

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I • GENERAL RULES

Section 1 RULES OF PLAY

- A. U.S.G.A. and WNYPGA Rules Sheet will govern all play.
- B. The Tournament Committee may make and publish Local Rules for abnormal conditions if they are consistent with the policy of the U.S.G.A. Local Rules set forth in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf.

Section 2 CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics will be strictly adhered to in relation to all tournament activities. Generally accepted attire is to be worn during events held within Section boundaries (no shorts or jeans). Alcohol and drug abuse is also considered a violation. Proper attire is also required at all functions following section events.

Section 3 PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY

- A. All members of the Section with the classification of A-1, A-2, A-4 to A-24 and Life Members are eligible to play in Section Events. A-3's are only eligible to play in Section Pro Am Events.
- B. Professionals who are employed at clubs outside the limits of our Section will not be eligible to play in any Section events, with the exception of those Invitational events that qualify.
- C. Only apprentices who are accumulating credits in the Apprentice Program and employed on a 40 hour per week full time basis are eligible to participate in Section events. Proof of employment is required.
- D. Any PGA Member who is a tournament sponsor may be invited by the tournament committee to play in that tournament.
- E. Entry into limited field regular Pro-Am's will be made first available to eligible members until 14 days prior to the scheduled event. After that, any openings will be made available to any section apprentice in good standing based on the order of entry.

Section 4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST PROFESSIONAL

- A. The Host Professional must have a Local Rules sheet prepared and each participating player must make an effort to secure a copy and make himself aware of all Local Rules. The Tournament Committee will work with all Host Professionals to insure that all necessary rules are stated.
- B. The Host Professional must be sure that the golf course is properly defined and provide hole location sheets. If needed they may request assistance from the Tournament Committee.
- C. The Host Professional is responsible to submit the tournament results to the Executive Director for any scheduled Section sponsored or co-sponsored event within two (2) days after the completion of the event. It shall include a score for each Professional that participated.
- D. Prize money will be given to the Executive Director or his appointed representative on the day of the event by the Host Professional. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the tournament reservation date for the following year.

- E. A complete written report must be submitted to the Executive Director by those Members and Apprentices who conduct a tournament, not on the Section Tournament Schedule, where there is a Section Member and/or Apprentice participation.
- F. Caddie and cart fees will be determined by the club hosting that event.
- G. The Host Professional is required to provide the Executive Director with a cart, for rule decisions and pace of play.

Section 5 PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. It is mandatory for Section Professionals to obtain the use of a golf car or caddie, if either is available, in Section Pro-Am, Pro-Pro, and Championship events
- B. A professional must cancel out of any event 72 hours in advance or forfeit his entry fee.
(Also see Article VII.)

Section 6 DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES AND APPEALS

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. Any Participant in a Section event hereby releases the PGA of America Section, the PGA of America, the PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., rules officials, each director, officer, member, employee, agent or representative of any of the foregoing jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, arising out of or in connection with any such decision or action by the Section, PGA of America or any appellate body.

Fines are due and payable within thirty (30) days unless the Participant has made a written appeal. Should the appeal be denied, the fine will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of such denial of appeal; and the Participant will be ineligible to participate in any Section tournament and any other PGA of America tournaments and the tournaments of any other PGA Section until said fine is paid in full.

A. Advance Notification of Proposed Disciplinary Action

Except for penalties under the Rules of Golf and for “Minor Penalties” (as hereafter defined), any Participant subject to disciplinary action or penalty defined as a “Major Penalty” shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the Participant by a tournament official. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice, the Participant shall submit to the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director such facts or evidence of mitigating circumstances as may apply. Within thirty (30) days of receipt if such information from the participant, the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director shall notify the Participant in writing of the imposition of the proposed disciplinary action or penalty, or that the proposed action has been dismissed. After the imposition of any penalty hereunder, the Participant shall have the right to appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry as set forth in Section E herein.

B. Rules of Golf

Any Participant in a Section tournament who breaches the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association or Local Rules in effect for the conduct of such event shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules as well as any other penalties imposed by the Section consistent with this policy. The decision of the Section Rules Officials/and/or the Section Tournament Committee with respect to such Rules breach shall be final and conclusive.

C. Conduct Unbecoming a Professional

Any Participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a Section tournament or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.) shall be subject to fine, suspension and/or permanent disbarment from Section tournament play as provided in this policy. A fine of \$100 shall be levied for the first offense. A fine of \$150 shall be levied for the second offense, and a prohibition from participating in Section events for one year shall be levied for the third offense. Any Participant that is found guilty of more than three offenses for conduct unbecoming a professional charge may, at the sole discretion of the Section, be permanently prohibited from participating in all Section and PGA of America tournaments and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Section reserves the right to pursue Code of Ethics charges against any PGA Member/Apprentice for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Section golf tournaments and related events at the sole discretion of the Section in compliance with the procedures for Code of Ethics hearings as set forth in this Article II of the Bylaws.

D. Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses

MINOR PENALTIES

A Minor Penalty is a fine of not more than \$150 and/or suspension from tournament play for two or less tournaments. A Minor Penalty may be imposed by the Section tournament officials responsible for the conduct of the tournament.

MAJOR PENALTIES

A Major Penalty is a fine in excess of \$150, suspension from tournament play for more than three tournaments, and/or permanent disbarment from Section tournament play.

E. Appeals

1. MINOR PENALTIES

Appeals from Minor Penalties shall be to the Tournament Committee Chairperson (or his/her designee). Such appeal may be in writing or oral. Such appeal shall be received by the Tournament Committee chair no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the infraction. The Tournament Committee Chair shall render the decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the

Section Executive Director. The Section Executive Director shall submit this final report to the Association General Counsel. Such decision shall be final. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Section determines that it would prefer that a Minor Penalty shall be submitted to the Board of Control for a hearing in lieu of action by the Section, then the Section Board of Inquiry will follow the same procedures set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedures.

2. MAJOR PENALTIES

Within thirty days from the date of the notification of a Major Penalty, the Participant may submit a written appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry. Failure to file such an appeal shall be deemed conclusively to be an admission of the charges specified in the notification. Thereafter, the Section Board of Inquiry will prepare a report of the matter to the Board of Control in accordance with all applicable procedures set forth herein for ethics appeals heard by the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall hear the appeal either at the next regularly scheduled Board of Control hearing or at an expedited meeting that may be held in person or via conference call at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Control. The decision of the Board of Control shall be final. An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from a Section tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation occurred, until after a final decision on the appeal.

All fines must be paid within thirty (30) days from the imposition of the fine, or in the event of an appeal, with thirty (30) days from the decision rendered by the Board of Control in the event the Board of Control upholds the findings of the Tournament Committee Chair.

ARTICLE II • TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1 COMPOSITION

The Tournament Committee will be composed of seven (7) members consisting of the Tournament Chairman, one Officer, two members of the Board of Directors (which are not Officers), two Section members and a Senior representative. All members of the Tournament Committee will be selected by the President and the Tournament Chairman.

Section 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director is in complete control of all Section events but accountable to the Tournament Chairman and Tournament Committee. The duties of Executive Director shall include:

- A. Scheduling of all Section tournaments.
- B. Canceling tournaments due to inclement weather or acts of nature. In his absence the Tournament Administrator, Tournament Chairman, Host Professional and Section President, in that order, will make the final decision.
- C. Canceling tournaments due to lack of entries. In all Pro-Am events a minimum of twenty (20) Section Professionals must enter before the club hosting the event is obligated to do so. The club may still hold such event if a minimum of twenty (20) entries are not received.
- D. Mailing of all entries to all Members and Apprentices eligible to participate in that event.
- E. Distribution of official tournament results within five (5) days of the completion of the event, with the cost of such distribution to be expanded as a Section general expense. Entrants receiving checks will be mailed a copy of the scoring results which include the prize money breakdown. Other entrants will be mailed the results by request.
- F. Tournament statistics will be kept throughout the tournament season including individual prize income, scoring average and Player of the Year points.
- G. Coordinating with the Host Professional at the time of closing entries to assist him in any way possible to insure a successful event
- H. Attending all events or appointing a representative in his behalf.
- I. Verifying all tournament dates in writing. The first event receiving such verification shall have officially reserved that date. Present tournaments shall have preference on date for following year provided the request is made within 30 days following the Section Fall Meeting.
- J. Coordinating with the Host Professional the flagstick and tee placements for major events listed in Article III of the Tournament Regulations.
- K. Obtaining additional personnel for scorekeeping and starting duties at Section tournaments at his discretion. Any fee for such service shall be deducted from the tournament purse.
- L. Coordinating with Host Professional the necessary publicity responsibility for the tournament.

ARTICLE III • SECTION ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section 1 WNYPGA CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. Entries open to all Members with the classification of A-1, A-2, A-4 to A-24 and Life Member (No A-3's).
- B. Entry fee shall be \$135.00 (plus \$15.00 Section Fee) and the purse shall be at least \$1000.00 which may be taken from the general fund if there is no sponsor.
- C. Event to be a minimum of 36 holes. In the event of a first place tie, a sudden victory playoff will be conducted.
- D. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the host club as to the dates of the Championship and certain facilities that will be available for the use of the Professionals entered in the tournament.
- E. The Executive Director and Tournament Committee will have control of pin placements and tee markers and any other rulings necessary to prepare the golf course for the tournament, and will be assisted by the Host Professional.

Section 2 WNYPGA SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. Entries open to all Members with the classification of A-1, A-2, A-4 to A-24 and Life Member and who are age 50 and over on the day of the tournament (No A-3's).
- B. Entry fee shall be \$60.00 (plus \$15.00 Section Fee) and the purse shall be a minimum of \$500.00, which may be taken from the general fund if there is no sponsor.
- C. Event to be a minimum of 36 holes. In the event of a first place tie, a sudden victory playoff will be conducted.
- D. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the host club as to the dates of the Championship and certain facilities that will be available for the use of the Professionals entered in the event.
- E. The Executive Director and the Tournament Committee will have control of pin placements and tee markers and any other rulings necessary to prepare the golf course for the tournament, and will be assisted by the Host Professional.

Section 3 WNYPGA ASSISTANTS CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. Entries open to all Class A-8 and Assistant Apprentices in the Section except those Apprentices who do not qualify as described in Section 3C of Article 1 in the Tournament Regulations.
- B. Event to be a minimum of 36 holes. In the event of a first place tie, a sudden victory playoff will be conducted.
- C. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the host club as to the dates of the Championship and certain facilities that will be available for the use of the Assistants entered in the event.
- D. The Executive Director and Tournament Committee will have control of pin placements and tee markers and any other rulings necessary to prepare the golf course for the tournament, and will be assisted by the Host Professional.

Section 4**WNYPGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

- A. Entries open to all Members with the classification of A-1, A-2, A-4-A-24 and Life Member (No A-3's).
- B. Entry fee shall be \$100 (plus \$15 Section Fee) and the purse shall be a minimum of \$750 which may be taken from general fund if there is no sponsor.
- C. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the Host Club as to the dates of the Championship and certain facilities that will be available for the use of the Professionals entered in the tournament.
- D. The Executive Director and the Tournament Committee at the event will have control of the pin placements and tee markers and any other rulings necessary to prepare the golf course for the tournament, and will be assisted by the Host Professional.
- E. The field for WNYPGA Match Play Championship shall be selected as follows- Defending Champion, plus top 31 eligible WNYPGA Professionals based on current Player of the Year Point standings through the last official points event prior to the event. In the event of ties in points, seeds shall, in order, be determined by (a) best finish in a current year individual event, (b) current year stroke average, (c) current year money earnings, (d) draw of straws. In the event the field is not filled as of 5:00 p.m. four days prior to the first round matches, open spots shall be filled with bye's.

Section 5**WNYPGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

- A. Number of contestants shall be up to 30. Pairings for Round 1 Pro Am to be determined by host professional.
- B. Eligibility:
 - 1. If eligible, the host professional, the Senior Champion, Assistant Professional Champion, and defending Champion shall be exempt.
 - 2. Eligible WNYPGA Members and Apprentices who win a Player of the Year Point event.
 - 3. The field will then be filled with eligible WNYPGA Members and apprentices by order as of the WNYPGA Point Standing List immediately preceding the Tour Championship.

ARTICLE IV • SECTION TOURNAMENTS

Section 1 OPEN EVENTS

Open events held in the Section, which request Section Professional support, must work through the Executive Director. (A-3's ineligible)

Section 2 PRO-PRO EVENTS

- A. If a shortage of Professionals exists, a draw from the entire field for a rover will be in order. Professional so drawn is eligible for prize in his original pairing only. Professionals that have drawn to be rovers will be notified before they begin play. (A-3's ineligible)
- B. Pro-Pro events are to be played as follows:
1. A team of two (2) players, the best ball of the twosome is to be used for scoring. A team of four (4) players, the best 2 balls to be used for scoring
 2. The following purse distribution to be used, which will be adjusted according to the size of the field. Approximately one-third of the field is to receive prize money.

Percentage of Prize Breakdown will be as follows:
(Based on a field of 30 twosomes)

1st.....21%	6th.....7%
2nd.....18%	7th.....6%
3rd.....15%	8th.....5%
4th.....12%	9th.....4%
5th.....9%	10th.....3%

Percentage of Prize Breakdown will be as follows:
(Based on a field of 15 foursomes)

1st.....39%	4th.....11%
2nd.....27%	5th.....7%
3rd.....16%	

Flat Fee Senior purse distribution will be as follows:

2-4 Seniors.....1 st place only	1 st\$200.00
5-7 Seniors.....Pay 2 places	2 nd\$150.00
8-10 Seniors.....Pay 3 places	3 rd\$100.00

The number of seniors eligible for the senior purse shall be determined after the regular purse is paid out, and based on the number of senior scores turned in. Seniors shall be eligible for only the best prize. Any excess money to be redistributed to regular purse.

Team purse to be distributed as follows:

1 st	\$200.00
2 nd	\$150.00
3 rd	\$100.00

- J. A facility reserves the right to restrict professional entries into an event at their course with cause.

Section 4 INVITATIONAL PRO-AM EVENTS

- A. Invitational Pro-Am events may be held by any Section Professional with a minimum purse of \$5,500.00 not including Professional entry fees.
- B. Invitations must be extended to the Professionals listed in order of the most current Player of the Year Point Standing List which will comprise a minimum equivalent to 50% of the field. The previous year's Senior Champion must also be extended an invitation. The remaining spots may consist of any Professionals the sponsor feels would make the event successful. The Point Standing List from the previous year will be used for all Invitational Tournaments held prior to August 1st.
- C. It is the recommendation of the Tournament Committee to use the Pro-Am Individual prize money breakdown as described in Section 3I.
- D. Invitational tournaments that do not follow the Invitational guidelines will not count toward Player of the Year Point Standings, Official Money Winnings, or Scoring Averages.
- E. When there is a request for amateur players to help fill the field, the following are the limits of players the Professional may bring:
 - Foursome team-1 Amateur player
 - Fivesome team-2 Amateur players
- F. It is the responsibility of the host professional to assure that all amateurs have a current U.S.G.A. handicap. If this regulation is not adhered to, the team purse will be put into the individual pro purse.
- G. The following is the maximum number of groups permitted in a single shotgun for pro-am events:
 - Foursome team-32 teams
 - Fivesome team-28 teams

H. A facility reserves the right to restrict professional entries into an event at their course with cause.

Section 5 NON PRO-AM PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

A. Approximately 1/3 of the field to receive prize money for events other than Pro-Ams.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION FEES

Any event on the Section Tournament Schedule will be charged the following administration fees:

Section 1 PERCENTAGE FEES

Pro-Pro, Pro-Am, Scratch Pro-Am, and Championship events will be charged 5% of the total purse (including entry fees).

Section 2 FLAT RATE FEES

Invitational Pro-Am and Open events will be charged \$200.00 for one day, and \$300 for two day events to have the event placed on the Section schedule.

Section 3 SECTION FEES

In addition to the above fees, the Section will add \$15.00 to each professional entry fee in all tournaments, which will be retained by the Section to offset Section Office administrative costs.

ARTICLE VI • ENTRY FEE POLICY

Section 1 ENTRY FEES

Entry fees will be refunded in full if a player withdraws from any event prior to 72 hours of the scheduled tee off time. Requests for a refund of entry fee, if the contestant withdraws within the 72 hour limit, will be handled by appeal to the Tournament Committee. Only a family death or hospitalization will be considered.

Section 2 RESERVE FUND

A Reserve Fund of \$360.00 will be established to refund the entry fee of the Professional who, due to unforeseen circumstances, must withdraw from the Section, Seniors, or Match Play Championships inside a 48 hour period, as well as successful appeals to the Tournament Committee, so the published purse will not be affected. The Reserve Fund will be replenished by deducting \$10.00 from purses on the Tournament Schedule.

ARTICLE VII • FINES

Any Professional may be assessed a fine for any of the following violations and must be paid within fourteen (14) days from the date the fine is assessed or twenty-four (24) hours prior to the next event:

A. Failure to cancel out of an event three days (72 hours) in advance of the starting time if he is unable to attend a Pro-Pro or Pro-Am event. FINE: \$100.00, forfeiture of privilege to play in the next two scheduled Section events after notification is received or a fine of \$500.00 and forfeiture of entry fee, with 50% of the fine to be returned to the host club if the event is a Pro-Am.

- B. Dropping out of a Pro-Am event after play has begun with no legitimate reason. Fine up to \$100.00, forfeiture of entry fee, plus the amateur entry fees, and the amateurs shall have their entry fee refunded and be guests of the Section for dinner. A second offense would result in a fine of at least \$100.00 and not to exceed \$200.00 plus the amateur's entry fee, and suspension up to 60 days from WNYPGA competition.
- C. Failure to turn in a scorecard or disqualification will result in having a score posted to equal 15 strokes over par or one stroke above the highest professional score, whichever is higher, for scoring average purposes.
- D. Professionals competing in a non-sanctioned event located within our section boundaries, which conflicts with a Section sanctioned tournament, will be fined \$100.00 if they do not receive a release from the tournament committee. Appeals to be released from obligations must be submitted to the Executive Director at least 14 days in advance. Release will be based on a full field of the sanctioned event. Applicants who submit their form first will be the first to be released.

ARTICLE VIII • PLAYER OF THE YEAR SCORING

Section 1 ELIGIBILITY

All classes of Membership and Apprentices except Class F, Inactive and A-3 are eligible to accumulate Player of the Year points.

Section 2 SCORING POINT EVENTS

In general, points will be awarded for all Section competitions on the official WNYPGA Tournament Schedule up to two (2) weeks prior to the Fall Meeting, with the exception of those that do not involve individual scoring for the Professionals.

Section 3 POINT BREAKDOWN

The following point breakdown will be used for all player of the year and senior player of the year scoring:

18 Hole event:	50-40-35-30-25-20-15 Continued down to 1 point
36 Hole event:	Double the 18 Hole Breakdown
Section Sponsored Opens:	Double the 18 Hole Breakdown
Sectional Championship:	3 Times the 18 Hole Breakdown
Section PGA Professional Champ:	3 Times the 18 Hole Breakdown
Match Play Championship:	3 Times the 18 Hole Breakdown
Tour Championship:	3 Times the 18 Hole Breakdown

Section 4**BONUS POINTS**

U.S. OPEN	Making cut in Section Qualifier	50 points	
	Making cut in Regional Qualifier	50 points	
	Making cut in U.S. Open	50 points	(Total 150)
PGA CHAMPIONSHIP			
	Playing in the event	50 points	
	Making the cut	100 points	(Total 150)
NYS PGA CHAMPIONSHIP & NY STATE OPEN			
	Playing in	10 points	
	Making the 36 hole cut	25 points	
	Winning the event	115 points	(Total 150)
CPC CHAMPIONSHIP			
	Making 36 hole cut	50 points	
	Qualifying for the PGA	50 points	
	Winning the Event	100 points	(Total 200)