

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I • NAME AND CHAPTER

The Western New York Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America by virtue of their charter in said Association is governed by the dedication, the Code of Ethics and the Constitution and By-Laws as set forth in our Parent Association.

We are however, by virtue of said charter, permitted to set up a Constitution and By-Laws to govern our Section affairs when same do not conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II • CODE OF ETHICS

The PGA Code of Ethics will be strictly adhered to and also the following:

Section 1 PLAYING PRIVILEGES

No Member of the Section by virtue of his Membership in the Association shall assume playing privileges on any course other than his own in the Section without first obtaining permission from the Resident Professional. Any other procedure is a violation of the Code of Ethics. The Association enjoins upon its Membership rigid observation of this code. Violators of this will be called before the Section Ethics Committee.

Section 2 CONDUCT

Any Member of the Association who performs in any manner to jeopardize the position of the Association to the public will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 INDEBTEDNESS

Any indebtedness to the Section by any Member must be paid in full prior to Spring General and Education Meeting in order for said Member to participate in any events for the ensuing year.

Section 4 COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS

All complaints of violations of the Code of Ethics must be in letter form. The signed complaint is to be delivered to the Section Ethics Chairman.

ARTICLE III • MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

The Board of Directors shall review all Membership classifications each spring and changes are to be made when the employment status of a Member be such as to change his classification according to National By-Laws.

Section 2 ANNUAL SECTION DUES

Class A-1 through A-24, Class F.....	\$250.00
Class A-3, Inactive.....	\$100.00
Life Member, Active.....	\$100.00
Life Member, Retired.....	\$100.00
Associate Assistant.....	\$150.00
Associate Head Professional.....	\$250.00

Section 3 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The application of the PGA National approved applicant for Membership will be submitted to the Section Office for final processing.

Section 4 SIGNING OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Section Officers and all Members of the Board of Directors shall not sign Membership applications except when required by the National PGA By-Laws.

Section 5 EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

All Members signing and employing an Associate are responsible to advise the Secretary of the Section when this Associate leaves his employ.

Section 6 HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members of the Section may be elected by the voting Membership by a two-thirds majority of those present at an official meeting. Honorary Members will be presented with an official WNYPGA Honorary Member crest at the Section's expense.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE WNYGA

George Blaisdell	Gary Grelick	Robert Standish
Henry P. Certo	John Jachym	Jim Tyrell
Peter . Certo	Bruce Koch	Frank Wakefield
Frank DeSantis	Jon Ludwig	Jim Wells
Edward F. Forrest	Gibson Lunt	Al Wiegley
Jean Giambrone	Tom Lunt Jr.	Claude Wright

ARTICLE IV • MEETINGS

Section 1 REQUIRED MEETINGS

The Section shall conduct a Spring General Education and Annual Meeting each year. These meetings shall be held at a site chosen by the Membership in advance. Meeting dates will be decided by the Board of Directors.

A Mid-Summer Board of Directors Meeting shall be held each year, preferably in July, to consider applications for Membership and other Section business. Minutes of the Mid-Summer Board of Directors Meeting and Fall Board of Directors Meeting, whenever possible, will be submitted to the Membership two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the President at any time deemed necessary when pressing matters exist. Members shall be notified at least seven (7) days prior to all such meetings.

Section 3 QUORUM

At all meetings of the Membership of the Section, a quorum shall consist of 25% of the Voting Members for the meeting to be considered an official one.

ARTICLE V • OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

Section 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All persons nominated for office must be present to accept or decline nomination. The President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be elected at each Annual Meeting by a two-thirds majority of the eligible voting Membership in attendance for a term consisting of 2 years. A secret ballot shall be used for election of officers and directors. An Officer may petition the Board of Directors and request an absentee nomination. Such petition must be received by the Section Office prior to the Annual Meeting. If elected, such officer will then be sworn in at a later date.

- A. Persons interested in nominating a person seeking a position as an Officer may notify the Section Office in writing by April 1st of each year. The names of each person nominated (incumbent or new) will be announced at the Spring meeting and each candidate will be allowed a campaign speech to be listed in the September Newsletter.
- B. The nomination of each person seeking election to a position as an Officer must receive a second from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Persons seeking a position as an Officer may also be nominated and receive a second from the floor.
- C. If more than one person is seeking a position as an Officer, each individual will be required to make a five minute presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- D. All candidates nominated for office must be present to accept or decline nomination.
- E. A motion may be presented for an absentee nomination for an office if approved by two-thirds majority of those voting. If elected, such officer will be sworn in at a later date.

Section 2 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Section and the Board of Directors. He shall have the authority to appoint committees, except when elections are required by the Constitution and By-Laws. The President shall appoint persons to fill vacant Director seats on the Board of Directors. In the event of his absence or temporary disability, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
- B. Vice President – The Vice President is primarily responsible for the financial affairs of the Section. It is his duty and responsibility to cause to be kept the financial accounts of the Section and to distribute to the Membership a written report of all receipts and expenditures at each Annual Meeting. In the event of his absence or temporary disability, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Vice President.
- C. Secretary – The Secretary is primarily responsible for Membership matters of the Section. It is his duty and responsibility to cause the minutes of all meetings to be kept as well as the call for such meetings to be made. In addition, he shall be responsible for notifying Members and Associates of any amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations and cause a roll of Members to be maintained. In the event of his absence or temporary disability, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the Secretary.
- D. Honorary President – The Honorary President shall be the most immediate Past President of the Western New York Section. He or she shall be responsible for conducting the elections at the Western New York Section Annual Meeting.

Section 3 **DELEGATES TO THE PGA ANNUAL MEETING**

The incoming President, Vice President, and Secretary automatically become delegates to the PGA Annual Meeting. The Immediate Past President shall serve as an alternate delegate to the PGA Annual Meeting immediately following his end of term. Roundtrip airfare and reasonable expenses are to be paid by the Section for the Immediate Past President. The Section “Pro of the Year” may be an alternate delegate and be given \$100 from the general fund toward his travel expenses. The President, by his discretion, may name any Section Class A or Life Member who may be present at the PGA Annual Meeting as an alternate delegate to that meeting.

ARTICLE VI • BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 **COMPOSITION**

The Section Board shall be composed of eleven (11) voting Members – President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary President, Tournament Chairman (appointed by the President) and six (6) Directors elected by the Membership at large at the Annual Meeting. All must be PGA Members in good standing.

Each Director shall be elected by a majority of the eligible voting Membership in attendance for a term of three years from the date of election except that the first Board elected after adoption of these B-Laws shall consist of two (2) Directors having a one year term, two (2) Directors have a two year term, and two (2) Directors having a three year term.

No Director will serve more than two consecutive terms of 3 years each to which he/she has been elected.

Persons interested in nominating a person seeking a position as a Director may notify the Section Office in writing by April 1st of each year. The names of each person nominated (incumbent or new) will be announced at the Spring Meeting and each candidate will be allowed a campaign speech to be listed in the September Newsletter.

The nomination of each person seeking election to a position as a Director must receive a second from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Persons seeking a position may also be nominated and receive a second from the floor but will not be able to give a speech at said time.

Nominations and seconds from the two (2) Directors will be entertained at one time. Each eligible voting Members in attendance shall vote for their two (2) selections. The two nominees receiving the most votes will serve a 3 year term.

The President may appoint a Member to fill any vacancies on the Board to serve as the replacement until the next Annual Meeting, at which time an election will be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. During the time of replacement said individual will have all the rights of the replaced.

Section 2 **DUTIES**

The duties of the Board of Directors shall consist of the Following:

- A. Fix Membership classifications.
- B. Assist the President, Vice President, and Secretary in matter of finance, control and distribution of special savings accounts, etc.
- C. Conduct general duties of business of the Section and planning tournament and Section affairs.

D. An Executive Director may be hired by the Board of Directors and compensated through contract negotiations between the parties. His duties will be described in his contract and shall include Club and Professional Relations, marketing, tournament and office administration, education, junior golf, and long range planning. The Executive Director shall be bonded. Compensation and contract negotiations for the Executive Director and staff shall be held thirty (30) days prior to the Fall Board Meeting. Three (3) current Officers must be in attendance, if circumstances warrant, a Past President may be substituted. Recommendation from this meeting shall be presented to the entire Board for discussion and approval at the time of the Fall Board Meeting.

Section 3 MEETINGS

Meetings may be called by the President or any three (3) Members of the Board of Directors who notifies the Secretary and he in turn, shall notify all the other Board of Directors Members seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Fall Board of Directors Meeting, whenever possible, is to be held at least one (1) week prior to the Section Annual Meeting. A quorum will consist of seven (7) Board of Directors Members.

ARTICLE VII • AMENDMENTS TO SECTION CONSTITUTION

Section 1 PROCEDURE

Amendments to the Section Constitution must be in proper order specifically citing the exact section of the Constitution to be amended and must be submitted in writing to the Section Office four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed amendments may be amended by a majority and may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 EFFECTIVE DATE

All amendments to the Section Constitution shall become effective when adopted or at the time specified in the amendment resolution.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 • SECTION AWARDS

Section 1 PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

The Section Professional of the Year will be selected, as defined by National guidelines, by the President, the past three (3) Presidents of the Section, and the past Professional of the Year.

Section 2 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Section Member or Associate who has the most points accumulated, as defined in the Section Tournament Regulations, will be duly recognized as the Section Player of the Year and entitled to any rewards thereof.

Section 3 SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Section Senior Member who has the most points accumulated, as defined in the Tournament Regulations, will be duly recognized as the Section Senior Player of the Year and entitled to any rewards thereof. All Senior Player of the Year Points will be calculated using the same formula as Player of the Year Points.

Section 4 ASISTANT PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Section Assistant who has the most points accumulated as defined in the Section Tournament Regulations will be duly recognized as the Section Assistant Player of the Year and entitled to any rewards thereof.

Section 5 WNYPGA GOLF HALL OF FAME

The WNYPGA may annually induct individuals into the WNYPGA Golf Hall of Fame who deserve recognition for their accomplishments in the game of golf. Individuals may include professionals or amateurs, male or female, who have met the criteria in the Policies and Procedures established by the WNYPGA Board of Directors.

Nominations from any Section Member must be submitted in writing to the section President no later than two weeks prior to any Section Board of Directors Meeting. The Board of Directors will then review the nominee's qualifications prior to approval. Inductees will be honored at the following Annual Awards Banquet.

Current WNYPGA Hall of Fame Members:

Ange Alberico (1991)	Alex Greer (1987)	Jim Mrva (2007)
Ric Alberico (2007)	Ralph Haas (1991)	Lonnie Nielsen (2004)
Don Allen (1986)	Walter Hagen (1986)	Joe O'Shaughnessy (2009)
Roslyn "Cookie" Swift-Berger (2000)	Craig Harmon (2005)	Fred Silver (2006)
Dennis Bradley (1988)	John Henrich (2001)	Lancy Smith (1986)
John Calabria (1998)	Dudley Hart (2018)	Kirk Stauffer (2015)
Frank Commisso (1986)	Mark Kirk (2013)	Jean Trainor (2001)
Joe Diego (1999)	Armand Lannutti (2010)	Sam Urzetta (1986)
Bill Dimas (2001)	Denny Lyons (1995)	Ward Wettlaufer (1986)
Clarence Doser (1993)	Toby Lyons (1986)	
Denny Ferstler (2013)	Stan Marshaus (2002)	

Section 5 OTHER AWARDS

Additional awards, as required by the National Office, will be selected by the Board of Directors as per established guidelines.

ARTICLE II • PAID EXPENSES

The following paid expenses are authorized:

- A. Expense of the Board of Directors at an official Board of Directors Meeting, maximum \$50 per Member or \$100 if overnight lodging is needed.
- B. Dues of the Executive Director and Tournament Administrator(s).
- C. Expenses incurred by the Officers in official business of the Section.
- D. Approved tournament programs.

Expense vouchers must be submitted to the Vice-President with receipts and explanation for each expense.

ARTICLE III

• AMENDMENTS TO SECTION BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Section 1 PROCEDURE

Amendments to the Section By-Laws and Regulations may be made as needed to conduct the affairs of the Section pertaining to Tournament Regulations, Meeting Rules and general rules of Section business. Proposed amendments must be in proper order specifically citing the exact section to be amended and must be submitted in writing to the Section Office four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Proposed amendments may be amended by a majority and may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 EFFECTIVE DATE

All Amendments to the Section By-Laws and Regulations shall become effective when adopted or at the time specified in the amendment resolution.

MEETING REGULATIONS

Section 1 MEETING RULES

- A. Roberts Rules of Order and Accepted Parliamentary Procedure will guide all meetings.
- B. A tape recorder will be secured for use at the Spring General Education and Annual Meetings.
- C. All display rooms must be closed at all Business Meetings.
- D. When a Member is recognized by the chair to speak, he will stand when addressing the body and direct all remarks through the chair.

Section 2 ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading of the minutes of previous Spring General Education or Annual Meeting.
- C. Reading of the minutes of special meetings.
- D. Report of the President.
- E. Report of the Vice President.
- F. Report of the Secretary.
- G. Report of the Executive Director.
- H. Reports of the committees.
- I. Old Business
- J. Ongoing Business.
- K. New Business.
- L. Open Forum.
- M. Awards (Annual Meeting).
- N. Election and installation of Officers (Annual Meeting).
- O. Adjournment.

Section 3 OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office, to be administered to all elected Officers of the Association by a former President of the Association, shall be as follows:

“I (name) , as an elected Officer of the Professional Golfers’ Association of America, do hereby affirm that I will at all times adhere to and uphold the Association’s Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and I will otherwise conduct my activities in a manner that will be keeping with my position as an Officer of the Association and which will reflect credit upon the Association and its Members.”

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 Associates who are accumulating credits in the Associates 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 Associate 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 Associates who conduct a tournament, not on the Section Tournament Schedule, where there is a Section Member and/or Associate 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 Associate 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/Associate 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 Associates 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 Associates in the Section except those Associates 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.

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%	

Section 3 PRO-AM EVENTS

- A. The best ball for the team will be determined with the amateurs receiving a recommended 80% of their attested handicap. The best two (2) balls of each foursome or fivesome will be used for scoring.
- B. If a shortage of Professionals exists, a draw from the entire field for a Professional rover will be in order. Professional so drawn will be eligible for a prize in his original pairing only.
- C. When a shortage of amateurs exists, a roving team is to be drawn from amateurs as paired on the master score sheet. Said drawn team is eligible for prize in his original pairing only.
- D. In all Pro-Am events two (2) score cards must be kept. The Professional shall keep the team score and one amateur in the team will keep the Professional's score. All score cards must have a signature of the scorer and be attested.
- E. The guaranteed Professional prize money is to be \$3,500.00 plus Professional entry fees (\$60.00 plus \$15.00 Section Fee per entry). Prize money must be given to the Executive Director or his appointed representative on the day of the event by the Host Professional.
- F. When there is a request for amateur players to help fill the field, the following are the limits of players a Professional may bring:
Foursome team- 1 Amateur Player
Fivesome team- 2 Amateur Players

- G. 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.
- H. 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
- I. The prize breakdown will be determined after deducting the Senior and Team prize money. Approximately 50% of the field to receive prize money using the purse distribution below.

PURSE DISTRIBUTION- # of Places to Pay

Place	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1st	.20	.19	.18	.18	.17	.17	.16	.16	.15	.15	.14
2nd	.17	.16	.15	.15	.14	.13	.13	.12	.115	.115	.105
3rd	.14	.13	.13	.12	.12	.10	.10	.10	.095	.09	.094
4th	.12	.11	.11	.10	.09	.08	.08	.08	.08	.078	.0825
5th	.10	.095	.095	.08	.08	.07	.07	.068	.068	.068	.073
6th	.08	.08	.08	.07	.07	.064	.062	.062	.062	.06	.061
7th	.055	.065	.065	.06	.058	.059	.056	.055	.055	.052	.051
8th	.05	.055	.05	.05	.049	.054	.052	.05	.05	.048	.0475
9th	.045	.045	.04	.046	.045	.05	.048	.047	.047	.043	.045
10th	.04	.038	.036	.042	.042	.046	.044	.043	.043	.04	.04
11th		.032	.033	.038	.039	.042	.04	.039	.039	.037	.0375
12th			.031	.034	.035	.038	.036	.037	.037	.034	.035
13th				.03	.032	.035	.034	.034	.034	.031	.0325
14th					.03	.032	.032	.031	.031	.029	.03
15th						.03	.029	.028	.028	.027	.0275
16th							.027	.025	.025	.026	.025
17th								.021	.021	.025	.0225
18th									.02	.024	.02
19th										.023	.0175
20th											.015

Flat Fee Senior purse distribution will be as follows:

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

1st.....	\$200.00
2nd.....	\$150.00
3rd.....	\$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 Associates 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 concluding with the Tour Championship. All eligible points events following the Tour Championship will be considered wrap-around points and will be awarded to the next year's Player of the Year points.

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/U.S. SENIOR OPEN

Making cut in Section Qualifier	50 points	
Making cut in Regional Qualifier	100 points	
Making cut in U.S. Open	500 points	(Total 650)

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP/SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Playing in the event	100 points	
Making the cut	500 points	(Total 600)

NY STATE OPEN

Playing in	10 points	
Making the 36 hole cut	50 points	
Winning the event	150 points	(Total 210)

PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP/SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Participating In	50 Points	
Making 36 hole cut	50 points	
Qualifying for the PGA/Sr PGA	200 points	
Winning the Event	500 points	(Total 800)

WEB.COM TOUR EVENT

Playing in	50 points	
Making the 36 hole cut	100 points	(Total 150)

ARTICLE IX • NON –SANCTIONED SECTION EVENT STAFFING

Section 1

The Western New York PGA Section Staff will be allowed to help administer events that do not follow Section Regulations if the Tournament Committee feels it is beneficial to the Section Membership.