

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL**

Section 1. GENERAL

These Tournament Rules and Regulations of the Connecticut Section of The Professional Golfers' Association of America, hereafter referred to as section, shall govern the conduct of all professional and/or open and/or invitational golf tournaments and other golf events sponsored, co-sponsored, recognized or sanctioned by the section and any of its chapters and subsidiaries such as the Assistants' Association and, the conduct and responsibilities of the contestants therein and the responsibilities of the sponsors, or co-sponsors, thereof.

These Rules and Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members at Section Annual Meetings.

Section 2. AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Members of the section may amend the Rules and Regulations in one of the two following manners:

- (a) PGA Members may submit written proposed amendments to the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee must receive such proposals ten (10) days prior to a Board of Directors meeting. The Tournament Committee shall consider such the proposal and may elect to present the proposal to the Board of Directors who can pass, amended or defeat the resolution by a simple majority vote. If the motion carries, the Board of Directors will determine the effective date.
- (b) Or, a PGA Member may propose to amend these section Tournament Rules and Regulations at an Annual Section Meeting by presenting a resolution in writing to the Secretary/New Business Chairman prior to 10:00 a.m. It will require a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the voting membership in attendance. The Board of Directors shall determine the effective date of a passing amendment.

**ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. AUTHORITY

These Section Tournament Rules and Regulations shall become effective upon the date of approval by the Board of Directors and these Articles shall supersede in their entirety, all previous regulations that have governed the conduct of the Section, Chapter, and Subsidiaries tournaments.

Section 2. DEFINITION

The President on the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint the Chairman of the Tournament Committee. Members of the Tournament Committee shall be appointed jointly by the Tournament Chairman and Section President, upon approval of the Board of Directors. The Tournament Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Directors, shall have complete control over all events sponsored and conducted by the section.

Section 3. RESPONSIBILITY

(a) TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Committee to adopt and uphold these regulations and to conduct tournaments for the betterment of its members. The Committee shall present a proposed schedule of events to the Board of Directors for the following year no later than August 1. Once the schedule is approved, the Tournament Committee is responsible for establishing proposed event budgets for each tournament, which shall also be presented to the Board of Directors. The Tournament Committee is responsible for acquisition of all host sites and distribute a schedule of events accordingly. The Committee shall establish conditions for the purpose of continuity of play in such events. The Tournament Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Directors may review any conduct or negligence that violates any of the Tournament Rules and Regulations.

(b) RULES COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility of the Section Rules Committee to oversee all Section competitions, including but not limited to course set up, conditions of competition, Rules of Play, Rules Officiating and recruitment and training of committee personnel. The Rules Committee shall work in conjunction with the Tournament Committee on all matters regarding the staging of tournaments and shall include the host site golf professional on the Tournament Rules Committee he/she is hosting.

(c) TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director responsibilities include, but are not limited to overseeing all administrative functions of carrying out the season's tournament program. The Tournament Director shall report to the Executive Director and work closely with the Tournament and Rules Committees. The Tournament Director shall be the primary section office contact for tournament matters and shall train and supervise the Field Staff. When on site, the Tournament Program Manager shall serve as a Rules Official.

(d) FIELD STAFF

The section's Field Staff will be a supervised and trained group of on-site staff to assist the Tournament Director. They will assist in the registration, scoring and ranger duties, and other responsibilities deemed necessary by the Tournament Director.

(e) HOST PROFESSIONAL

Host Professional duties and responsibilities are covered in Appendix I of these Rules & Regulations.

**ARTICLE III
TOURNAMENT DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

Within these Tournament Rules and Regulations are terms and phrases that are referred to frequently. These terms are defined hereunder and italicized within these Rules and Regulations:

(a) OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SEASON

April 1 through October 31 inclusive.

(b) AMATEUR HOME GOLF FACILITY

An amateur Home Golf Facility is the facility at which he/she maintains a valid USGA Handicap; plays a majority of his/her golf; and/or is a member in good standing. In the event an amateur maintains two handicaps, the competitor must use the lowest his/her handicap and the lower of the two shall serve as the Home Golf Facility.

(c) SENIOR COMPETITOR

A senior professional or amateur competitor is one who has reached their 50th birthday by the day of said tournament he or she is entered.

(d) PLAYING PRIVILEGES

Playing privileges in the section tournaments are granted to PGA members (excluding Class F, A-3, Inactive members, and Suspended Members) in good standing; eligibly employed Registered Apprentices and eligibly employed section Pre-Apprentices with the understanding that each tournament has their own eligibility requirements based upon membership classifications and employment.

(e) PURSE

The purse is the net amount of monies after expenses available for prize distribution.

(f) PRIORITY ELIGIBILITY

Priority Eligibility is a means to establish seniority for professionals when entering Pro-Am Series events and obtaining requested starting times in section tournaments.

(g) OVER SUBSCRIBED

An event when the number of entries exceeds the number of available spots.

(h) UNDER SUBSCRIBED

An event when the number of entries is less than the number of available spots.

Section 2. APPROVED EVENTS

All approved events are assured the section will not schedule an event opposite said tournament, with the understanding that eligible section members are eligible to enter.

For an event to be approved and scheduled by the section the golf facility serving as the host site must have either a PGA Member or Registered Apprentice *Head Golf Professional* in good standing serving as the resident professional, and must also meet criteria established under one of the Categories listed below.

(a) CATEGORIES

SPONSORED:

Owned and conducted entirely by the section and its subsidiaries during the Official Tournament Season, with no consideration, and/or commitments from a second party.

CO-SPONSORED:

Owned and conducted entirely by the section during the Official Tournament Season, with added monies, considerations, and/or commitments from a second party.

RECOGNIZED:

Owned and conducted by a Second party or owned by a Second Party but conducted in conjunction with the section.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

(1) Recognized Association Events:

The Open Championships of the Connecticut State Golf Association and Massachusetts Golf Association (when held within the section boundaries) will be assured dates on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that all section Members and Apprentices in good standing, be permitted to participate in this event, provided they meet all the other event eligibility criteria. Every attempt will be made so that no section Sponsored or Co-Sponsored event will be scheduled in opposition to them.

***REGULATION:** The Connecticut Open, sponsored by the Connecticut State Golf Association has predetermined that section Members finishing in the first 15 section player-of-the-year point positions will be eligible for exemption into the Championship for the following year.*

***REGULATION:** At the discretion of the Board of Directors, professional-amateur events hosted and conducted by the Connecticut State Golf Association, the golf course superintendents, the SNEWGA, and similar regional associations may be Sanctioned and/or listed on the Tournament Schedule and excused from section requirements covering Sanctioning fees and other disbursements.*

(2) Recognized Charity Tournaments:

Owned and conducted by a second party for the benefit of a worthwhile charitable organization, between the dates of April 1 and October 31 inclusive, with added monies, and/or commitments from the second party. These events will appear on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that section golf professionals will be invited to compete.

(3) Recognized National Tournaments:

Owned by, and conducted in conjunction with, a second party for the benefit of the section, between the dates of April 1 and October 31 inclusive, with added monies, and/or commitments from the second party. The event will appear on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that eligible golf professionals will be invited to compete.

SANCTIONED:

Owned and conducted by a Second party who enters into an agreement with the section, pays a sanctioning fee, and invites section professionals to participate.

(i) Tier 1 Sanctioned Tournament:

(i) Tier 2 Sanctioned Tournament:

(i) Tier 3 Sanctioned Tournament:

***REGULATION:** Golf Tournaments approved by the section and conducted by a second party which are not "Sponsored," "Co-Sponsored," or "Recognized" events as described above will be required to pay the section a Sanctioning Fee to be put on the tournament schedule.*

Section 3. UNAPPROVED EVENTS

These are events that are owned by a second party *and conducted within the geographic boundaries of the section* during the Official Tournament Season with no endorsement by the section. These events will not appear on the Tournament Schedule.

***REGULATION:** In order to protect the integrity of the Section Tournament Schedule and its Co-Sponsors, any section member or apprentice desiring to participate in an Unapproved Event without prior approval from the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have violated these Tournament Rules & Regulations and the participating professional would be subject to disciplinary action as outlined herein. Any member who desires to play in an Unapproved Event must submit a written request seven (7) days prior to the date of the event to the section office (in care of the Tournament Committee). The Tournament Committee's decision to allow or deny the member's participation shall be final.*

Section 4. ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Assistants' Association is a subsidiary of the section and its mission is to create an environment, through education and training, which shall improve the skill level and effectiveness of the section assistant professionals in their career pursuits of obtaining head golf professional positions in the section job market.

The section Assistants' Association tournament schedule is open to Class A-8 PGA members and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices and section Pre-Apprentice as defined by section Bylaws. The Assistants' Association tournaments are subject to these same Tournament Rules & Regulations.

***REGULATION:** An annual Assistants' Association Membership Fee (AAMF) may be required to play in the series of Individual Pro events within the landscape of Assistants' Association tournament schedule, but not required for other tournaments the section conducts.*

***REGULATION:** The Assistants' Association shall submit its tournament schedule to the Tournament Committee for approval on or before August 1st of the preceding year. If a schedule is not submitted, there may be no changes from the preceding years schedule with the exception of sites and dates, the number of tournaments and their formats will stay the same.*

ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. PGA MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Tournament privileges are extended to section-affiliated PGA Class A (except Class A-3) Members, Life Members and Retired Members of the section in good standing per each tournament event eligibility requirements.

REGULATION: *PGA Members not affiliated with the section will not be permitted to participate in section tournaments unless specified on the Official Entry.*

REGULATION: *Section-affiliated PGA Inactive, Class F, Class A-3 and Suspended Members will not be permitted to participate in section tournaments unless specified on the Official Entry.*

Section 2. APPRENTICE ELIGIBILITY

Tournament playing privileges are extended to section-affiliated PGA Registered Apprentices who are *eligibly employed* as defined by PGA Bylaws per each tournament event eligibility requirements, which are defined as noted on tournament entry form.

Section 3. PRE-APPRENTICE ELIGIBILITY

Section Pre-Apprentices must be eligibly employed as defined by PGA Bylaws and must satisfy section Pre-Registration regulations. Playing privileges are extended on a limited basis as outlined below:

1. Assistants' Association Tournaments
2. Selected section tournaments as outlined on each tournament Official Entry.

**ARTICLE V
TOURNAMENTS**

Section 1. SECTION INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section Individual Championships are intended to be conducted annually. The sites and dates will be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 54-hole, stroke play competition conducted over three days; 18 holes each day. The field will be cut after 36-holes for the final round to low 36 players and ties, plus any competitor within seven (7) shots of the lead.

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing, on the date of the event.

(b) THE SECTION PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members per PGA of America, Professional National Championship regulations.

(c) SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing, who have reached the age of fifty, on or before the date of the event.

(d) ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Class A-8 Members in good standing and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices and Pre-Apprentices. Also serves as the PGA of America Assistant Championship section qualifier.

(e) MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

Contested over three days. Day 1 (Round of 64 followed by Round of 32); 18-holes each, match play. Day 2 (Round of 16, followed by Quarter Finals); 18-holes each, match play. Day 3 (Semi-Finals followed by Final Match); 18-holes each, match play.

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing on the date of the event.

***REGULATION:** The official Player of the Year Points list as of the registration deadline of the said event, shall determine seedings. The defending champion will receive the #1 seed.*

***REGULATION:** Players entering the championship with no Player of the Year Points will be seeded by blind draw, starting where that last point earner left off.*

(f) The Spring PGA Stroke Play

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

PGA Members only as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing.

Section 2. SECTION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section Team Championships are intended to be conducted annually. The sites and dates will be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) PROFESSIONAL-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

18-hole, four-ball stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Supervising Golf Professional as defined by PGA Bylaws and his/her Assistant Professional from the same golf facility. Teams shall consist of section-affiliated PGA Class A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-8, and A-14 Members; Registered Apprentices (A-A's only) and Pre-Apprentices in good standing on the date of the event. More than one team per facility may enter depending on availability.

(b) DEL KINNEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

18-hole, four-ball stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Teams shall consist of section-affiliated PGA members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing, and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices (whose team partner must be a PGA member as defined above). Competitors may choose their own partner, however, the top 30 Player Performance Points leaders as of 30 days prior to the tournament may not be on the same team. Anyone not on in the top 30 may form a team with any other eligible golf professional.

(c) PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

18-hole, four-ball stroke play competition (gross only)

Eligibility:

Teams shall consist of a section-affiliated PGA Class A member as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing and a member from the Professional's Recognized Golf Course. If the Golf Professional is not employed at a PGA Recognized Golf Course, the Amateur must have a USGA handicap that can be verified at a Golf Course with a PGA Professional.

Section 3. SECTION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section Junior Championships are intended to be conducted annually. The sites and dates will be determined jointly by the Junior Golf and Tournament Committees and approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) CONNECTICUT PGA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

The section shall follow the regulations established by the PGA of America.

Eligibility:

Junior boys and girls must be under 18 years of age as of the first day of the National Championship (PGA of America guidelines are followed).

(b) JACK KELLY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Format:

18-holes, Individual Stroke Play, girls & boys divisions.

Eligibility:

Junior Boys and Girls (age 13 - 17 on the day of the event) club/course champions of section-affiliated golf facilities where employment of PGA members or apprentices is established, and exemptions are also awarded to overall winners of events on the Section Junior Golf Tournament Schedule and state high school division champions. Additional exceptions are pre-determined by the Junior Golf Committee and denoted on the Official Entry.

Section 4. SECTION TOURNAMENTS

The section may elect, from time to time, to conduct or sponsor golf tournaments form with inside the boundaries of the section. The Tournament Committee upon approval from the Board of Directors shall have complete and final authority to decide as to what extent the section will be involved in such events.

REGULATION: Section Tournament Rules & Regulations are applied to these tournaments the section owns and operates.

Section 5. PRO-AM SERIES

The section conducts Pro-Amateur tournaments for the benefit of its members to compete and develop camaraderie with their golf course membership and players. The mission of the Pro-Am Series is to primarily serve those PGA members who are actively employed at Section PGA Recognized Golf Courses and their course playing patronage. The Series may be presented in one (1); two (2); or three (3) sessions.

(a) ELIGIBILITY

Professional Eligibility:

Professionals must be section-affiliated PGA Members in good standing as defined herein Article IV, Section 1. The *Priority Eligibility* for entry into any event is consistent with the mission of the Pro-Am Series.

REGULATION: *As a condition of Team Entry, all amateurs team members must be comprised of Home Course Amateurs from the competing professional's PGA Recognized Golf Course. Under extenuating circumstances when a professional cannot fulfill this request, he/she must notify the host professional to obtain a host golf facility amateur(s). If the host golf facility does not have amateurs available, the professional then, and only then, may seek to obtain an amateur(s) from any other golf facility where a section-affiliated PGA Member is employed provided that the amateur's head golf professional is notified in advance of the event as a courtesy. Failure to provide this courtesy is subject to disciplinary action outlined herein.*

REGULATION: *As a condition of Team Entry, Amateur Team Members shall be furnished by the host golf club for professionals who are either (1) PGA Class A-6 & A-8 Members who are eligibly-employed at PGA Recognized Golf Ranges and Indoor Golf Facilities; (2) PGA Life Members; (3) PGA unaffiliated Members; and (4) PGA Class A-2, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-12, and A-14 Members. These professionals will not be permitted to field their own team of amateurs, unless the host club cannot (or does not wish to) provide amateurs. In cases where host club amateurs are not available, these professionals will be permitted to fill their team with any eligible amateur as long as that amateur's golf course head golf professional is notified in advance (see Regulation above).*

REGULATION: *Professionals with incomplete amateur teams in Pro-Ams are responsible for the entire team entry fee*

Amateur Eligibility:

Amateurs must have reached their 18th birthday by the tournament in order to participate. Amateurs must have an established, valid and current USGA approved handicap index. All amateurs must have their handicaps computed by the GHIN computation service.

REGULATION: *Amateurs establishing more than one handicap at different golf courses must use their lowest established handicap. The professional is responsible for the authenticity of his/her amateur partners' handicaps (Amateurs should be encouraged to present their handicap card at the registration table).*

REGULATION: *Amateurs establishing a handicap that is not computed by the GHIN computation service must compete in the event with a "0.0" handicap index.*

REGULATION: *An Amateur is limited to play in no more than one Pro-Am Series tournaments each season with a PGA Professional who's employment affiliation is different from the home course where said amateur maintains his/her active handicap (excluding the season-ending Pro-Am Series Team Championship).*

(b) REGISTRATION

REGULATION: *Registration in a Pro-Am Series event does not guarantee entry.*

(c) SUBSCRIPTION

The Pro-Am Series events are limited in terms of the number of teams that can compete, so a field size for each event is established.

REGULATION: *The professional to play with a sponsor team shall come from the priority of the wait list of that tournament (if a wait list is present). The tournament Committee holds the right to have any member play with the said sponsor team.*

REGULATION: *All facilities that host a Pro-Am event will receive an exempt spot into all Pro-Am series events for the current year. A PGA member at the facility must fill the exemption. Exempt spots will receive first starting time preference at each Pro-Am.*

(c) FORMAT

Gross and net combined scoring will be used for all Pro-Am Series Events (two best balls of four) with the exception of the Pro-Am at Ellington Ridge Country Club which will be gross only (two best balls of four).

Over Subscribed:

The number of professionals entering the event that exceeds the available spots.

***REGULATION:** Time of registration, from earliest to latest determines the order in which properly registered professionals receive their starting time preference. In the event of an Over Subscribed Pro-Am, time of registration, from earliest to latest determines the order in which properly registered professionals receive their starting time preference.*

***REGULATION:** Each Pro-Am event will open exactly thirty (30) days prior to the Pro-Am event date.*

***REGULATION:** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to hold a minimum of three team entries for each Pro-Am Series event for the benefit of the Title and Presenting sponsor. In such instances where a title and presenting sponsors team is participating, the above eligibility regulations do not apply to that invited team.*

***REGULATION:** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to provide the host professional and section-affiliated professionals in good standing as defined by PGA Bylaws of the host facility first priority in registering for their Pro-Am event.*

Under Subscribed:

The number of professionals entering the event is less than the available spots.

***REGULATION:** In Under Subscribed tournaments, professionals may enter a tournament up until the Friday before the event by calling the Tournament Program Director and confirming their commitment to play.*

***REGULATION:** Apprentices may register for an Under Subscribed Pro-Am Series event after the deadline by contacting the Tournament Program Director.*

Section 6. PGA TOUR & AFFILIATE QUALIFIERS

All PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour events and qualifiers will be assured a date on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that no Sponsored or Co-Sponsored section tournament will conflict.

Section 7. PGA OF AMERICA TOURNAMENTS AND QUALIFIERS

Events conducted by the PGA of America, and the section qualifiers for such events will be placed on the Tournament Schedule. Section members who meet eligibility requirements will be permitted to enter and participate in these events:

- (a) PGA ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER
- (b) THE PGA OF AMERICA, SENIOR PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER
- (c) THE PGA OF AMERICA, PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- (d) TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**ARTICLE VI
TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND WITHDRAWALS**

Section 1. OFFICIAL ENTRY

Unless otherwise specified, registration into Connecticut Section PGA Sponsored member tournaments will take place online at www.ctpga.com Unless specifically required in entry information, all payment should be made payable to the Connecticut Section PGA.

(a) ENTRY FEE

The Entry Fee for each tournament will be specified on the Official Entry.

REGULATION: *The entry fee for the Pro-Am events will be \$390.00 including golf car fees for a Pro and Three Am; and \$200.00 for a Pro and One Am. A deposit of \$50.00 is required to enter all Pro-Am Series events before the deadline. After the deadline a \$25 late fee will be added to the deposit, for any participants that would like to enter the tournament late. All participants will be required to pay the remaining balance of their entry fee the day of the Pro-Am.*

REGULATION: *Under no circumstances will an Official Entry and/or Entry Fee be accepted outside of the section office for delivery by section staff or personnel. The only entry fee that will be accepted on-site is for the Pro-Am Series events.*

REGULATION: *Entry fees must be paid by check, money order, or credit card (no cash will be accepted by the section office or at a Pro-Am Series event). One check or amount to be billed to a credit card for multiple events will be accepted.*

REGULATION: *In circumstances where a professional is allowed to enter a tournament after the deadline and payment has not been received, or an entry is received with no payment by the due date, a \$25 late fee is added and the entire entry and late fee must be paid in full before the professional would be permitted to participate in any future tournaments.*

REGULATION: *In circumstances where a professional elects to register for an event using the Event Registration Form, and not registering online, a \$20 surcharge is added and the entire entry must be paid in full before the professional would be permitted to participate in any future tournaments.*

Section 2. ENTRY DEADLINE

The Official Entry deadline for each section event will be stipulated within the Tournament section of the Member Services Handbook. The Entry Fee must accompany Official Entry by the deadline date. Such entries will take place online, be mailed or hand delivered to the section office.

REGULATION: *Official Entries will not be accepted after the deadline without the consent of the Tournament Committee or Tournament Chairperson.*

REGULATION: *All late entries must be completed four (4) days prior to the Pro-Am by 12:00 noon, (Thursday at 12:00 noon for a Monday Pro-Am).*

REGULATION: *The host assistant professional can only accept official entries for the Assistants' Association Individual Pro Series events after the deadline. The above late fee policy shall apply.*

Section 3. STARTING TIMES

The Starting Times for all section tournaments will be made at the section office under the auspices of the Tournament Chairperson. Starting times will be made available by calling either the section or the host professional within a few days after the tournament entry deadline. Starting times can also be found online at www.ctpga.com. In certain instances, starting times will be mailed to competitors. In certain events specified on the tournament entry, professionals may request a preferred starting time. Preferred starting times cannot be guaranteed, but a time will be assigned as close to the requested time using the Priority Eligibility of the Pro-Am Series as a means of honoring requests.

REGULATION: *Starting Times or Player Pairings for Pro-Am Series events, will be posted on the section website, at least one week prior to the event.*

Section 4. WITHDRAWAL

If a professional wishes to withdraw from a tournament, he/she must inform both the section office and the host professional of his/her intention to withdraw. A full refund, less 10% (see Refunds) will be granted if the professional withdraws before the entry deadline. If the professional withdraws after the deadline, he/she may submit a Request for a Refund to the section office, which is forwarded to the Tournament Committee for consideration of refund. This request must arrive in the section office within five (5) days of the conclusion of the event.

If a professional wishes to withdraw from a Pro-Am Series event, the professional must inform the Tournament Program Director at least four (4) days prior to the Pro-Am by 12:00 noon, (Thursday at 12:00 noon for a Monday Pro-Am).

***REGULATION:** If a professional withdraws from a Pro-Am Series event after the withdrawal deadline, the professional would be subject to a first offense fine of \$200.00 (Pro-3am) or \$100 (Pro-1am); and a second offense fine of \$200.00 (Pro-3am) or \$100 (Pro-1am), plus a suspension of section playing privileges for thirty (30) days during a period specified by the Tournament Committee. The professional may not submit a Request for Refund under these circumstances.*

Section 5. ALTERNATE PROFESSIONALS

In the case of a professional withdrawal from an over-subscribed Pro-Am Series event, the Tournament Director will contact the next professional eligible on the waiting list per the Priority Eligibility guidelines.

Section 6. REFUNDS

BEFORE THE DEADLINE

If a professional wishes to obtain a refund for any entry paid prior to the entry deadline, he/she should contact the section office prior to the deadline to confirm tournament withdrawal. In such instances, a full refund will be returned, less 10% which will be retained by the section for administrative purposes.

AFTER THE DEADLINE

If a professional wishes to withdraw after the deadline of any tournament, a written Request for Refund must be submitted to the Tournament Chairman in care of the section office within five (5) days of the conclusion of said event. Under no circumstances will a refund be sent to a member who withdraws from any tournament after the deadline for said entry unless there is a reasonable cause. If the reasonable cause is accepted and approved by the Tournament Committee, a full refunded will be returned, less 10% which will be retained by the section for administrative purposes.

***REGULATION:** The Tournament Committee shall have full authority to determine the just cause of tournament withdrawal after the deadline. The decision of the Tournament Committee to deny refund for said withdrawal might be appealed to the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.*

**ARTICLE VII
TOURNAMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Section 1. PAIRINGS AND STARTING TIMES PROCEDURES

Pairings and starting times published by the section office shall be final. Any changes must receive approval from the Tournament Chairperson.

The player shall be ready to start at his/her designated time. All participants will check in at the registration area immediately upon arrival at the tournament site. The following policy is in affect:

- (a) The player shall start at the time laid down by the committee.
- (b) If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.
- (c) In Pro-Am Series Competition, a competitor disqualified for arriving more than five (5) minutes after his/her starting time will be permitted to continue to compete in the team competition.

1st offense - 2 stroke penalty/Disqualification from Individual Pro Competition

2nd offense - 2 stroke penalty/Disqualification from Individual Pro Competition and a \$50 fine

3rd offense - 2 stroke penalty/Disqualification from Individual Pro Competition and a \$100 fine

4th offense - 2 stroke penalty/Disqualification from Individual Pro Competition and a \$250 fine

Note: These offenses are in effect for a calendar year.

Section 2. DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY

The policy for discontinuance of play shall be consistent with Rule 6-8, USGA Rules of Golf. A competitor shall not discontinue play because of inclement weather, unless he/she considers there is danger from lightning, or some other reason, such as sudden illness or injury which the Tournament Director/Coordinator or Host Professional considers justifiable. In the event that conditions warrant delay of play or, if the course is determined to be unfit for play, the Tournament Director/Coordinator and/or Host Professional may authorize suspension of play by signaling such suspension by the sounding of a horn or siren, in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.

Section 3. CANCELLATION

The Host golf course superintendent will have the final say as to whether an event is canceled or postponed because of inclement weather or course conditions. If an event is cancelled due to weather, or other adverse conditions, the following policies will apply.

- (a) **REFUND POLICY:** Any player on the course at the time the tournament is canceled shall be refunded his/her entry fee less any golf car fees and Administration fees. Golf car fees will be refunded based on host golf facility policy. Administrative fees will consist of 15% of the entry fees.
- (b) **COMPLETED TOURNAMENT:** If at least half the field in a one-day event has completed the round, the competition will be considered complete and the prize distribution shall be computed based on the number of participants who have posted scores.

REGULATION: *The following cancellation procedures will apply for all tournaments.*

One Day, 18, 27, or 36-hole events will be rescheduled at a later date.

- i) If at least 18-holes are completed by the entire field, and play is subsequently cancelled, the tournament reverts to an 18-hole event.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Two Day, 54-hole event.

- i) If the final round is rained out, the results will be based on the standings of the first two rounds.
- ii) First day rained out: The tournament becomes a one day 36 hole event.
- iii) The Committee depending upon weather and the facilities availability will make every attempt to complete the tournament.

Two Day, 36-hole event.

- i) 1st day rained out: Tournament reverts to an 18 hole event with the second round to be played as scheduled.
- ii) 2nd day rained out: Tournament reverts to an 18-hole event with the final results being based on the standings of the 1st round.

REGULATION: Guidelines for Tournament Director/Coordinator or Host Professional

- 1) When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round.
- 2) Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled.
- 3) In the event of a suspension during the final round, the round shall be cancelled if more than half the field is unable to complete the round. If more than half the field completes the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. Consideration of this procedure would depend upon availability of the golf course. If the round cannot be completed, scores will revert back to the previous round.

Section 4. PACE OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf require that a player shall play at all times without undue delay (Rule 6-7). The Rules Committee, the Tournament Director/Coordinator and/or their designated representative will handle the administration of pace of play. All information should be referred to the Tournament Director/Coordinator immediately upon completion of the round. In performance of these duties, the Tournament Director/Coordinator and/or representative shall not be subject to any abuse, oral or otherwise.

(a) DEFINITIONSOut of Position

A group or competitor is deemed to be out of position when they have exceeded 14 minutes per hole or a 2 hour and 6 minute allotment for 9-holes (4 hours, 12 minutes for 18 holes).

Undue Delay

A Competitor "Out of Position" shall be subject to penalty if during the round, he/she takes 40 seconds to complete his/her swing. If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, he/she will then be cautioned that if he/she exceeds the time limit on one more occasion, (total of 2), he/she will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke, under Rule 6-7. If a player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), he/she will incur an additional two-stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification.

REGULATION: Procedures for Undue Delay

- i) Officials will use discretion concerning pace of play of early groups. All groups will be expected to play at a reasonable pace. The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any place during the round, the group is behind the allotted time to play. The following group will be considered out of position if it, (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play and, (b) reaches the tee on a par 4 or par 5 that is clear of all players. A group out of position will be notified that they are out of position and will be subject to individual timing.

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- ii) The timing of a player's stroke will begin when a player has reached his/her ball and it is clearly his/her turn to play. A player will be allowed a maximum of 40 seconds to complete his/her stroke.
Note: an additional 10 seconds will be allowed for; a) the first to play from the teeing ground on a par 3 hole, b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole, c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole, or d) the first player to play on or around the putting green. Time spent selecting a club and other preparation in preparing to play will count as time taken for the next stroke.
- iii) If a player exceeds the time limit on one occasion, he/she will immediately be cautioned that if he/she exceeds the time limit on the next occasion, he/she will automatically incur a penalty under Rule 6-7 of one (1) stroke.
- iv) If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four times the penalty is disqualification.
- v) All players in a group out of position shall be notified they are being timed and observed. Notification to a group out of position will be given after all players have left the teeing ground and prior to playing any subsequent strokes. Being out of position does not necessarily imply slow play. It is relevant that there be no future undue delay when a group is out of position.
- vi) Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Times previously recorded that have exceeded the limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.
- vii) Any player who is penalized shall immediately be informed after playing from the teeing ground from the next hole, or in the event of a penalty during play of the last hole of the round, in the scoring area.
- viii) Professionals playing in events with invited amateurs are responsible for the amateurs' pace of play.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 6-7

| | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| First Offense | Warning |
| Second Offense | One (1) Stroke Penalty |
| Third Offense | Two (2) Stroke Penalty |
| Fourth Offense | Disqualification |

REGULATION: *The tournament committee will present multiple occurrences of pace of play to the Board of Directors. Offenders will be subject to fine or suspension of Playing Privileges.*

Section 5. GOLF CARS AND CADDIES

The use of motorized Golf Cars will be mandatory at section tournament sites unless otherwise specified on the tournament entry.

REGULATION: *A player may not carry his/her own clubs during Connecticut Section PGA events unless specified on the entry form. If a player has employed a caddie during the round, it is not a requirement that the caddie carry the players clubs. The clubs may be transported by golf car. At no time will both the player and the caddie be allowed to ride together in a golf car during a stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition is as follows – (Stroke Play) First offence will result in a warning, all other offences, two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round; four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. (Match Play) At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match shall be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred. Maximum deduction per round; two holes.*

REGULATION: *Competitors will be permitted to take a caddie only if the host club's policy permits them to do so and the Official Entry specifies permission.*

REGULATION: *If a competitor chooses to take a caddie, when permitted, the player will not receive a refund for any golf car fees included in the entry fee.*

**Section 6. Non-Metal/Spikeless Golf Shoes Requirements /
Release of Liability**

REGULATION: Ban on the Use of Metal Spikes: The section, as a condition of competition, require all competitors at a "Host Club" that has a ban on the use of Metal Spikes to wear spikeless/non-metal golf shoes. Disclaimer: This requirement is a policy of the Host Club and is not a policy of the Connecticut Section. The use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes may result in the participant slipping on wet or damp surfaces (inclusive of but not necessarily limited to turf areas, wooden areas such as bridges and pathways, etc.) and reduced traction on non-level areas of the golf course. All participants hereby acknowledge that potential dangers relative to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes have been disclosed to participant and participant agrees to assume the risk of sustaining an injury arising from or attributable to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the Host Club's premises. The participant here releases the section and section's officers, directors, members, employees, successors, and the assigns (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims for loss or damage, inclusive of but not limited to personal injury, whether or not caused by participant's use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the Host Club's premises in connection with the tournament. The consideration for this release is the permission granted by section to the participant to participate in the golf tournament. This release binds not only the participant, but also the participant's spouse, heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

ARTICLE VIII COMPETITION

Section 1. RULES OF PLAY

All tournaments conducted by the section shall be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Except in unusual circumstances, the ball shall be played as it lies.

All matters of administration, conditions of play, and conduct of play shall be administered under the authority of the section Tournament Committee.

In addition to the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association, the following policies and procedures will be enforced in all section sponsored and co-sponsored events:

- (a) In an effort to protect the integrity and promote the true intention of the game of golf, every attempt will be made to play the ball as it lies in all section sponsored and co-sponsored events regardless of the different conditions that may exist throughout the section.
- (b) For all play in the Connecticut Section PGA, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designated to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), that play is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
- (c) A professional competitor who is disqualified and/or does not turn in a completed scorecard from an event after he/she begins play will remain in the team competition in a Pro-Am Series event.

Section 2. COMPETITION

The amateurs will play at 80% of their handicap to determine net scores in Pro and Three Ams. In Pro and One Am competitions, amateurs will be allowed 100% of their handicaps. In both instances, the maximum "net" handicap allowance is 18 strokes for all participants. In competitions where the entire field of amateurs is women, the maximum "net" handicap allowance is 36 strokes.

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REGULATION: *Women Professional Tees: In accordance with the PGA of America policy for women professional competitors the separate-tee, same-purse policy shall apply. Women's tees will be set not more than 90% of the length of men's tees and men and women professionals will compete for the same purse.*

REGULATION: *All Connecticut Section events that offer special exemptions into other events such as PGA Tour competitions require female PGA Professionals to compete from the same tees as their male counterparts.*

REGULATION: *Female Handicaps: In any tournament where males and females are in the same competition, women amateurs shall play from forward tees and the same rules of handicaps shall apply.*

REGULATION: *All events that are conducted and sponsored by the Connecticut PGA will be played under the rules of the USGA and the Connecticut Section PGA Hard Card.*

**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.*

- I. 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.

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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.

ARTICLE X CONDUCT

Section 1. PROFESSIONAL DRESS CODE

All male professionals shall wear collared shirts and slacks and shall not wear shorts anywhere on host golf club property. Women professionals may wear capri pants, walking, or golf shorts that constitute acceptable clothing worn by women. All professionals must present a neat appearance in both clothing and grooming.

***REGULATION:** The section dress code applies to all Sanctioned tournaments. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action.*

Section 2. AMATEUR DRESS CODE

It is the responsibility of section competing professionals to inform amateurs of the dress code. Amateurs shall wear shirts with collars, slacks or Bermuda shorts. Jeans, denim is not acceptable.

Section 3. CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

Each PGA of America Member or Apprentice Participant (“Participant”) in a Section golf tournament acknowledges the right and authority of the Section to (i) fine and suspend from tournament play; and/or to (ii) fine and permanently bar the Participant from Section tournaments, per the PGA of America Code of Ethics Regulations, Section IV – Code of Ethics Procedures, Section Tournament Policy.

In addition, the Tournament Committee shall reserve the right to interpret the conduct of professionals at all section events. Professionals witnessing Section defined Conduct Violations have a responsibility to bring the matter to the attention of the Tournament Committee or Tournament Director. Violations of Conduct can be interpreted as being PGA Code of Ethics violations and if breached, sectional professionals will be subject to a fine and or suspension.

Violation of PGA of America Section Tournament Policy can include but is not limited to the following:

(a) Intentional and/or malicious damages to the golf course, clubhouse, facilities, golf facility equipment and/or golf cars.

- (b) Intentional throwing, breaking or destruction of golf clubs.
- (c) Loud, profane, crude and/or abusive language deemed to be offensive to spectators, participants and/or the Tournament Committee.
- (d) Violation of any rule and/or regulation of the host golf facility.
- (e) Cheating in any form.
- (f) Participation in an Unsanctioned event that conflicts with a Sanctioned event without Tournament Committee approval.
- (g) Supplying false and inaccurate handicap information for amateurs.
- (h) During a stipulated round, consumption of any type of alcohol while participating in a Connecticut Section PGA sponsored event.
- (i) The use of cellular telephones or any similar cellular telecommunications equipment of the golf course during tournament rounds is prohibited except for a medical emergency.
- (j) Non-discretionary use of chewing tobacco, snuff, and sunflower seeds while on golf course property during a tournament is prohibited

Section 4. COMPLAINTS

Complaints, constructive criticism and suggestions regarding section tournaments shall be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee Chairman (special forms are available from the Tournament Director at all section tournament sites). Professionals are requested not to voice any grievance at the tournament site. The Tournament Committee is charged with interpreting the matters, and will review all properly submitted complaints.

**ARTICLE XI
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Section 1. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If, in the course of entering or participating in a golf tournament Sanctioned by the section, any section-affiliated professional violates any of the provisions of the Tournament Rules and Regulations or conducts themselves in a manner likely to injure or discredit the reputation or standing of the Association, section or any members, he/she shall become liable to a fine and or suspension, consistent with the policies and procedures defined per the PGA of America Code of Ethics Regulations, Section IV – Code of Ethics Procedures, Section Tournament Policy.

APPENDIX I

HOST PRO DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Host Professional for each section sponsored or co-sponsored event shall be held responsible for providing the golf course facilities and services normally required by contestants to insure that participation in the tournament is enjoyable.

Section 1. COURSE PREPARATION

- (a) All Tournaments shall be played under the Rules of Golf of the USGA, supplemented by any Local Rule approved by the Tournament Committee.
- (b) For the Pro-Am Series, the regular tees shall be utilized in all events. Yardage between 6,250 to 6,500 yards is highly recommended. Forward tees shall also be set that are consistent with the host club's policy for setting women's tees in the event women amateurs are competing.
- (c) Hole locations should be fair and equitable. The USGA recommendation for hole locations shall be adhered to as follows:

The area of two to three feet around the cup should be flat, but does not have to be exactly level. The hole location should be placed, if possible, at least five paces from the edge of the surface especially prepared for putting, and at a greater distance if approach to the green is over a bunker or hazard.

- (d) In the event there are women professional competitors, a set of tees shall be set at no more than 90% of the total course length set for men in the competition.

Section 2. PRE-TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Work with the Club Manager/Owner to ensure the following: (1) availability of locker room; (2) available hours of operation of the grillroom are posted (these shall be clearly posted for the competitors); and (3) coffee and donuts are available at the expense of the host professional (for the Pro-Am Series events only).
- (b) Work with the Course Superintendent on the above Section 1.
- (c) For the Pro-Am Series, communicate with the section office prior to your event to confirm any changes in the professional field. All entries must be filled by eligible professionals and the section's waiting list, if applicable, shall be followed. Ascertain which professionals in your field are eligibly employed at PGA Recognized Golf Courses and which ones are not. Host professionals shall contact the non-course professionals to inform them of whether or not host golf course amateurs will be provided or if permission will be granted to field their own team of amateurs.
- (d) Make sure there are an adequate supply of golf cars and/or caddies
- (e) Be knowledgeable of all tournament regulations pertaining to the Pro-Am Series or other event of which you are hosting.

Section 3. TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITY

- (a) Shop must be open one (1) hour before the first tee time; and one and one half-hour before a shotgun start.
- (b) Prepare area and have supplies available for the Field Staff (Registration area; Scoring area, Banner & Signs area). Provide access for both electric and telephone outlets.
- (c) For the Pro-Am Series, have coffee and donuts available.
- (d) For the Pro-Am Series, the host professional or his/her representative must be on sight and available all day for rules decisions (the professional and/or staff are responsible for all rules decisions at the site).
- (e) Prepare typed Local Rules Sheet to accompany Official Section Rules; including but not limited to information on food availability and course conditions, tees to be used, and golf car regulations.

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- (f) Provide as much staff as possible to service the participants in making the event first class, including but not limited to golf bag help, starters, volunteers, spotters, and rangers.
- (g) In the event of threatening weather, a committee of the host professional, the tournament director/ coordinator, and the course superintendent will make decisions concerning possible delay or cancellation (see Article VII).

APPENDIX II TOURNAMENT POINT SYSTEM

Section 1. PLAYER PERFORMANCE POINTS

Player Performance Points are awarded to section-affiliated PGA members for section-affiliated professional place finish. In the following events, the number of points awarded is outlined below:

TIER I:

| PLACE | Connecticut PGA Championship | Section Professional Championship | The Connecticut Open (CSGA)* |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | 100 | 75 | 50* |
| 2. | 75 | 60 | 45 |
| 3. | 60 | 55 | 40 |
| 4. | 50 | 45 | 35 |
| 5. | 45 | 40 | 30 |
| 6. | 40 | 35 | 25 |
| 7. | 39 | 30 | 20 |
| 8. | 38 | 29 | 19 |
| 9. | 37 | 28 | 18 |
| 10. | 36 | 27 | 17 |
| 11. | 35 | 26 | 16 |
| 12. | 34 | 25 | 15 |
| 13. | 33 | 24 | 14 |
| 14. | 32 | 23 | 13 |
| 15. | 31 | 22 | 12 |
| 16. | 30 | 21 | 11 |
| 17. | 29 | 20 | 10 |
| 18. | 28 | 19 | 9 |
| 19. | 27 | 18 | 8 |
| 20. | 26 | 17 | |
| 21. | 25 | 16 | |
| 22. | 24 | 15 | |
| 23. | 23 | 14 | |
| 24. | 22 | 13 | |
| 25. | 21 | 12 | |
| 26. | 20 | 11 | |
| 27. | 19 | 10 | |
| 28. | 18 | 9 | |
| 29. | 17 | 8 | |
| 30. | 16 | 7 | |
| Cut | 15 | | |

* The Connecticut Open: An additional 10 points awarded to all competitors that complete the first two rounds (excludes all WD, DNS, NC, and DQ). Connecticut PGA Professional that wins will receive an additional 25 bonus.

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Match Play Championship

65-(Champion), 50-(Runner-Up), 40-(Semi-Finalists), 20-(Quarter-Finalists), 10-(Round of 16), 5-(Round of 32)

TIER 2:

| PLACE | Spring PGA Stroke Play | Walter Lowell PGA Tournament |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | 75 | 40 |
| 2. | 60 | 30 |
| 3. | 55 | 27 |
| 4. | 45 | 25 |
| 5. | 40 | 23 |
| 6. | 35 | 21 |
| 7. | 30 | 19 |
| 8. | 29 | 17 |
| 9. | 28 | 15 |
| 10. | 27 | 13 |
| 11. | 26 | 11 |
| 12. | 25 | 10 |
| 13. | 24 | 9 |
| 14. | 23 | 8 |
| 15. | 22 | 7 |
| 16. | 21 | 6 |
| 17. | 20 | 5 |
| 18. | 19 | 4 |
| 19. | 18 | 3 |
| 20. | 17 | 2 |
| 21. | 16 | 1 |
| 22. | 15 | |
| 23. | 14 | |
| 24. | 13 | |
| 25. | 12 | |
| 26. | 11 | |
| 27. | 10 | |
| 28. | 9 | |
| 29. | 8 | |
| 30. | 7 | |
| | | |

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TIER 3:

| PLACE | Manchester Open | Western Mass. Open |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | 25* | 25* |
| 2. | 22 | 22 |
| 3. | 20 | 20 |
| 4. | 17 | 17 |
| 5. | 15 | 15 |
| 6. | 12 | 12 |
| 7. | 10 | 10 |
| 8. | 9 | 9 |
| 9. | 8 | 8 |
| 10. | 7 | 7 |
| 11. | 6 | 6 |
| 12. | 5 | 5 |
| 13. | 4 | 4 |
| 14. | 3 | 3 |
| 15. | 2 | 2 |
| 16. | 1 | 1 |
| | *10 bonus pts. for win | *10 bonus pts. for win |

TIER 4:

MGA Massachusetts Open: Connecticut PGA Professional that wins the MGA Massachusetts Open Championship receives 25 bonus points.

U.S. Open: Alternate-15; Qualify for Regional-25; Qualify for Open-50; Make cut-100 (Cumulative)

Qualify for Travelers Championship: 25 points

Travelers Championship: Make cut-50

PGA Championship: Qualify-80, Make cut-100, Win-500

The National PGA Professional Championship: Qualify-10, Make cut-25; Win-100

PGA Tour: Qualify for event-25; Win event-150

Qualify for New England Open: 10 points

Section 2. SENIOR PLAYER PERFORMANCE POINTS

Senior Points are awarded to section-affiliated senior professionals at the following senior-only designated events for section-affiliated professional place-finish. All points won by seniors in Section I will carryover to senior player performance points.

| PLACE | Senior Connecticut PGA Championship | Connecticut Senior Open |
|-------|--|----------------------------|
| 1. | 75 | 75 |
| 2. | 60 | 60 |
| 3. | 50 | 50 |
| 4. | 45 | 45 |
| 5. | 40 | 40 |
| 6. | 35 | 35 |
| 7. | 30 | 30 |
| 8. | 25 | 25 |
| 9. | 20 | 20 |
| 10. | 15 | 15 |

Senior PGA Professional National Championship Qualifier

25, 20, 15, 12, 10, 8, 5 (all players that participate will receive 5 points)

**If Sr. PGA Professional National Championship and Sr. PGA Championship are held at the same time, these points will not be used but the qualifier(s) for the Sr. PGA Professional National Championship will receive five (5) bonus points.

| PLACE | Manchester Open* | Western Mass Open* |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 20 | 20 |
| 2. | 15 | 15 |
| 3. | 13 | 13 |
| 4. | 11 | 11 |
| 5. | 9 | 9 |
| 6. | 8 | 8 |
| 7. | 7 | 7 |
| 8. | 6 | 6 |
| 9. | 5 | 5 |
| 10. | 4 | 4 |

*Manchester Open and Western Mass Open points are awarded only if the Tournament offers a Senior Division.

The following points will be awarded to seniors in special events listed below:

U.S. Senior Open: Qualifying-25; Make cut-50 (Cumulative)

Senior PGA Professional National Championship: Make cut-25

PGA Senior Championship: Qualifying-25; Make cut-50 (Cumulative)

APPENDIX III

PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR PRIZE BREAKDOWN TABLE

Section 1. PROFESSIONAL PRIZE BREAKDOWN

For Pro-Ams; Championships & all section events the following prizes percentage breakdown applies for professional prizes (paid to approximately 20% of the field).

| <u>Pros entered</u> | <u>60+</u> | <u>55-59</u> | <u>50-54</u> | <u>45-49</u> | <u>40-44</u> | <u>35-39</u> | <u>25-34</u> |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | 18% | 18% | 19% | 21% | 22% | 22% | 22% |
| 2. | 15% | 16% | 17% | 18% | 19% | 20% | 20% |
| 3. | 13% | 13% | 14% | 15% | 15% | 18% | 18% |
| 4. | 10% | 10% | 11% | 11% | 13% | 14% | 14% |
| 5. | 9% | 9% | 9% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| 6. | 8% | 8% | 8% | 9% | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| 7. | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| 8. | 6% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 5% | | |
| 9. | 5% | 5% | 5% | 4% | | | |
| 10. | 4% | 4% | 4% | | | | |
| 11. | 3% | 4% | | | | | |
| 12. | 2% | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

In the Pro-Am Series events only, the following prize percentage breakdown applies for professional prizes (paid to approximately 20% of the field), regardless of the number of professionals entered:

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Payout Percentage</u> |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | 18% |
| 2. | 15% |
| 3. | 13% |
| 4. | 10% |
| 5. | 9% |
| 6. | 8% |
| 7. | 7% |
| 8. | 6% |
| 9. | 5% |
| 10. | 4% |
| 11. | 3% |
| 12. | 2% |
| TOTAL | 100% |

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

In addition to the breakdown on the preceding page, the following shall be used for professional prizes in Assistants' Association Individual Pro events only.

| <u>Pros entered</u> | <u>36+</u> | <u>35 - 26</u> | <u>25 or Less</u> |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | 16% | 19% | 22% |
| 2. | 13% | 17% | 20% |
| 3. | 11% | 14% | 18% |
| 4. | 10% | 11% | 14% |
| 5. | 9% | 9% | 10% |
| 6. | 8% | 8% | 9% |
| 7. | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| 8. | 6% | 6% | |
| 9. | 5% | 5% | |
| 10. | 4% | 4% | |
| 11. | 3.5% | | |
| 12. | 3% | | |
| 13. | 2.5% | | |
| 14. | 2% | | |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | |

Section 2. PRO AM SERIES TEAM PRIZE BREAKDOWN

For section Pro-Am events the following prize percentage breakdown applies for team prizes.

GROSS AND NET COMBINED

| | <u>45+ Teams</u> | <u>44 Teams or Less</u> |
|-------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | 18.0% | 18.0% |
| 2. | 15.0% | 16.0% |
| 3. | 13.0% | 14.0% |
| 4. | 10.0% | 12.0% |
| 5. | 9.0% | 10.0% |
| 6. | 8.0% | 8.0% |
| 7. | 7.0% | 7.0% |
| 8. | 6.0% | 6.0% |
| 9. | 5.0% | 5.0% |
| 10. | 4.0% | 4.0% |
| 11. | 3.0% | |
| 12. | 2.0% | |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% |