



2020 Heron Cup Event Series: *The Road to Bandon*

Tournament Rules and Information



ELIGIBILITY & EVENT OVERVIEW

This tournament series is modeled off of the PGA Tour's *FedExCup*® and features a regular season of five events, with a championship invitational to conclude the series. All amateur golfers are eligible to participate, provided that they have an active, up-to-date USGA Handicap Index® (for example, GHIN)

All eligible golfers who qualify at the end of the regular season will be invited to participate in the exclusive *Heron Cup Season Finale*, the final event of the series. Points will be awarded in each event based and will continue to accrue for the duration of the series. Prizes will be awarded for top finishers in each individual event as well as to the top 10 point-leaders at the completion of the series. The player with the highest aggregate point total at the completion of the series will have their name engraved on the *Heron Cup* trophy and win the grand prize trip to Bandon Dunes Golf Course.

HANDICAPS & SCORING

All players must have an active USGA Handicap Index® to be eligible to play in each event. Players will receive their full course handicap, based on their most current Handicap Index and tees played. Players will be provided official scorecards on the day of play to be exchanged with another player in their group, and scores will be posted after play.

- **Exceptional Competition Scores** – a competitor's playing handicap may be adjusted when there is "evidence that the player's Handicap Index does not reflect their demonstrated ability." (USGA Handicap Manual Rule 7.2)
- **Tiebreakers** – Individual events = scorecard playoff; season point totals = sudden death playoff

REGULAR SEASON EVENTS

The regular season will consist of five monthly events including four stroke play competitions at Heron Lakes and one modified stableford event at Colwood Golf Center. All eligible golfers may participate in all regular season events. Players who participate in all five regular season events will earn a **100 point bonus** towards their series total.

- **Heron Lakes Events** – These four events will follow the standard stroke play format. Final gross & net scores will determine placing in each event, which will also determine how many points golfers will earn towards their aggregate series total. Additional points can be earned in each event by winning KP hole-contests (25pts each).
- **Colwood Par-3 Challenge** – Unlike in a stroke play format, the goal in a stableford format is to get a higher score for the round. Since the course is not rated for handicaps, only gross scores will be used. However, in an effort to help compensate for net scoring, players will receive points for their handicap index, rounded to the nearest whole number. For example, a 12.6 HI would receive an additional 13 points to be added to his final point total for the day's round. Points will be awarded for scores of bogey or better on each hole, as follows:

Bogey – 3 points | **Par** – 5 points | **Birdie** – 9 points | **Ace** – 15 points

Aces will earn a 30 point *round* bonus, but will still only be worth 15 points when it comes to tournament scoring. In addition to the points earned from placing, the "points" a player scores during his round will be added to their aggregate series point total. For example: During his round, John gets 13 pars and 5 birdies for a score of 110. As a 12.6 handicap, he receives an additional 13 points bringing his total to 123. His score results in a 10th place finish, also earning 100 points. John will have 223 points added to his aggregate series total.

HERON CUP INVITATIONAL

All qualifying players will be invited to play in this season finale and will not be required to pay green fees. This will be the final chance for players to add to their aggregate point total in the chase for the *Heron Cup*. Like all of the regular season events at Heron Lakes, this event will follow a standard stroke play format. However, points will be doubled, rewarding players for strong performances in this championship setting. To qualify for this event, players must:

1. Have participated in **at least three (3)** regular season events **and**
2. Have earned a minimum of **300 total points** over the duration of the entire series

RESULTS & POINT STANDINGS

Event results will be posted at heronlakesgolf.com/HeronCup. This webpage will contain all event-related information and feature a Point Standings Table which will be updated in a timely manner over the course of the series.

RULES, SCHEDULE & POINTS INFORMATION

USGA Rules govern all play except as modified below:

- **Tees** - By default, Men will play the **blue tees**; Men may opt to play the **white tees** if they are either A) **age 65+**, B) **age 50+ AND a 10+ Handicap Index** or C) **18+ Handicap Index**. Women will play the **yellow tees**. All course handicaps will account for the USGA/WHS required (Course rating – Par) adjustment, regardless of tees played.
- **Points** - Players cannot win in both the net and gross competitions, so they will receive the higher valued prize and points. Whenever a player holds the same position in both games, preference would go to gross score.
- **Maximum Score** - Players may pick up their ball on a hole once they have reached a score of double par, without being disqualified from the competition. For instance a maximum score of 8 can be taken on a par4.
- **Native Grass** - Penalty area | **Drop Zones** - Tee box of the yellow stones, no closer to the hole than the stone.
- **Range Finders** - Permitted in accordance with the policies set by the USGA and OGA.
- **Caddies & Spectators** - spectators are allowed to observe, provided that they do not act as a caddie.

| Heron Lakes Gross/Net Points | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Place | Regular Events | Invitational |
| 1 st | 200 points | 400 points |
| 2 nd | 180 points | 360 points |
| 3 rd | 170 points | 340 points |
| 4 th | 160 points | 320 points |
| 5 th | 150 points | 300 points |
| 6 th | 140 points | 280 points |
| 7 th | 130 points | 260 points |
| 8 th | 120 points | 240 points |
| 9 th | 110 points | 220 points |
| 10 th | 100 points | 200 points |
| 11 th | 90 points | 180 points |
| 12 th | 80 points | 160 points |
| 13 th | 70 points | 140 points |
| 14 th | 60 points | 120 points |
| 15 th | 50 points | 100 points |
| 16 th -20 th | 40 points | 80 points |
| 21 st & over | 30 points | 60 points |

| Heron Cup Series Event Schedule | |
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| 6/7/20 | Season Opener (HL Great Blue) |
| 7/12/20 | Star Spangled Shootout (HL Greenback) |
| 7/26/20 | Summer Championship (HL Great Blue) |
| 8/16/20 | August Classic (HL Greenback) |
| 9/13/20 | Par 3 Challenge (Colwood Golf Center) |
| 9/27/20 | Season Finale (HL Great Blue)* |
| *Must have played in at least 3 regular season events and accrued at least 300 points to qualify | |

| Colwood Par-3 Challenge Points | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Hole Score | Modified Stableford Points |
| Bogey | 3 points |
| Par | 5 points |
| Birdie | 9 points |
| Ace | 15 points (+30 point <i>round</i> bonus) |

Awards – Season Points Leaders

| Rank | Venue | Prize Package Details |
|---|---|--|
| 1st Place | Bandon Dunes Golf Resort | Foursome of golf, 1-night lodging and gas card |
| 2nd – 10th | Winners will receive their choice of prize from a selection of golf packages. Choice order will follow the final season standings, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th etc. All destination course packages will include a Space Age gas card to assist with travel expenses. | |

Awards – Individual Events

Top Gross & Net finishers in each monthly event will also be awarded prizes. Tournament & Season prizes include:

- Golf at Chambers Bay
- Golf at Stone Creek
- Golf at Heron Lakes
- Golf at Running Y Ranch
- Golf at Emerald Valley
- Golf at Wine Valley
- Golf at Salishan Resort
- Golf at Elk Ridge
- Golf Ball Dozens
- Adidas Golf Shoes
- HIO prize up to \$5k
- And more!!!!

All questions and concerns should be directed to the Heron Lakes Tournament Director

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