



SCOUTING FORM

Golf Course: _____

Date: _____

Scout's Name: _____

Current conditions: Sunny Cloudy Mixed sun/cloud Soil Temp at 3": _____ °C

Previous 24 hr data: Precipitation: _____ ml Air Temp: High _____ °C Low _____ °C Humidity: Low Med High

Hole #	Location	Pest or Condition	Number of Pests	Possible Contributing Factors	Action Taken

Results : (to be filled in a few days after action taken)

I attest that the above information is accurate and truthful. I also acknowledge that I, and the golf course owner/operator are responsible to be aware of the requirements of IPM Accreditation as defined by the IPM Council of Canada and that failure to meet the requirements can result in loss of the golf course's IPM Accreditation status.

IPM Agent name & IPM certification number: _____ Signature: _____



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Photocopy the first page of this form, if more space is needed. If you are filling in an electronic version, save each with the Date + (1of3) (2of3,) etc.

Scouting is a key function in a good IPM program. The more frequently a golf course is scouted, the more familiar an IPM Agent and other golf course staff becomes with the property. This helps to spot trends in pest populations and adjust management practices to reduce the pest population before it becomes a problem. Daily scouting is preferred, but scouting a minimum of once per week is required for the IPM Accreditation Program. **Please complete at least one of these forms every week during the growing season.**

How to fill out this form:

Please ensure that the golf course name, date, scout's name and requested weather conditions are completed.

Hole # - simply refers to the golf hole being scouted. For golf courses with multiple 9s or 18s, if you choose to complete only one scouting form for the entire property, this may require more detail, e.g. #9 West. The other option is to complete a scouting form for each 9 or 18 and indicate which 9 or 18 at the top, e.g. Golf Course: Acme Golf Club – West Course. In this case, only the number would be required in the Hole # column. *Be consistent. If you start by filling in one scouting form for the entire property, please ensure you continue to use one form for the property throughout the season.*

Location – please indicated where on the golf hole you spotted the pest, e.g. green, tee, fairway and/or rough.

Pest or Condition – please identify the weed(s), disease(s), insect(s) or abiotic condition seen. Most common Ontario pests are listed below.

Number of Pests – how you record this may depend on the type of pest. See OMAF Pub. 816 for the different counting methods for pest monitoring.

When counting insects – use # / 0.1 m² or #/cup changer

When counting weeds – use % weed cover

When monitoring disease incidence – use # of disease patches per m² or diameter of disease patches in cm or % of green blighted.

Be consistent – whichever measurement you choose for each disease, please ensure you continue to use the same measurement throughout the season.

Possible Contributing Factors – Document the conditions that may have resulted in the occurrence of the pest, e.g. high humidity and night temperatures over 28° C for *Pythium spp.* or scalping for algae.

Action Taken – please document all management decisions made in response to spotting the pest. This may range from continuing to monitor to fertilizing the affected area to raising the height of cut to applying a pest control product.

Results – Evaluating how your management practices affect pest populations is a key tool for future decision making. Please document the impact of your actions on the pest in question. This may be a few days after the action or may be after the next scheduled scouting.



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Common Ontario Pests and Conditions

Disease:

Anthrachnose Foliar Blight
Anthrachnose Basal Rot
Bentgrass Dead Spot
Brown Patch
Cool Season Pythium
Dollar Spot
Fairy Ring
Fusarium Patch
Grey Snow Mold
Leaf Spot , Helminthosporium melting out
Low-temperature Basidiomycetes
Necrotic Ring Spot
Pink Snow Mould
Powdery Mildew
Pythium Blight
Pythium Crown & Root Rot
Red Thread
Rusts
Slime Moulds
Smuts
Summer Patch
Take-All Patch
Waitea Patch
Yellow Patch (cool season brown patch)

Insects:

Annual Bluegrass Weevil (Hyperodes)
Ants
Black Cutworm
Black Turfgrass Ataenius
Bluegrass Billbug
European Chafer
European Crane Fly (leatherjackets)
Hairy Chinch Bug
Japanese Beetle
June Beetle
Sod Webworm
Turfgrass Scale

Other Conditions:

Drought/Dry
Flooding/Wet
Compaction
Cart Traffic
Shading
Thatch

Weeds:

Algae
Chickweed
Clover
Crabgrass
Dandelion
Knotweed
Medic
Moss
Plantain
Quackgrass
Spurge
Yarrow
Other Broadleaf Weed
Other Grass Weed