# SAVE THE DATES!! ORCGA 2021 Virtual Golf Tournament

### **SEPTEMBER 13 – 27 2021**

### What is a Virtual Golf Tournament?

A virtual golf tournament is not played virtually, rather it is organized and managed *virtually* through an app that organizers and players download on their mobile device. Participants will play a traditional round of golf on a day of their choosing within our tournament dates. The extended timeframe beyond one day conveniently allows participants to play their round at a time that works best for them and or their company. Participants may select a course that is local to them; however, it must be supported by the app and follow the tournament guidelines. Scores are submitted to the app by participants live, as they play. The app will calculate/normalize the scores based on all courses played to produce an accurate leaderboard in real-time. There will be a dedicated ORCGA tournament social media feed within the app where golfers can share their game, participate in contests, or simply follow along.

The ORCGA Tournament will be managed through the 18Birdies app which is available free through the google play or Apple store. Download it now to see if your course is available. The app supports over 800 courses in Ontario!

#### Frequently asked questions

Q - How much does the app cost?

A - There is no cost to download or use the app.

Q - Will I pay my green fees to ORCGA as we do for in-person tournaments?

A - No. Participants will be responsible for paying their own green fees and booking their tee times directly with the golf course of their choice.

Q - I do not normally attend the in-person version as it's too far. Can I play in this one?

A- YES. That is one of the main benefits of a virtual tournament, if there is a course in your area supported by the app and fits within the tournament guidelines, you may participate.

Q – Do I have to play on a specific day or with a specific group?

A – No, you do not need to play all together or at once, rather, you can play on different days and at different golf courses. You will have access to the tournament participant list within the app and will be encouraged to reach out to other golfers to organize playing together.

Q - While the tournament is running can I submit scores for multiple games?

A – NO, like an in-person tournament, you are committed to one round of 18 holes and once scores are submitted this is deemed your tournament round.

#### **TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES and FORMAT:**

- Course Par: Min 72
- Rounds: 1
- 18 holes
- Individual Stroke Play
- No Handicap

The app will take the course par & difficulty for all the courses played amongst the players, and then generate a "generic course" which has equalized those factors to produce a level playing field.

## **BOOK YOUR TEE TIMES NOW!**

With the late start to Golf season, it is highly recommended to book your tee times at your selected golf course early to ensure you can participate.

Additionally, you will be required to register through ORCGA for the tournament.

# **Registration Opens:**

## Monday, June 28, 2021.

A small admin fee will be required at the time of registration.

**Member: \$15.00** (you must be an individual ORCGA Member or an employee of a company or association that is an ORCGA Member)

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Non-Member: \$25.00

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