



Introduction of Development Fund Prizes for Order of Merit (OOM) Winners

Background:

In the interest of wanting to increase the incentive for local players to play in the various OOM events throughout the season, as well as create another avenue to help players development, Canterbury Golf is happy to announce Development Fund prizes for the 2023/2024 CGI Tour – OOM.

The intention of these new Development Funds while to help grow playing numbers at the various OOM events run by clubs and CGI is also to assist aspiring local players in their development. The funds will be able to be spent on accessing developmental support or towards golf event travel and entry to enable them to play more competitive events.

Development Funds

The Development Funds will be awarded to the top performing Canterbury amateur players in each category as follows:

Senior Order of Merit Development Fund Prizes

	Men	Women	Men's Masters	Women's Masters
1st Place	\$1,000	\$750	\$750	\$500
2nd Place	\$650	\$500	\$500	\$350

Junior Order of Merit Development Fund Prizes

	U19 Men	U16 Boys	U16 Girls	U13 Boys
1st Place	\$750	\$500	\$500	\$400
2nd Place	\$350	\$300	\$300	\$200
3rd Place	\$150	\$100	\$100	\$100

Rationale for Men's prizes being higher:

This is due to the number of events a player in the men's category must play in order to be eligible to receive the Development Fund prize as well as the higher number of participants taking part in Men's OOM events.

Criteria to be able to receive Development Fund Prize:

In order to be eligible to receive the development funds, the player must have played a minimum of the set OOM counting events for their category. This is as follows:

Category	Counting Events
Men	6
Women	4
Master's Men	6
Master's Women	3
U19 Men	12
U16 Boys	8
U16 Girls	8
U13 Boys	8



A player is still eligible to win their OOM category without playing the minimum number of counting events, as per the set OOM conditions, but won't receive the development fund prize.

Overview of what the Development Funds can be spent on:

- Golf event travel related costs
- Golf event entry fees
- Golf coaching
- Golf specific support i.e., S&C, mental skills etc.

Note- Development Funds can't be spent on golf gear or accessories.

Process for players redeeming development funds:

The administration of the OOM Development Funds will be managed by the Canterbury Golf Development Manager (GDM.)

Players who wish to access their funds must identify an expense that fits within the above stated list of areas this can be used for, and then send the expense details to the GDM. The GDM will either confirm this is something that can be funded or not to the player. If approved, the player is to then proceed with the purchase and then provide proof of this purchase to the GDM as well as their personal bank account number for reimbursement.

The GDM will keep track of the players spent OOM Development funds throughout the season.

Note - Any OOM Development funds left over come the end of the OOM year, will be forfeited.

