOYEE" in the Team Name Field.

6 - Winner Determined & Competition Final per event

- Combination of Lowest Competition 1st Round 18 holes and Gross or Net Final round 18 holes will determine the Lowest 36 hole total winner for both flights
- The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Tournament Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition is final when the Playoff scores have been approved by the Tournament Rules Committee

7 - Tournament Rules

- Dynamics Settings
 - Default Ball Speed: 103
 - Acceptable Ball Speed Adjustment Range: (100 – 104)
 - Default Backspin Gain: 125 / Default Sidespin Gain: 50 / Default Putting Speed: 60
- Out of Bounds is set to "Off"
- Gimmie Setting: 4 Feet
- Max Score on any hole is DOUBLE PAR
- Player Settings is set to "ACCURATE" for all players
- Speed & Spin Simulator Adjustments Settings
 - Tee Box and Fairway (100%), Rough (90%), Fairway Bunker (80%), Greenside Bunker (50%), Putter (60%)
- The Fringe Setting is set to PUTTER
- Using of Putting Preview is not allow and will be turned off prior to play
 - If the use of Putting Preview is observed or reported and validated, a 2-stroke penalty will apply. Should be turned OFF
- All Players /Competitors are responsible for playing the correct tees prior to the start of a competitive round, playing from an incorrect Teeing Area during play will result in disqualification of the submitted round & the player will be disqualified if the occurrence is in the Final or Playoff Round
- The Tee may only be used for tee shots. All other full swing strokes must be played from the hitting mat
- If the simulator does not register a shot or a stroke for ANY REASON, the shot does not count and may be repeated without penalty
- The Unplayable Lie feature may be used at any time where applicable; the system will apply any penalty accordingly
- If there is a system crash or power outage, X-Golf Staff should attempt to reload the round as it was left before the interruption. Otherwise, X-Golf Staff should reset the system to resume the round to tee-off at the hole following the last completed hole

8 - Handicaps

- Only the X-Golf Mobile App Handicap is acceptable to determine NET tournament scoring and NET competition eligibility.

- Players must have at least 3 completed 18 hole rounds (combination of 18-hole and 9-hole stroke play rounds) as captured by X-Golf backend systems to be eligible to compete in Net tournaments, events or flights. However, players with less than 3 / 18 hole rounds may still be eligible to compete at the discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee using a handicap determined by the committee. All Committee decisions are final.
- The Player Participant's X-Golf Mobile App Handicap will be captured at the start of a Tournament or Event and used as the basis for how the X-Golf handicap will be applied throughout the event.
 - Any handicap disputes need to be made prior to the end of the round the dispute inquiry has taken place in.
- For Players with Top-5 finishing scores in more than one NET scoring event within a 2 year window, only in-competition tournament scores will be used to determine the player's handicap for future events.
- The Maximum handicap for any Participating Player at the start of a competition is "36".
- The Final Round competition will use a 30% weighting of the starting X-Golf Mobile App Handicap or assigned handicap, and 70% weighting of the 1st round score, as its adjusted handicap, if better than the accepted or assigned handicap from Round 1. A 20%/80% weight will be applied to individuals whose net scores are equal to or better than -7.
 - **Example** - Assigned or starting Hdcp = 10. Player shoots 6 over (-4 Net) in the Competition 1st round, then receives 30% of starting Hdcp ($10 \times 0.3 = 3$) and 70% of 1st round score ($6 \times 0.7 = 4.2$). Those 2 percentages added together equal Final Round Hdcp ($4.2 + 3 = 7.2$ rounded down to 7, at 0.5 the number is rounded up).
- All Final Round Handicaps will be published to all qualifying players prior to the Final Round.
- All Net scores will be limited to a -8 Exceptional Net Score max for any competitive round.
- Players with less than 20 Completed 18 hole rounds (combination of completed 18-hole & 9-hole stroke play rounds, 360 Holes played) as captured by the X-Golf backend systems at the start of any tournament or event who has scored an exceptional net score of -7 or better in any competition round, the average of the exceptional net score and the lowest previous score as captured by the backend systems will be used to determine the handicap for that round. The Tournament Rules Committee can reassign/readjust any competitor's handicap if suspicious handicap activity is suspected prior and during the Tournament.

10 - Mulligans

- Mulligans are not allowed.** However, Mulligans may potentially be allowed only under extraordinary circumstances and generally where rare *System Errors* may occur
- Tournament or event participants may not use nor initiate a Mulligan without proper utilization of this document or consultation with the Tournament Rules Committee. Any Mulligan utilization not in accordance with this document at any time during competitive play may result in penalties or disqualification**
- There are 5 scenarios in which Mulligans are permitted in tournament play and only allowed through confirmation by photograph:
 - (1) A shot or a swing is registered by the simulator without the ball being struck - X-Golf Staff should use the Mulligan Button to return the ball to the correct position without penalty.
 - (2) A simulator hardware error occurs, creating a Moon Shot or a shot registered at the maximum ball speed (200 MPH) - X-Golf Staff will use the Mulligan Button to reset play without penalty.

- (3) A Player reports to X-Golf Staff that a fringe shot was taken without knowing to ensure that the appropriate club selection was selected on the system for accurate measurement (This may occur as Fringe Setting on the system is automatically set to PUTTER, and the player using an alternative club, may not be aware or may have forgotten to change the club selection in the system before the shot) - X-Golf Staff may apply a Mulligan without penalty, but only once within a round during the Competition Round of any tournament or event. Should another instance occur within the round, the player must play where the ball it lies. Mulligans for this reason is not allowed at any time for rounds played during the Final Round of any tournament or event and the player must play the ball as it lies.
 - (4) If a Player inadvertently hits a shot out of turn, a Mulligan may be used to return to the original condition of play. This will however result in a 1 Stroke Penalty for each Mulligan required and will be added to the player's final NET score - X-Golf Staff will record the penalty and use the Mulligan Button to reset play.
 - (5) - Misread of a quality shot reported by the Player due to a potential misread by the Spin Camera - X-Golf Staff must verify the Misread by reviewing the spin image via the following procedure:
 - Go to MENU>ANALYSIS>SPIN TAB and review the image on the upper right hand corner.
 - A misread has occurred when any less than 3 balls are captured on the spin image or when negative backspin numbers are present. If X-Golf staff are unsure of the misread or procure please contact the Tournament Rules Committee for a Ruling.
 - Should a Misread be confirmed: **Take a complete picture of the entire screen to include missing or incomplete spin image & all launch dynamic numbers.**
 - X-Golf staff may then use the Mulligan button to reset play without penalty.
- D. **X-Golf Staff must submit pictures of all Spin Images / Mulligans to xgt2022@gmail.com.** The Tournament Rules Committee will validate system error(s) / Mulligan. Failure to submit a photograph will result in a minimum of 1 stroke penalty for each mulligan that can not be validated depending on where the previous shot came to rest. Players may be disqualified for serious breach of this rule.
- The Rules Committee may reverse any mulligan if the shot in question is deemed to be a miss hit ball or less than quality shot that caused the misread and will result in a minimum of a 1 shot penalty depending on where the previous shot came to rest.
 - For any competitive round, a maximum of 2 per player will be allowed.** A minimum of a 1 shot penalty depending on where the previous shot came to rest will be applied if over 2 per round, unless authorized by the Tournament Rules Committee
 - Any Participant with excessive use of the Mulligan function, or who may be suspected of gaming the Mulligan feature or any other feature of the system for advantage in any way, will be subject to immediate disqualification from the event, and potentially the series.

11 - Completion of each Round

- At the end of the round, participants should check their scorecard for accuracy prior to pressing the "Sign & Submit Scorecard" button.
- Any scorecard disputes, supported with a photo, must be submitted to the Tournament Rules Committee via xgt2022@gmail.com for review prior to the end of the round the dispute has taken place. Any adjustments will be made by the Tournament Rules Committee on the backend.
- All submitted scorecards are subject to review and validation by the Tournament Rules Committee
- The official leaderboard of any competitive round will be posted on <https://playxgolf.com/tournament/x-golf-staff-shadow-competition/>.