



Jack McDonald

Jack McDonald is one of Golf Canada's foremost experts on the Rules of Golf. As the Canadian committee chair, he worked with Royal & Ancient and USGA members on the Joint Rules Committee responsible for ensuring that the Rules of Golf maintain the integrity of the game.

Jack was instrumental in developing the National Rules Officials Education Program. He introduced the first online certification program, which other countries have now adopted. Jack has criss-crossed the country teaching rules seminars, and is well known for his high standards on and off the course. He emphasises "getting it right" and is always available to discuss rulings.

In addition to officiating at many Canadian Open and Amateur competitions, Jack has been a rules official at prestigious international events such as the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open, and President's Cup.

Jack was born in Rosetown and grew up in Swift Current. His golf began at Elmwood Golf and Country Club where he worked during the summer. While studying chemical engineering at the University of Saskatchewan he competed on the Husky golf team. As a keen competitor, Jack has played in numerous provincial and national Amateurs and Mid-Amateurs.

Over the past 35 years, Jack has been very active on the golf scene in Kamloops, B.C. He was tournament chair of the 1999 Canadian Amateur and the 2001 Mid-Amateur. Starting as a zone representative to the British Columbia Golf Association in 1987, he held various offices culminating in the presidency in 1997 and 1998.

Becoming a governor of Golf Canada in 1998, he served on many national committees: CN Future Links, Greens, Player Development and Amateur Championships. He ultimately became the 107th President of the organization.

Jack received the British Columbia Official of the Year award in 2008. His niece, Nancy Harvey, preceded him into the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame.