

# 2019 **CANADA WEST**GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Golf makes its Canada West debut in picturesque Kelowna

Inaugural conference championships set for Okanagan Golf Club's Bear course

#### **BRIAN SWANE, SPECIAL TO CW**

KELOWNA, B.C. – Sun glistens off the lake, still water framed by mountains in a postcard-worthy backdrop.

Autumn looms, but it's still short sleeve weather. Perfect conditions for what's been jocosely dubbed a good walk spoiled, but on these sculpted fairways surrounded by forest and sage brush hills, that notion is quickly dispelled.

Really, was there anywhere else for Canada West to showcase its newest championship sport?

"It's hard to think of Kelowna and the Okanagan and not think of golf," says Tom Huisman, UBC Okanagan's Director of Athletics and Recreation.

UBCO hosts the inaugural Canada West Golf Championships at its long-time home the Okanagan Golf Club October 5-6.

"It just seemed like a natural fit for us because of the region that we're in, and we have an incredible partner for our program in the Okanagan Golf Club," Huisman adds.

Men's and women's studentathletes from Alberta, UBC, Calgary, the University of the Fraser Valley, Lethbridge, Manitoba, and Victoria are joining their hosts in this picturesque setting to write a new chapter in Canada West championship history.

"It's an honour to be able to host the first one," Huisman says. "Hopefully we'll set the bar at a good level for future hosts to follow."

Competition will unfold over two rounds of 18 on the Okanagan Golf Club's Bear Course. The Jack-Nicklaus-designed Bear is a par 72 that challenges goflers with well-placed bunkers, grassy swales, sculpted mounds, and tiered greens.

"The best part about the Bear Course is the last three-hole stretch – you'll basically win or lose a tournament in the last three holes of the golf course," says Clay Stothers, head coach of UBCO's men's and women's golf teams.

"So it's going to be fun to watch and be a part of the last three holes, to see where you sit with three holes to go, and then see what happens at the end of it."

Individual titles will be awarded to the lowest-scoring male and

female. For team championships, the women's competition will see a team's three lowest gross scores from each day totalled to determine its score. For men's teams, the four lowest gross scores from both days will be used.

The Canada West Golf
Championships serve as a
qualifier for the 2020 Golf Canada
Canadian University/College
Championships, taking place next
May at a location to be announced
in Quebec.

Schools that are currently Canada West members have dominated the annual tournament since its 2003 inception, accounting for a combined 15 women's team titles and 11 men's team titles, along with a host of individual champs.

"The level of play (in Canada West) is very good," says Stothers.

Golf was officially added to the Canada West varsity lineup at the conference's 2018 AGM in Kelowna. Huisman found eager partners in Tourism Kelowna and the Okanagan Golf Club that shared his enthusiasm for bringing the conference's best golfers to the crown jewel course of the Okanagan Valley.

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#### **MEN'S ROSTERS**



#### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GOLDEN BEARS

HEAD COACH: JACQUES PLOUFFE

HOMETOWN
Edmonton, AB
Edmonton, AB
Prince Albert, SK
Edmonton, AB
Edmonton, AB



## **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA** THUNDERBIRDS

HEAD COACH: CHRIS MACDONALD

NAME	HOMETOWN
Logan Carver	Calgary, AB
Ethan de Graaf	Edmonton, AB
Malcolm Glumpak	Burlington, ON
Andrzej Wierzba	Warsaw, Poland
Keith Ng	Richmond, BC



#### **UBC OKANAGAN**

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HEAD COACH: CLAY SOTHERS

NAME	HOMETOWN
Cole Wilson	Kelowna, BC
Ollie Rizun	Squamish, BC
Nik Federko	Kelowna, BC
Marcus Apchin	Kelowna, BC
Ethan Hunt	Kelowna, BC



## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DINOS

HEAD COACH: JAMIE REIMER

NAME	HOMETOWN
Matthew Tse	Calgary, AB
William Gretton	Calgary, AB
Ethan Banks	Calgary, AB
Alec Simpson	Calgary, AB
Tayler Kurucz	Calgary, AB



# UNIV. OF THE FRASER VALLEY CASCADES

HEAD COACH: CHRIS BERTRAM

NAME	HOMETOWN
Daniel Campbell	Bellingham, WA
Kyle Claggett	Mission, BC
Wyatt Brook	Kamloops, BC
Halen Davis	Stanwood, WA
Jacob Armstrong	Winnipeg, MB



# UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE PRONGHORNS

HEAD COACH: DALLAS DUCHEMINSKY

NAME	HOMETOWN
Josh Cameron	Brooks, AB
Ben Collison	Creston, BC
Jordan Hoffos	Estevan, SK
Noah Huston	Cranbrook, BC
Michael McDougall-Price	Lethbridge, AB



#### UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA BISONS

HEAD COACH: DERRIK GOODWIN

NAME	HOMETOWN
Cameron McIntyre	Winnipeg, MB
Aaron McIntyre	Winnipeg, MB
Cole Peters	Steinbach, MB
Josh Neufeld	Altona, MB
Connor Stewart	Winnipeg, MB



## **UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA** VIKES

HEAD COACH: JUSTIN CLEWS

NAME	HOMETOWN
Robin Conlan	Berlin, Germany
Josh Miller	Victoria, BC
Brandon McManus	Surrey, BC
Max Murchison	Bearspaw, AB
Zach Ryujin	North Vancouver, BC

## **WOMEN'S ROSTERS**



## UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

**PANDAS** 

HEAD COACH: KYLIE BARROS

NAME	HOMETOWN
Jillian Lightbown	Carstairs, AB
Mikayla Neposse-Wood	Leduc, AB
Sua Lee	Edmonton, AB
Breanna Morin	Spruce Grove, AB



## **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA** THUNDERBIRDS

HEAD COACH: CHRIS MACDONALD

NAME	HOMETOWN
Kate Johnston	Ayr, ON
Esther Lee	Maple Ridge, BC
Jue Wen	Toronto, ON
Cecile Kwon	Maple Ridge, BC
Shania Remandaban	Coquitlam, BC



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## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DINOS

HEAD COACH: JAMIE REIMER

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Victoria Tse	Calgary, AB
Emily Wang	Calgary, AB
Claire Boswell	Calgary, AB
Mikaela Calma	Calgary, AB



# UNIV. OF THE FRASER VALLEY CASCADES

HEAD COACH: CHRIS BERTRAM

NAME	HOMETOWN
Sarah Lawrence	Snohomish, WA
Emery Bardock	Armstrong, BC
Natasha Kozlowski	Prince George, BC
Sharon Park	Surrey, BC



# **UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA** BISONS

HEAD COACH: BRI-ANN TOKARIWSKI

NAME	HOMETOWN
Brynn Todd	Winnipeg, MB
McKyla Poponik	Selkirk, MB
Marissa Naylor	Winnipeg, MB
Dayna Dubnicoff	Winnipeg, MB



#### UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

VIKES

HEAD COACH: JUSTIN CLEWS

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NAME	HOMETOWN
Sukriti Harjai	Niagara Falls, ON
Melanie Murchison	Calgary, AB
Rhiannon Jones	Kelowna, BC
Kathleen Hodgson	North Bend, WA
Katie Martens	Edmonton, AB

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"Hosting the inaugural championship at our home course allows us to not only build excitement around Canada West golf, but our team here in the Okanagan and in Kelowna," Huisman says.

Canada West is at the forefront of golf's growth in Canadian university sport along with the OUA. The pair are the only U SPORTS conferences with golf as part of their varsity lineup.

Meanwhile, several U SPORTS member schools in Atlantic Canada and Quebec run robust club-level golf programs. For this traditional game with such a depth of history, there's a growing future for the game on campuses coast-to-coast.

"I think that all speaks to the growth and development of the Canadian university golf system and game," Huisman says.

"It's not just a few schools here and there who happen to have legitimate golf programs. When you have the Golf Canada (Canadian University/College Championships) and now the Canada West Championships, that's representative of a higher placing and a higher regard for the sport ... and it represents another step to having an even larger and greater presence for university golf in the country."



#### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- 36 holes of individual stroke play
- Women's team size: three (3) to a maximum of five (5) golfers
- Women's team championship: the three (3) low gross scores from each day shall be totaled each day to determine the team score
- Men's team size: four (4) or five (5) golfers
- Men's team championship: the four (4) low gross scores shall be totaled each day to determine the team score
- Team ties will be broken by:
  - 1) Cumulative total of the non-counting scores
  - 2) Aggregate final round score
  - 3) Total team final round score
- An individual women's and men's champion will be awarded to the golfers with the lowest combined 36-hole score
- Ties for the individual champions will be broken with a sudden death playoff, going one hole at a time until a champion has been declared
- NOTE: Golfers entered by a university with less than the required team minimum will be eligible for the indvidual championship

