

**ARTICLE IX
PRIZES AND AWARDS**

Section 1. PROFESSIONAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

Professional Prizes and awards consist of both monetary prizes and special exemptions.

- (a) **INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PRIZES:** All professional prizes shall be dispersed from the Section office within a reasonable time frame from completion of said event.

PROFESSIONAL PRIZE BREAKDOWN

***REGULATION:** Professional Prizes in section events will be based on the professional prize breakdown tables in Appendix III.*

PROFESSIONAL SKINS

***REGULATION:** Professional Skins competitions will be conducted at selective events and at all Pro-Am Series events. Check or credit card entry required, and prizes for such will be issued through the section office.*

1099 RECORDS

***REGULATION:** Professionals who are forwarded from the section office more than \$600 of combined prize money, amateur team member prizes and host professional fees during the calendar year will be sent a 1099 Tax Record form indicating their annual income from said events.*

- (b) **PROFESSIONAL EXEMPTIONS:**

Professionals will receive special exemptions to selective events based upon finish in designated competitions.

CHALLENGE CUP MATCHES

REGULATION: *Professionals who finish among the top eight (8) in Player-of-the-Year points standings and the top two seniors in the Senior Player-of-the-Year competition, plus the defending section Champion, the host professional, and two (2) captain's selections will be invited to participate in the following year's Challenge Cup Matches. In the event one of the above professionals will be unavailable to compete the next professional on the respective list would be eligible.*

REGULATION: *The tournament committee will select the Challenge Cup captain for the Challenge Cup Matches. The person will be named at the Fall PGA Membership Meeting and will be approved by the Board of Directors. The captain is responsible for selecting two captain's selections.*

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATION: *The low scoring PGA Member in the current year of The Spring PGA Stroke Play will receive an exemption from qualifying in the same year Travelers Championship.*

THE PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATION: *The professional who wins the Section Player of the Year title, and who is section affiliated at the time of the national championship, will receive an exemption from the PGA of America, Professional National Championship.*

THE NORTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATION: *The top eighteen PGA Members from the previous year PGA Player of the Year point standings; the top finishing PGA Member from the previous year Assistant Championship; and the winner of the previous year Senior Connecticut PGA Championship will be given the 20 section exemptions to the Northeast Championship. If professionals transfer out of the section or exempt players do not enter, the next place professional on the respective category will receive said exemption.*

REGULATION: *The five low scoring PGA Apprentices from the previous year Assistant Championship will earn eligibility to enter and attempt to qualify for the Northeast Championship. Said apprentice must be section affiliated. If an apprentice transfers out of the section, the next place apprentice will receive the right to enter the qualifier.*

(c) PRIZE AND EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION FOR SECTION TOURNAMENTS:

REGULATION: *The following expense and prize distribution will be in effect for section tournaments in order to determine an event purse.*

1. Section policy states that 82% of entry fees will be allocated for purposes of establishing a prize purse for section tournaments, with 18% withheld for the purpose of funding the tournament program. A gross profit or loss may be realized as a result.

REGULATION: *Host Professional fees of \$300 will be paid for Pro-Am Series events; \$100 for Assistants' Association events; and the tournament committee will specify a host professional fee for all other section events. The host professional fee is deducted from entry fees.*

REGULATION: *For Assistants' Association Individual Pro events, only assistants' fund and host pro fees shall be deducted.*

2. In addition to the above, section policy states that direct expenses such as, Bank Fees, BlueGolf Internet Fees, Golf Car Fees, Golf Course Fees, applicable Food & Beverage expenses, Host Pro Fees; On-Site Field Staff (does not include any office staff personnel); Rules Official Fees, Tournament Staff Travel, Banners & Signs, Trophies and Awards and any other applicable expenses that are specific to a tournament, shall be withheld from entry fees.
3. In all Pro-Am competitions with prizes established, amateurs from winning teams shall receive merchandise credit at their section-affiliated Home Golf Course golf shop (where the amateur maintains a current and valid USGA handicap). The section will forward a check to the Home Golf Course head golf professional to cover the amount of said prizes.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

4. In the Pro & 1 Amateur events, thirty percent (30%) of the purse will be awarded to individual professionals per the section's prize breakdown distribution and in the Pro & 3 Amateur events, twenty-five percent (25%) of the purse will be awarded to individual professionals per the section's prize breakdown distribution.
5. In the Pro & 1 Amateur events, seventy percent (70%) of the purse will be distributed to the Pro-Am competition while Pro & 3 Amateur events will distribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the purse to the Pro-Am competition. All gross and net place finishers will receive the same valued prizes, with more places being awarded prizes in the net division.
6. Regarding team prizes, the professional will receive the cash equivalent of his/her share of the team prize.
7. In team events, the amount of teams paid will be approximately 25 percent of the total teams entered and per the section's Prize Breakdown distribution.
8. A 6.5% administration fee will be deducted from the total Skins entry fees.
9. For every Assistant Professional that participates in an Assistants' Association event, two (2) dollars will be deducted and contributed to the Assistants' Association Fund.
10. The Connecticut Section PGA will adopt the USGA Rule 33-6/2(3), which states "In either a scratch or handicap stroke play competition, if a play-off of any type is not feasible, matching cards is recommended." It goes on to say, "An acceptable method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the bases of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole." No ties will be broken unless each player will receive less than \$50. For all events, the last nine holes are deemed to be holes 10-18.

Section 2. AMATEUR PRIZES

Amateur prizes will be paid to the Amateur's Home Golf Course head golf professional for credit disbursement.

***REGULATION:** Last place Amateur team prizes shall be determined by a match of cards, rather than be split among the teams that tie for last place money.*

***REGULATION:** Amateur team prizes won by amateurs from a different home golf course than that of their accompanying professional shall still be paid to the amateur's home course professional defined herein.*

OUT OF SECTION AMATEURS

The following regulation applies to non-section-affiliated amateurs who win prizes.

***REGULATION:** Amateur prizes won by out of section amateurs or from amateurs from non-PGA section-affiliated home golf courses will be paid to the tournament host professional for merchandise credit disbursement.*

Section 3. SECTION PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The section Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the professional accumulating the most Player Performance Points during the Official Tournament season. The Player of the Year will be recognized on the Robert N. Shea Trophy.

Section 4. SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The section Senior Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the senior professional who accumulates the most Senior Player Performance Points during the Official Tournament Season. The Senior Player of the Year will be recognized on the Robert N. Shea Trophy.

Section 5. ASSISTANT PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The section Assistant Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the assistant professional who accumulates the most Assistant Player Performance Points during the Official Tournament Season.

Section 6. TOURNAMENT POINT SYSTEM

Player-of-the-Year Performance Points are described in APPENDIX II.
Only section-affiliated PGA Members as defined under Article IV, Section 1,
herein are eligible to earn player Performance Points.