

RECOMMENDED CONTEST SCHEDULE

After a chapter “Maintenance Facility Guidance Committee” has been established, it would define an **annual contest schedule** for northern tier courses along the following lines:

1. Chapters would announce the contest with application/eligibility guidelines and a closing date for receiving applications during the month of **October, Year One**.
2. The closing date for receiving applications would be set for during the month of **January, Year Two**.
3. In the likely event that more clubs/courses might apply for the contest any given year than the judging panels could visit, the Committee would identify the **guidelines that would be used to limit the number of applications accepted to manageable levels** within the notice announcing the contest each year.

Suggested guidelines to limit the number of applications accepted each year, using **seniority of chapter membership as the separating factor** would be:

- a. Chapter Committees might accept applications from +/- 10 clubs/courses each year.
- b. Then, to keep less senior chapter members interested, the Committees would also accept another +/- five submitted applications via a lottery selection process.

Clubs/courses that have submitted applications but have been denied access to the contest, would go to the head of the list of eligible contestants for the following year’s contest.

Finally, the Committee would announce (at a monthly chapter membership meeting, to be followed up with notices on the chapter web site and/or in its magazine) the +/- 15 semi-finalist contestant courses during the month of **March, Year Two**.

5. Working with a Committee generated checklist that would list elements to be reviewed outside, inside the building and within the office, members of each judging panel would visit the list of semi-finalist courses *individually* (by appointment) during the **summer months**.
6. During the month of **September, Year Two**, the judging panels would: (i) meet to discuss and reduce the number of remaining eligible courses from +/- 15 semi-finalists to +/- three “finalist” courses; (ii) then, announce these results in a similar manner as indicated above; and (iii) finally, visit each of the three finalist courses *together*, again, by appointment.
7. The chapter judging panels would announce the winners of the contests at a timely regional golf industry forum, if possible; otherwise as indicated above on or around **October 1, Year Two**. Contest winners would not be eligible to re-enter the contest for five years following their selections

Southern tier courses would conduct their contests within a similar monthly schedule – roughly six months out of phase with the northern tier schedule.