

**TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION, PGA OF AMERICA**

1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- a) As set forth in Article XI, Section 4 of the By-Laws of the Pacific Northwest Section, the President of the Corporation shall appoint a Tournament Chairperson, whose committee shall include the Tournament Chairpersons of the Chapters (or other chapter representative), the Rules Committee Chairperson and up to five other committee persons appointed by the Chairperson. This body shall have voting rights on Committee business.
- i) The Chairman may approve unofficial ‘observers’ who function as members of the Tournament Committee with the exception of voting privileges.
- ii) Unless material of a sensitive nature is on the agenda, Tournament Committee meetings shall be open to members of the Section.
- b) The Tournament Committee, acting for and with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall draft changes to these regulations. Changes in these guidelines must be presented to the Board of Directors and receive their approval before being enacted.
- c) Tournament Committee Responsibilities:
 - i) Overseeing the entire tournament program reviewing, developing and proposing improvements to formats, schedules, eligibility, exemptions, rules of play, dress code, points systems and other provisions of these regulations.
 - ii) Assisting the staff in the identification, recruitment and thanking of sponsors.
 - iii) Overseeing the Rules Committee and approving their recommendations before forwarding to the Board of Directors.
 - iv) Providing a Committee Delegate for each section event whose responsibility will be to act as liaison between the sponsor and the section.
 - v) Tournament Committee members are expected to actively participate in the section’s championships and sponsor pro-ams. Tournament Committee members are the primary initiative soliciting the active participation of the membership in championships and sponsor pro-ams.
 - vi) Communication requirements:
 - vii) Report the results of all meetings and actions to the Committee members, President and CEO.
 - a. Issue a written and oral report to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
 - b. Provide a written report for each meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - c. Inform the membership of Tournament Program issues and seek input from the membership on the operations, structure and success of the Tournament Program through State of the Tournament Program meetings and written correspondence.
 - d. Members shall be knowledgeable on all matters pertaining to the Tournament Program so they can accurately discuss tournament program issues with the membership. This includes issues relating to financial reporting, sponsor recruitment, site selection, eligibility, exemptions and other matters of interest to the membership. Committee members are the vehicle to informed two-way communication on tournament program matters.
 - vii) Meeting Requirements:
 - a. The Tournament Committee shall meet at least twice a year and at other times as issues arise.
 - b. The Committee shall conduct at least two State of the Tournament Program meetings each year.
 - c. The Chairperson shall attend the Business Planning Session.
 - d. The Chairperson shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors if requested by the President.
 - e. Committee members shall attend meetings of the Tournament Committee and provide written input in the exceptional cases they must miss a meeting. The Chairperson shall replace members who regularly fail to attend meetings.
 - viii) Interaction of the Committee, Board and Staff:
 - a. The Committee and staff work together to draft proposals on tournament matters and submit proposals/recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board of Directors may request the Committee to address specific issues and provide recommendations.
 - b. The Committee shall work with the CEO to prospect for interested sponsors and make initial contacts to see if there is an interest. The CEO, and his marketing staff, is the only entity authorized to draft sponsorship packages and enter into contractual agreements on behalf of the section.
 - c. The Committee shall work with the CEO to prospect for interested tournament sites and may make initial contacts to see if there is an interest. The CEO, and his tournament staff, is the only entity authorized to formally request a tournament site and enter into contractual agreements on behalf of the section.
 - d. The President shall approve all contracts with sponsors and tournament sites before they are finalized.

2. SECTION OFFICE

- a) The Section Office and the CEO of the Association shall be responsible for;
 - i) The production and distribution of all tournament proper entry forms.
 - ii) Obtaining sites for all section events and coordinating the scheduling of such events.
 - iii) Obtaining sponsors for the major section events and for negotiating and writing the appropriate contracts.
 - iv) Scheduling tournament qualifying rounds and providing pairing for such events. Arranging for responsible Chapters to supervise such events.
 - v) Collecting all tournament proper entries and fees
 - vi) Conducting all on-site operations – including coordinating golf course preparations with the superintendent and professional, marking the course, course set up for each days play, starting, rules, scoring and results.
 - vii) Serving as Rules Committee members, when needed.
 - viii) Arranging for the printing of scorecards (using a standardized format for all events).
 - ix) Obtaining professional handicaps in advance of section pro-amateur events.

- x) Collecting professional fees of pro-amateur participants (by check) at pro-am starting tee.
- xi) Making sure all tournament payoffs are made within 10 days of the conclusion of the event.
- xii) Making every effort to have the results of each day's activities available to the press.
- xiii) Developing and publishing a calendar of events for the year.
- xiv) Keeping an updated operations manual for the events including records of past events.

3. RULES COMMITTEE

- a) The Rules Committee shall be responsible for:
 - i) Providing a full complement of Rules Officials for each section major championship.
 - ii) Developing the Pacific Northwest Section Supplemental Rules of Play.
 - iii) Developing the Section's pace of play regulations and procedures for its implementation for approval by the Tournament Committee.
- b) Separate Tee Policy: When men and women compete for the same purse, they will play from separate tees. Whenever the prepared teeing grounds permit, the women's yardage will be set at approximately 85% of the men's yardage. When setting the golf course, the men's tees will be set at the yardage most appropriate for the competition. After the men's tees are set, the Committee will attempt to reach the approximate 85% guideline for women's tees while preserving similar shot values.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- a) The term "eligible player" is defined, for all major invitational championships, as follows:
 - i) All Pacific Northwest Section, PGA of America members, (except those classified as "A-3", "F" or as "Reserve").
 - ii) All Pacific Northwest Section, PGA of America associates who have passed PGA PGM Level I and are eligibly employed.

NOTE: All Pacific Northwest Section, PGA of America, associates who have met all qualifications of entry with the exception of passing PGA PGM Level I, will have access to the Championship only under the following conditions:

 - a. By direct entry if professional field of PGA members and associates who have passed PGA PGM Level I at close of entry does not exceed a total of 136.
 - b. Associates may not accept exemptions until successfully completing PGA PGM Level I.
 - iii) A sponsor's or Tournament Committee invitee agreeable to both parties who is a PGA of America member. (A-3 members are eligible under this provision.)
 - iv) Amateurs must have a current USGA index of 8.0 or less at the time of entry.
- b) All Pacific Northwest Section PGA Members and those associates who have been approved for full section playing privileges will be eligible for the remaining section championships and tournaments except as provided below.
 - i) PGA Members classified as "F" or "Reserve" are ineligible for direct entry.
 - ii) PGA Members classified as "A-3" are ineligible for the PNW PGA Championship and the PNW Senior PGA Championship.
 - iii) Registrants in the PGA Associate program who are no longer eligibly employed are ineligible.
 - iv) A Tournament Committee invitee.
- c) Members classified as Life Member Century are ineligible to participate in any Section or Chapter golf event. This provision supersedes and modifies any other provision in Section or Chapter regulations or rules.

6. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a) All entries must be submitted on an official entry form.
- b) All entries must be signed.
- c) All entries must be received with a check or valid credit card information to cover the entry fee.
- d) All entries must be received at the Tournament Headquarters Office by the entry deadline in a form approved by the Board of Directors. **NO ENTRIES BY TELEPHONE WILL BE ACCEPTED AND POSTMARK DATES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- e) Entries are subject to acceptance by the Pacific Northwest Section and applicant in the event of acceptance may be rejected at any time thereafter.
- f) All entrants are subject to all Rules, Regulations, provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pacific Northwest Section and other conditions applicable to the tournament.
- g) All entrants agree to abide by the Section Dress Code. The Section Dress Code is – All participants shall present a neat appearance, in both clothing and personal grooming. In no instance will shorts or blue jeans be permitted in any Pacific Northwest Section championship by professionals. The policy for the amateur dress code will be established by the Tournament Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. Players in violation of the dress code will not be allowed to start until properly attired even if this results in penalty or disqualification. Players changing to improper attire during the play of a round are subject to immediate disqualification.
- h) In Open events, post entries will be received if the field is not full, professionals will have priority for open professional spots, with amateurs having priority for open amateur spots. When the original pairings are made, all spots will be filled by available players.
- i) All entrants agree to abide by the Section Caddie Regulations as provided as a supplement to these regulations and made available at the tournament site.

7. SIZE OF FIELD

- a) The field for all major invitational championships will be limited to 168 players (136 professionals and 32 amateurs).
- b) In the Washington Open Invitational and Rosauers Open Invitational, at the completion of 36 holes the field shall be cut to the low 48% of professionals and ties, plus all amateurs with a score equal to or less than the above percentage of the professional field. In the event of an incomplete professional field, the Tournament Committee may modify the cut number percentage. When the final round is a two tee start and the normal cut would exceed 84 players, the field will be reduced to the score providing 84 or fewer players. Players removed under this provision will be paid their pro-rata share of the remaining purse. Prior to the distribution of entries, the Tournament Committee may elect to eliminate the cut in a specific tournament. A double shift, two tee start, with the leaders in the afternoon will be employed for the final round. In such events, to ensure 54 holes are completed, if the second round is not completed on day two, or severe weather is expected, the Tournament Director may institute the cut, as prescribed above.
- c) In Section member events, late entries received after the original groupings are made will only be accepted to fill incomplete groups or replace cancellations.

8. ENTRY PRIORITY

A. Professionals:

- a. Major invitational championships - Entry priority will be assigned as follows:
 - i) Exempt professionals who hold a current Pacific Northwest Section Player's Card.
 - ii) Non-exempt professionals who hold a current Pacific Northwest Section Player's Card based on receipt of entry.
 - iii) All professionals without a current Pacific Northwest Section Player's Card based on receipt of entry.
- b. Section member events - Entry priority will be assigned as follows:
 - i) In the PNW PGA Championship, PNW PGA Assistant Professional Championship, and the PNW PGA Senior Championship all eligible players entering prior to the close of entries will be accommodated unless a field limit is required in which entry priority will be assigned as in (ii) below.
 - ii) In other Section events (except iv below), entry priority will be based on receipt of entry, with a current Pacific Northwest Section Player's Cardholder given priority over non-card holders, unless specifically stated on the entry form.
 - iii) Each event will have an official entry form, which must be completed and returned to the Section office.
 - iv) Pacific Northwest Pro-Amateur Championship
 - a. Exempt players identified in Section 9.
 - b. Seventy percent of the field is reserved for players who have participated in 4 or more Section events played since the close of entries for this event the previous year. Priority within this category is based on receipt of entry and will expire at 5:00 PM seven days after entries open.
 - c. The balance of the field is based on receipt of entry.
 - v) Senior Oregon Open Invitational.
 - a. Exempt players identified in Section 9.*
 - b. . Number of events (Sr. WA Open, Sr. Players', Sr. OR Open, Sr. PGA***, WA Open, OR Open, Rosauers Open, NW Open, PPC) played in prior calendar year, January to December.
 - c. ii. Professionals with the same priority in "i", by number of tournament rounds posted in the PNWPGA Handicap System.
 - d. iii. Professionals with the same priority after "i" and "ii", by date of the latest prior year score in PNW Section Handicap System.

* The early deadline for category a is three weeks after entries have opened at 5:00 PM.
** All entrants will be on waiting list until the close of entries to ensure correct ranking, then confirmed according to priority.
*** Sr. PGA will count twice in this ranking list.

B. Amateurs

- a. Major invitational championships. Entry priority will be assigned as follows:
 - i) Exempt amateurs.
 - ii) Non-exempt amateurs based on receipt of entry.

9. EXEMPTIONS AND EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

NOTE - Professionals must hold a current Pacific Northwest Section Player's Card and meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 5 to be awarded exemptions.

- a) The tournament committee may invite up to twelve players (professional or amateur). The Tournament Committee may also assign up to six of its invitations or a portion thereof to the Sponsor.
- b) The Sponsor shall have the right to six exemptions in the tournament proper for specifically named players. All such players must be either PGA of America members or associates in good standing.

c) Professional exemptions (for WA Open, Rosauers Open, NW Open):

The following exemptions apply to PNW PGA Members (except those classified "A-3", "Reserve" and "F") and eligible associates who have completed PGA PGM Level I. Eligible associates who have not completed PGA PGM Level I are not eligible for exemption #18.

- i) The champions, for the past 5 years in each of the following events:
 - (1) Northwest Open Invitational
 - (5) Rosauers Open Invitational

- (2) "Reserved"
- (3) Oregon Open Invitational
- (4) Washington Open Invitational
- (6) PNW PGA Professional Championship
- (7) Washington PGA Championship
- (8) Oregon PGA Championship
- ii) The champions, for the past 2 years in each of the following events:
 - (9) PNW Assistant's Championship
 - (10) PNW Seniors Championship
- iii) The current champions only from the following events:
 - (11) PNW PGA Professional Champion (#6)
 - (12) Washington Assistant's Champion
 - (13) Oregon Assistant's Champion
- iv) Also, those in the following categories:
 - (14) The top 25 finishers, including those tied for 25th place, Hudson Cup point accumulators from the previous year.
 - (15) **Top 25 professional finishers, including those tied for 25th place, the previous year of the event being played.
 - (16) All past champions of the event being played.
 - (17) Host professional and eligible assistants.
 - (18) Eligible non-exempt professionals bringing FULL team to the Pro-Amateur of event being played (on space-available basis, subject to Pro-Am entry form completed and team fee paid in full by close of entries for tournament proper). Washington, Oregon and Rosauers Opens only.
 - (19) President of the Pacific Northwest Section
 - (20) The Section may provide the defending Champion with an exemption; such exemption will not affect any limitations on other exemptions.

**** NOTE -** In these categories, when determining the top 25 (this is only for PNW PGA professionals) all non-PNW PGA professionals are eliminated.

d) Oregon Open Exemptions:

- 1) Exemption numbers 16, 17 and 18 above.
- 2) Current champions of the WA Open, Rosauers Open, NW Open and PNW PGA Professional.

e) Professional Senior exemptions (for PNW Senior Players', Senior WA Open, Senior OR Open):

The following exemptions apply to PNW PGA Members (except those classified "A-3", "Reserve" and "F") and eligible associates who have completed PGA PGM Level I. Eligible associates who have not completed PGA PGM Level I are not eligible for exemption #18.

- i) The champions, for the past 3 years in each of the following events:
 - (1) PNW Senior Players Championship
 - (2) Senior Washington Open Invitational
 - (3) Senior Oregon Open Invitational
 - (4) PNW Senior PGA Professional Championship
- ii) The current champions only from the following events:
 - (5) Northwest Open Invitational
 - (6) Oregon Open Invitational
 - (7) Washington Open Invitational
 - (8) Rosauers Open Invitational
 - (9) PNW PGA Professional Championship
- iii) Also, those in the following categories:
 - (10) The top 15 finishers, including those tied for 15th place, Senior Hudson Cup point accumulators from the previous year.
 - (11) **Top 5 professional finishers, including those tied for 5th place, the previous year of the event being played.
 - (12) All past champions of the event being played.
 - (13) Host professional and eligible assistants.
 - (14) President of the Pacific Northwest Section.

**** NOTE -** In these categories, when determining the top 5 (this is only for PNW PGA professionals) all non-PNW PGA professionals are eliminated.

- iv) Past Participation
 - (15) Any professional who has participated all four senior events the previous year identified as events 1, 2, 3, and 4 above.
- v) Senior Oregon Open
 - (16) Any professional who has participated in nine or more of the last immediate ten events.
- vi) Senior Washington Open
 - (17) Any professional who has participated in nine or more of the last immediate ten events.

f) Amateur Exemptions: (for WA Open, Rosauers Open and NW Open)

- (1) Current State Amateur Champions in the following states provided those champions reside in the Pacific Northwest Section of Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington and Alaska.
- (2) Current PPGA Champion provided he resides in the Pacific Northwest Section.
- (3) Top 5, and those tied for 5th place, who place among the top 25 finishers overall in the previous year's edition of event being played.
- (4) All past champions of event being played.
- (5) Members of the last Hudson Cup Team.
- (6) Host club members (up to 3).

In the following categories the champions must be residents of the Pacific Northwest Section:

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| (7) PAC 10 Champion. | (12) USGA Public Links Champion. |
| (8) NCAA Champion. | (13) USGA Senior Amateur Champion. |
| (9) NAIA (National) Champion. | (14) Pacific Coast Amateur Champion |
| (10) USGA Amateur Champion. | (15) Low Amateur, US Open |
| (11) USGA Mid-Amateur Champion. | |

g) Web.com Tour Sectional Exemptions

1. The host club will be extended one sectional position for a host professional with full section playing privileges.
2. Un-used exemptions will be added to the appropriate sectional qualifying.

h) Special Medical Exemption

The CEO may grant a special medical exemption to professionals under the following conditions:

1. The professional must have qualified for two of the past five Hudson Cup teams OR have been exempt for each for the past five years and three of those years have been covered under multiple exemptions.
2. The professional must have won at least one section major championship since becoming affiliated with the section. Major championships are the Northwest Open, Oregon Open, Washington Open, Rosauers Open, and Pacific Northwest Section PGA Professional Championship.
3. The condition prompting this request must be of a medical nature and must have prevented the professional from participating in section championships for a minimum of four months during the period of March to October. Changes in employment situations are not to be considered in this process.
4. The CEO may only grant this exemption for a calendar year or balance of a calendar year.
5. This provision may be utilized by an individual professional one time.
6. To apply for this exemption, professionals must submit a written request to the CEO detailing their eligibility and information supporting their request.
7. The CEO may only apply this provision to eligible candidates and will base his determination on the merits of each case. This provision is intended to be used in unusual and exceptional circumstances. The CEO is encouraged to use restraint in granting this exemption.

i) Member Tournament Exemptions

a. Pacific Northwest Pro-Amateur Championship

1. Past Champions entering as a team.
2. Eligible Host Professionals.

b. Senior Oregon Open Invitational

1. Past Champions (Professional or amateurs).
2. Eligible Host Professionals.
3. Pacific Northwest Section President.
4. The Tournament Committee may extend an invitation to one eligible major event sponsor team.
5. The Tournament Committee may award one special exemption provided it is extended prior to publishing entries.

10. GROUPINGS AND STARTING TIMES

- a) The tournament chairman and the executive office shall be responsible for making the original groupings. Original groupings for open events should be 2 professionals and 1 amateur.
- b) Special requests for starting times will be accommodated as best as possible so long as the requests are made before the groupings are made. This applies only to original groupings, not to re-groupings based on score.
- c) Under no circumstances may a player request a particular fellow competitor with whom to play.
- d) The committee reserves the right to seed certain players.
- e) Players will not be called to the tees.
- f) Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged. Prompt attendance is required of players at their starting point of each round. If any player is not prepared to commence play at the designated time, the player shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty. If the player fails to appear at the starting point within five minutes the player shall be disqualified.

11. WITHDRAWALS

- a) **Prior to Tournament-** A player who has officially entered a tournament and has paid his entry may withdraw and receive a full refund if such withdrawal is made before the close of entries. After the close of entries all withdrawals will be charged a \$50.00 fee. After original pairings are drawn, a player may withdraw, but he will receive a refund (less the \$50.00 fee) only if a substitute or alternate takes his place.
 - i) Players who fail to notify qualifying site officials and/or tournament proper officials of their withdrawal prior to their scheduled tee time will forfeit their entry fee.
- b) **During Play of Tournament**
 - i) A player may withdraw upon completing any round of 18 holes upon notification of the section office representative or a member of the rules committee. When the field is to be repaired for the next day, withdrawals after the last score is posted are subject to a \$50 fine.

- ii) In a section tournament with no cut, a player may withdraw upon completing any round of 18 holes upon notification of the section office representative or a member of the rules committee. When the field is to be repaired for the next day, withdrawals after the last score is posted are subject to a \$50 fine.
- iii) During the play of a round a player may withdraw because of illness or other physical disability, or serious personal emergency. The player shall immediately notify a section office representative or a member of the rules committee. Within 14 days of the completion of the event the player shall, in writing, submit a letter to the tournament chairman explaining the circumstances of his withdrawal. Failure to do so may be grounds for disciplinary action.
- iv) A player who fails to abide with proper withdrawal procedures may be subject to disciplinary action.

12. MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

- a) In most events, motorized transportation may be used by all contestants. Players utilizing motorized transportation shall be governed by Local Rules and host course restrictions pertaining to such use (See Number 23-b).

Players qualifying under the Americans with Disabilities Act are afforded the options of the following regulation.

When the Conditions of the Competition prohibit the use of golf carts, the Section will attempt to make individual arrangements to accommodate players covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Conditions prohibiting golf carts include - (1) courses where carts are provided only for disabled individuals; (2) situations where the superintendent determines that due to weather conditions, carts are restricted to cart paths; and (3) situations where there are no cart paths and due to weather conditions, the superintendent will not permit golf carts due to hazardous conditions or damage to the golf course.

In the first case, golf carts will be prohibited as a condition of the competition. In these situations, players covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act will be accommodated according to the following procedure.

In order to be considered for this exception, the person must clearly meet the ADA guidelines. A letter must be sent to the Section's CEO, no later than 14 days prior to the event's close of entries, identifying the qualifying condition. The CEO will determine the member's eligibility under the ADA, and if unable to clearly determine eligibility, will consult with the Section President and PGA of America legal counsel to determine the person's status under the ADA.

A person, given the opportunity to ride under this provision, is not allowed to share his cart with any other fellow-competitor, partner, caddie or spectator - only he/she is permitted to ride in the cart. This will be clearly indicated on the local rules for the event, and the penalty for breach of this rule will be handled under the Rules of Golf.

The Tournament Director will work with the host course to identify special requirements to be placed on the use of golf carts in such situations (i.e. employing a driver, special routing, etc.)

- b) In addition to the provisions of our Local Rule, cart drivers must be at least 16 years of age, subject to additional restrictions of the host facility.
- c) In addition to the provisions of our Local Rule, all riders shall be seated in the golf cart. Riding on the back bumper, fenders, etc. is prohibited.
- d) Breaches of b) or c) above, will be subject to Section 22 of these regulations and are not considered a breach of the Rules of Golf.

13. PROFESSIONAL-AMATEUR EVENTS

Professional-Amateur events conducted by the Pacific Northwest Section, either as supplements to Section tournaments or as separate competitions, shall be subject to the provisions of these guidelines. Professional-Amateur events conducted by the individual chapters of the Section shall be governed by these regulations and the individual Chapters rules and regulations, provided they do not conflict with these regulations.

14. HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT POLICY

The Section reserves the right to adjust a players' Course Handicap before or between rounds, withdraw any Course Handicap or deny the player entry into any future event. The Section, at its' sole discretion, shall determine the effective period for any action taken under this provision. The Section may employ the means and procedures it deems necessary to review a players' performance when, in the judgment of the Section, a players' Course Handicap may not reflect their true potential or their USGA Index may not have been developed in accordance the policies and/or spirit of the USGA Handicap System. The Chief Executive Officer, Section Director of Tournaments and Member Programs and for Chapter events, the Chapter Staff shall have the authority to administer this policy.

15. SECTION SPONSOR PRO-AMATEUR GUIDELINES

- a) Amateur Handicaps: Amateurs must have an established USGA handicap unless waived by the sponsor. Amateur minimum handicap shall be 0 and the maximum 24 for men and 27 for women. Amateurs without handicaps will receive an estimated handicap with a maximum of 18 strokes. The Tournament Director and the professional will be responsible for accurately estimating the player's handicap. Adjustments will be made following the round as necessary.
- b) Professionals shall have Section/USGA handicaps as allowed, from minimum of 0 in the team competition.

- c) In the event that a professional is asked and agrees to play 36 holes in one day his individual score will only count on his first round. He shall not have to pay an additional entry for the second round and would only be eligible to win money in the pro-amateur team portion of the competition in his second round.
- d) In the event of a round or rounds being canceled by rain, etc., no entry fees shall be refunded and the contestants will receive their tee prizes, banquets, etc. If both days are canceled each contestant will receive his pro-rata portion of the purse.
- e) Professional Pro-Amateur entry fees must be paid by check, credit card or money order and be paid prior to teeing off. Non-payment or late payment will be billed by the Section Office at double the entry fee.

16. DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY

- a) A competitor shall not discontinue play except in those cases where he suffers sudden illness or in cases of bad weather when he considers that there may be danger from lightening. The Rules Committee may authorize the suspension of play because of a danger from lightening or an unplayable course.
- b) Once the tournament has started all strokes will count. Every possible effort shall be made to complete the round and if a round is not completed it shall be finished the following day. If it is not possible to complete the stipulated number of holes for the tournament the final results will be determined by the standings of the last complete round.

17. PLAYOFFS

In all tournaments a tie for first place shall be resolved by a "sudden-death" playoff on the same day as the tournament's final round. If this is not possible, the play-off shall be held on the next day. The hole on which the playoff will commence must be designated before the last day of play. This policy will be extended to all play-off situations that may arise.

18. PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of all prize money shall be in accordance with a distribution schedule predetermined and approved by the Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors.

19. AMATEUR GIFT CERTIFICATE POLICY

- a) All amateurs should be encouraged to redeem their winnings at host golf shop.
- b) Recipients of unredeemed winnings will receive Section gift certificates issued by Section office.
- c) Amateurs may redeem certificates at any Section PGA golf shop at 100% of face value of certificates.
- d) Host professional will receive check from Section office for 100% of amount of winnings redeemed at his club prior to issuance of gift certificates.
- e) Section PGA professionals redeeming certificates will receive check from Section office for 100% of certificate value.

20. HUDSON CUP MATCHES

- a) All active members of the Pacific Northwest Section PGA are eligible to represent the Section on the professional team selected for the Hudson Cup Matches; however, members (except those classified A-3) may earn points only if employed on a full-time basis as golf professional or assistant golf professionals within the territory of the Pacific Northwest Section.
- b) Hudson Cup Points will be awarded for position of finish after eliminating all amateurs and non-eligible professionals.
- c) Final point totaling each player's best 4 finishes in the following events:

- Northwest Open Invitational
- Washington Open Invitational
- Rosauers Open Invitational
- Oregon Open Invitational
- PNW PGA Professional Championship

- d) Following are the Hudson Cup Points for professionals:

i) 100**	vi) 75	xi) 50	xvi) 25
ii) 95	vii) 70	xii) 45	xvii) 20
iii) 90	viii) 65	xiii) 40	xviii) 15
iv) 85	ix) 60	xiv) 35	xix) 10
v) 80	x) 55	xv) 30	xx) 5

* Point values are 1.5 for the final event determining the team.
 ** 50 Bonus points will be awarded if the tournament is won outright.

- e) In selecting the team, ties for the last place will be determined by lot.
- f) The Hudson Cup Professional team captain shall be appointed by the President and shall supervise preparations for and conduct the Matches.

g) SENIOR HUDSON CUP MATCHES

- i) Eligibility: All Pacific Northwest Section members except those classified as "F" or "Reserve"
- ii) Points will be awarded in the following events with the team selected from the total of each player's best 6 events:

- PNW PGA Senior Championship
- Senior Oregon Open Invitational
- Senior Washington Open Invitational
- PNW PGA Professional Championship
- PNW Senior Players' Championship
- Washington Open Invitational
- Oregon Open Invitational
- Rosauers Open Invitational
- Northwest Open Invitational

*Point values are 1.5 for the final SENIOR ONLY Section event determining the team.

- iii) Points List refers to the charts listed below.

Chart A Events:

PNW PGA Senior Championship
PNW Senior Players' Championship

Senior Oregon Open Invitational

Senior Washington Open

Chart B Events:

PNW PGA Professional Championship
Rosauers Open Invitational

Washington Open Invitational
Northwest Open Invitational

Oregon Open Invitational

Chart A Points List (*50 point bonus for winning)

1.	125*	6.	100	11.	75	16.	50	21.	25
2.	120	7.	95	12.	70	17.	45	22.	20
3.	115	8.	90	13.	65	18.	40	23.	15
4.	110	9.	85	14.	60	19.	35	24.	10
5.	105	10.	80	15.	55	20.	30	25.	5

Chart B Points List (*50 point bonus for winning)

1.	100*	5.	80	9.	60	13.	40	17.	20
2.	95	6.	75	10.	55	14.	35	18.	15
3.	90	7.	70	11.	50	15.	30	19.	10
4.	85	8.	65	12.	45	16.	25	20.	5

21. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for Pacific Northwest Section tournaments shall be decided by the Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors.

22. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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 CEO such facts or evidence of mitigating circumstances as may apply. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such information from the Participant, the Section Tournament Director or the CEO 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

1. 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.

2. 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 the receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the CEO. The CEO 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 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 and the matter will be set for a hearing before 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, within (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.

23. TOURNAMENT RULES

- a) All Section events will be staged under the current Rules of Golf as defined by the United States Golf Association except as may be modified by local rules.
- b) The PNW PGA Section shall, yearly, produce a supplemental rules card for all Section events. This rules card will be used by players in conjunction with USGA and local rules. These cards will be made available for all participants at all events.
- c) Rules of Golf decisions will be handled by the rules officials and section staff on site and their decision shall be final. The USGA will be consulted by these individuals when they feel it is appropriate. Appeals to the Tournament Committee or Board of Directors are not available.

24. TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- a) Section office shall provide each championship site with a minimum of four indoor-outdoor clocks of sufficient size as to be read easily by participants. These clocks shall be placed on all practice putting greens, practice range, starting tees and in other locations that may be deemed appropriate.
- b) The Section office will provide each championship site with a number of two-way radios that are deemed to be appropriate for the event.

25. TOURNAMENT PROPER DEADLINE-(For events requiring qualifying)

- a) Entry deadline will fall on Wednesday, at 5 p.m., at least three weeks prior to first pro-amateur day and the number of qualifying spots, if any, will be set. Qualifying sites will be set by Chapters at first of each year. Qualifying dates will be the week (Monday-Friday) immediately preceding the event. This allows Section office time to pair qualifying field and to inform participants.
- b) Tournament proper pairings will be made no later than the Saturday immediately preceding the tournament pro-amateur.
- c) Late professional entries will be accepted and placed at the end of the alternate list. A late fee of \$50.00 will be charged for these entries. Players wishing to pursue this route will be assigned an alternate spot when the late fee is received. The maximum number of amateurs in the event will be calculated at the close of entries. Professionals may replace amateur cancellations up to the 136 player limit.

26. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

a) Cell Phone Regulation: During the stipulated round, any use of a cell phone, pager, personal email device or similar devices is prohibited. Such devices must be off or in silent mode and must stay out of sight. Any utilization of the device to check for missed calls, text messages, time of day or the like is a violation of this regulation. Any incoming audible ring or vibration call is a breach of this regulation. A player will be fined for violations of this policy – First Violation - \$100; Second Violation - \$250; Subsequent Violations - \$250 and possible disciplinary action. The player is responsible for a breach by his caddie.

Exceptions: Cell phones may be used to request the assistance of a rules official, for on-course medical emergencies, and to check online leader boards provided by the Section. This regulation does not apply to amateurs in sponsor pro-ams or destination pro-ams (e.g. Hawaii, Vegas). Limited use by professionals in sponsor pro-ams and destination pro-ams is allowed.

- b) Distance Measuring Devices: A player may obtain distance information by using a hand-held device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke – including time to retrieve a shared device.

The Committee may adopt an additional Local Rule at individual competitions to allow golf cart mounted systems.

27. SECTION AND CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT IN EVENTS

a) OFFICIAL EVENTS

- i) Official events are those Section and Chapter events that meet the following minimum requirements:
- Scheduled through the Section comprehensive scheduling process.
 - Follow the Section's eligibility requirements. Members and associates from other Sections may receive special invitations if they would meet the Sections' eligibility requirements.
 - Section staff is the primary on-site administrator and will have the final authority over eligibility, entry fee, rules of golf and the payout.
 - Events meeting the above requirements will receive full Section support for their event. Involvement in the scheduling process, distribution of entries, on-site administration, and payout.
 - Official events are eligible for inclusion in the appropriate points lists.
- ii) Unofficial events are all those events not meeting Section 27 a) i) above. Unofficial events will not be:
- Included in the scheduling process;
 - Listed on any Section calendar or web site;
 - Eligible for inclusion in any points list;
 - Included in the Section handicap postings;
 - Exempt from Players Card restrictions.
 - Exceptions:
 - The Section may be hired for on-site administration of unofficial events provided:
 - Provide a minimum administrative fee to the Section of \$1,000 or \$10 a player whichever is greater.
 - (Note: The division of this within the Section administration is another question.)
 - The scheduling of the event is approved by the Section Tournament Committee as not conflicting with official events.
 - No event will be approved that conflicts with a Section level event.
 - No event will be approved that invites players from a Chapter that has an event scheduled on the same dates.
- iii) The Section and Chapters are limited to relationships with events that fall within one of these two structures.

b) PARTICIPATION IN OTHER CHAPTERS

- i) Definition: Golf Season – the period of April 1 through September 30. Exception: May 1 through August 31 for members of the Western Montana Chapter.
- ii) Any Chapter or event wishing to invite players from other Chapters within their defined “golf season” will seek the approval of the Section Officers. The host Chapter will submit a written request to the CEO a minimum of 60 days prior to the event. The Section Officers will consider all the facts, especially those of the Chapter(s) who may lose players and render a decision within 14 days. Such decision shall be final.
- It is required under this policy that Section professionals cannot leave their Chapter for another Chapters' event during the defined “golf season” unless that event has been granted permission by the Section Officers.
- iii) The Penalty for any Chapter or event in which the above policy is not followed is: Any entry fee money obtained from outside Chapter professionals will be donated to the Pacific Northwest PGA Section Junior Golf Fund at the Chapter's or event's expense. (Example: 6 players from outside Chapters who paid \$100 each. \$600 would be donated)
- iv) Grandfathered events under this policy where crossover is allowed: Senior Washington Open, Washington Match Play, Washington Assistant, Washington Pro-Assistant, Hagen Cup, Chapter Pro-Am events specifically tied to supporting Section Major Championships.
- v) Sponsorships that involve participation by non-chapter professionals require prior written approval of the Section Officers of both the sponsorship and the non-chapter participation.

28. PLAYER'S CARD/OFFICIAL AND UNRECOGNIZED EVENTS

This section applies to participation by Pacific Northwest Section professionals (except current "TOUR" members) in any event held within the boundaries of the Pacific Northwest Section.

Summary:

The purpose of this program is to ensure the quality of section and chapter tournament programs through schedule coordination. Events involving PGA professionals, held within the boundaries of the section, will be divided into two categories - official and unrecognized. Professionals holding a "Player's Card" will be given entry priority, in section and chapter events, over non-card holders. In exchange for this priority, "Player's Card" holders agree to give official events and events priority and not participate in "unrecognized" events that are held on conflicting dates. No constraints will be placed on non-card holders, however, these professionals will have a lower entry priority in section and chapter events. The goal is to have every professional carry a Player's Card and every event be scheduled in cooperation with the official schedule.

Events:

A. Two categories of events will be recognized.

1. Official events -

- a. Section and chapter owned and operated events.
- b. Events administered by the PGA of America, PGA Tour, Champions Tour, WEB.COM Tour, LPGA Tour, USGA, PPGA, OGA and MSGA that are open to section professionals.

2. Unrecognized events -

- a. All events not included in 1 above.

3. Conflicting dates -

- a. An "unrecognized" event, that is held on the same date as an official event is considered to be held on a "conflicting date".

B. Official events are automatically placed in the "official" category. Chapters, however, need to provide the section with their "official" calendar.

Players:

A. Player's Card - A Player's Card remains in effect until the professional either leaves the section or submits a written request to have his Player's Card voided. Professionals may apply for their Player's Card at any time during the year.

B. Professionals with Player's Cards are subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Card holders will receive entry priority over non-card holders as set forth in Section 5 of these regulations. This priority is to extend in some manner to all section and chapter events.
2. Playing performance and pro-am team exemptions will only be granted to professionals with Player's Cards.
3. By the application for a Player's Card, professionals agree to the following conditions on their participation in events as a golf professional.

Professionals applying for a Pacific Northwest Section Player's Card agree to limit their participation in golf tournaments and events to those listed as "official" on the master schedule maintained by the section. It is the professional's responsibility to accurately determine the status of each event before participating. Player's Cardholders who participate in an "unrecognized" event on a "conflicting date, (within the boundaries of the Pacific Northwest Section) will lose their Player's Card for a period of 12 months from the date of violation.

The CEO is responsible for enforcing this provision. Appeals go first to the CEO and then to the officers of the section.

4. The CEO may in individual cases grant releases for participation in "unrecognized" events on conflicting dates. Application for such release must be made in writing and in advance. Requests should be made 30 days prior to the event in question.

C. Professionals electing not to apply for Player's Cards are not governed by the provisions above and may participate in any event. However, such professionals will be placed in a lower entry priority category in all section and chapter events. If professionals earn playing performance or pro-am exemptions in section tournaments, they will not be able to use such exemption unless holding a current Player's Card.

D. Tournament entry priority will be assigned according to the status of a professional at the time of entry receipt. If a non-card holder enters a tournament and subsequently were to apply for a Player's Card, his status would be updated as if the entry were received the day his status changed. Priority changes will be made after the close of entries.

28. a) PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ELIGIBILITY: All Pacific Northwest Section members (except those classified as “F” or “Reserve”) and associates, who are employed as golf professionals on a full time basis. Professionals playing in 6 “tour” (PGA, Champions, Web.com, Australian, Canadian, etc.) events between March 15 and October 15 will not be eligible. Associates must complete PGA PGM Level I before they are eligible to participate in this program.

Qualifying Events:

Chart A Events:

Washington Open Invitational	Oregon Open Invitational	Rosauers Open Invitational
PNW PGA Professional Championship	Northwest Open Invitational	

Chart B Events:

<u>Series 1*</u>	<u>Series 2*</u>	<u>Series 3*</u>
Oregon PGA Championship	Washington PGA Championship	Western Montana Chapter Championship
Oregon Chapter Championship	Western WA Chapter Championship	Western Montana Chapter Match Play
	Central Washington Chapter Championship	
	Central Washington Chapter Match Play	
	Inland Empire Chapter Championship	

* Players may only count one event from any of these lists.

Chart A Points List (*50 point bonus for winning)

1. 100*	5. 80	9. 60	13. 40	17. 20
2. 95	6. 75	10. 55	14. 35	18. 15
3. 90	7. 70	11. 50	15. 30	19. 10
4. 85	8. 65	12. 45	16. 25	20. 5

Chart B Points List

1. 75	3. 40	5. 30	7. 20
2. 50	4. 35	6. 25	8. 15

Bonus Points

<u>United States Open</u>	<u>PNW PPC Championship</u>	<u>PGA Championship</u>
US Open Local Qualifier/Exemption 25	Advance to PGA PNC 50	Make cut at PGA 100
*Exemption does not include a sponsors exemption or special invite.	PGA PNC Exemption 50	PGA Champion 500
US Open Sectional. Qualifier 50	**Points given in the year of the exemption.	
Make cut at US Open 50		
US Open Champion 100	PGA PNC Championship (*100 point bonus for winning)	<u>Tie Breaking Procedure:</u>
<u>PNW Web.com Qualifiers</u> 25	1. 100	1. Finish in the PNW PGA Professional Championship.
Make PNW Web.com cut 25	2. 95	2. Best finish in a PNW PGA Major (Chart A Events) in which both played.
Top 10 PNW Web.com 25	3. 90	3. Next best finish in a PNW PGA Major (Chart A events).
PNW Web.com Champion 75	4. 85	
	5. 80	
	6. 75	
	7. 70	
	8. 65	
	9. 60	
	10. 55	
	Make 36-Hole Cut Outside Top 10 (Top 90 & ties) 50	
	Advance to PGA 50	
	Qualify for PGA Cup Team 150	
	* Points given in the year of the Matches.	

28. b) ASSISTANT PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ELIGIBILITY: All Pacific Northwest Section members (except those classified as “F” or “Reserve”) and associates classified as A-8 or B-8, who are employed as golf professionals on a full time basis. Professionals playing in 6 “tour” (PGA, Champions, Web.com, Australian, Canadian, etc.) events between March 15 and October 15 will not be eligible. Associates must complete PGA PGM Level I before they are eligible to participate in this program.

Qualifying Events:

Chart A Events:

Washington Open Invitational	Northwest Open Invitational	Rosauers Open Invitational
Oregon Open Invitational	PNW Assistant Championship	

*The top 20 Assistants will receive points in any of the Chart A Events.

Chart B Events:

<u>Series 1*</u>		<u>Series 2*</u>	
Oregon Assistant Championship	Washington Assistant Championship	IE Chapter Assistant Championship	
CW Chapter Assistant Championship	CW Chapter Assistant Championship	WM Chapter Assistant Championship	

* Players may only count one event from Series 1 or Series 2.

Chart A Points List (*50 point bonus for winning)

1. 100*	5. 80	9. 60	13. 40	17. 20
2. 95	6. 75	10. 55	14. 35	18. 15
3. 90	7. 70	11. 50	15. 30	19. 10
4. 85	8. 65	12. 45	16. 25	20. 5

Chart B Points List

1. 75	3. 40	5. 30	7. 20
2. 50	4. 35	6. 25	8. 15

Bonus Points

<u>United States Open</u>	<u>PNW Web.com Tour</u>	<u>PNW Assistant Championship</u>
US Open Local Qualifier/Exemption	PNW Web.com Qualifiers 25	Advance to PGA Assistant Champ. 50
*Points given in the year of the exemption. 25	Make PNW Web.com cut 25	PGA Assistant Champ. Exemption 50
US Open Sect. Qualifier 50	Top 10 PNW Web.com 25	**Points given in the year of the exemption.
Make cut at US Open 50	PNW Web.com Champion 75	PGA Assistant Championship
US Open Champion 100		(*100 point bonus for winning)
		1. 100
		2. 95
		3. 90
		4. 85
		5. 80
		6. 75
		7. 70
		8. 65
		9. 60
		10. 55
		Make Cut Outside Top 10 50

Tie Breaking Procedure:

1. Finish in the PNW PGA Assistant Professional Championship.
2. Best finish in a PNW PGA Major (Chart A Events) in which both played.
3. Best finish in their respective Chapter Assistant Championship.

c. SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ELIGIBILITY: All Pacific Northwest Section members (except those classified as “F” or “Reserve”) and associates, who are employed as golf professionals on a full time basis. Professionals playing in 6 “tour” (PGA, Senior, Nationwide, Australian, Canadian, etc.) events between March 15 and October 15 will not be eligible. Associates must complete PGA PGM Level I before they are eligible to participate in this program.

Qualifying Events:

Senior Washington Open Invitational	PNW Senior PGA Championship
Senior Oregon Open Invitational	PNW Senior Players’ Championship

Chart A Points List (*50 point bonus for winning)

1. 100*	5. 80	9. 60	13. 40	17. 20
2. 95	6. 75	10. 55	14. 35	18. 15
3. 90	7. 70	11. 50	15. 30	19. 10
4. 85	8. 65	12. 45	16. 25	20. 5

Bonus Points

<u>United States Senior Open</u>		<u>Senior PGA Championship</u>		<u>Senior PNW PGA Championship</u>
US Sr. Open Qualifier	25	Sr. PGA – make the cut	100	Advance to Sr. PNC
Make cut US Sr. Open	100	Sr. PGA Champion	500	Sr. PNC Exemption**
US Sr. Open Champion	100			**Points given in the year of the exemption.

PNW Champions Tour

PNW Champions Tour - Qualify	25
PNW Champions Tour - Top 48	25
PNW Champions Tour - Top 10	25
PNW Champions Tour Champion	75

Senior PNC Championship
(100 point bonus for winning.)

1.	100
2.	95
3.	90
4.	85
5.	80
6.	75
7.	70
8.	65
9.	60
10.	55

Tie Breaking Procedure:

1. Finish in the PNW Senior PGA Professional Championship.
2. Best finish in a PNW PGA Senior Major (Chart A Events) in which both played.
3. Next best finish in a PNW PGA Senior Major (Chart A Events).

Make 36-Hole Cut Outside Top 10 (Top 90 & ties)	50
Advance to Sr. PGA	50



Play is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions, subject to changes or amendments by the Committee. Appendix I refers to Appendix I in the current USGA Rules of Golf Booklet.

PART A: CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. **GOLF BALLS:** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Disqualification.
2. **"ONE-BALL" CONDITION:** During a stipulated round, the balls a player plays must be of the same brand and model as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls. For penalty and procedure, see Appendix I. Note: This condition applies to professionals in all PNW Section competitions and to amateurs in the tournament proper portion of such events. This condition does not apply to amateurs in Sponsor Pro-ams or "Monday" Pro-Am events.
3. **PACE OF PLAY:** A player shall be subject to fine and/or penalty if he unduly delays play. The PNW Section Pace of Play regulation is in effect and is available at all tournaments.
4. **PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES:** Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of next hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes at the next hole. Match or stroke play - In the case of a breach at the last hole of the stipulated round, the player incurs the penalty at that hole. Note: This condition does not apply in Sponsor Pro-Am or "Monday" Pro-Am events.
5. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY - DANGEROUS SITUATION:** When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation (lightning, tornado, etc.), if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. See Decision 6-8b/7.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY - NON-DANGEROUS SITUATION:

Proceed as prescribed in Rule 6-8.

SIGNALS FOR SUSPENDING AND RESUMING PLAY:

- One prolonged air horn or siren blast - Discontinue Play Immediately
 - Three consecutive air horn or siren blasts, repeated - Discontinue Play
 - Two consecutive air horn or siren blasts - Resume play
6. **CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION:** The competition is closed when the champion has been announced, all scores have been posted, and the Committee has approved the results.

PART B: LOCAL RULES

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS - ROADS:** A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. **DOUBLE STAKES:** When used, the boundary for that hole(s), is deemed to extend indefinitely in the direction of the 'squared-off' stake.
2. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** (a) Areas enclosed by white lines; (b) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones; (c) Relief is provided for lie of the ball and area of intended swing from seams of cut turf in newly sodded areas that are not otherwise marked (See Appendix I).
3. **EMBEDDED BALL:** Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. See Note - Rule 25-2. **Exceptions:** 1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown. 2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes

the stroke clearly impracticable. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.

4. **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** Turf plugs on putting greens are deemed to have the same status as hole plugs and thus may be repaired as prescribed in Rule 16-1c.
5. **OBSTRUCTIONS - WHITE LINES:** (a) White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or other obstructions are declared to have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair. (b) Landscaped flowerbed areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
6. **RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS:** When located within water hazards or within and/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course. When located contiguous to cart paths (through the green), retaining walls and pilings are deemed to be part of the cart path.
7. **TREE STAKES:** The stake and/or cable is an obstruction. No relief from just the tree.
8. **TREE WRAPPINGS, ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES:** Integral parts of the course - NO RELIEF. Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables and other artificial objects closely attached to trees ARE NOT obstructions.
9. **PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES:** If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made).
10. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Those obstructions so deemed by the Committee. Proceed as prescribed in Appendix I.
11. **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION:** An automotive cart is part of the player's equipment. A player employs a cart when it is utilized by the player, his caddie, or his equipment. (a) A player may employ a cart at any time during the round. If employed between the play of two holes, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the subsequent hole. If such employment commences during the play of a hole, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the hole. Outside agencies may ride in a player's cart. However, if the player's ball strikes anything or anyone in the player's cart, the player incurs the penalty for a breach of Rule 19-2. Exception: When one cart is shared by two players and the cart is being moved by one of the players, the cart and its contents are deemed to be the equipment of that player. (b) A player or players employing a cart may appoint someone to drive the cart, in which case the driver is deemed to be the caddie of the player or players. Only the player or players (or caddies) may drive the cart. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes. (c) To prevent "scouting", a player or players employing a cart, or their caddies, may not drive past the ball until all shots have been played to the green. "Past the ball" is deemed to be past the nearest ball to the green. If the players or caddies drive slightly past the ball in search of a lost ball, this is not considered past the ball. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes. (d) There will be no spectator carts allowed. Only official carts authorized by the Tournament Director will be allowed on the course. Players in violation are subject to penalty and/or fine. Players employing carts are reminded of the conditions governing caddies and advice.
12. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** A player may obtain distance information by using a hand-held distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION PGA of AMERICA PACE of PLAY REGULATION

As a condition of the competition, players are subject to being timed at any point during their round. When in-position, players are allowed 40 seconds to complete each stroke. *If the group is out-of-position, the time is reduced to 30 seconds.* In either position, players are allowed an additional 10 seconds for: (i) the first player to play a stroke on a par 3, (ii) the first player to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 when attempting to reach the putting green, (iii) the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5, or (iv) the first player to play on or around the putting green. Timing will begin when it is clearly the players' turn to play.

- **OUT-OF-POSITION DEFINED** - *A group is out-of-position if it fails to:* 1) complete the hole preceding a par 3 before the hole ahead is completed; 2) clear the teeing ground of a par 4 before the preceding group completes the hole; or 3) arrive at the teeing ground of a par 5 before the preceding group has reached the putting green. A group is out-of-position anytime they fail to maintain this spacing. Note: The lead group, and subsequent groups, are in-position when their elapsed time is under the applicable time par.
- **IN-POSITION** - Groups in-position will be timed on request. If a player in a group is concerned about the pace of one of his fellow-competitors he may request to have the group timed. A group may also be timed if a player or players in the group repeatedly violate the per stroke time limits set forth above. Groups will be notified they are being timed and timing will continue at the discretion of the official to insure all players maintain a proper pace of play.
- **OUT-OF-POSITION** - Groups out-of-position will be notified by an official that they are out-of-position and on the 30-second clock. Timing will continue until the group is back in-position.
- **UNDUE DELAY** - In addition to this condition, Rule 6-7 may be applied immediately in specific circumstances.
- **TIME PAR** - A standard pace of 14 minutes per hole will be expected unless a "Time Par" is established and published for a particular event/golf course.

FINES AND PENALTIES

Each Stipulated Round- First bad time - \$50 fine*; second bad time – an additional \$50 and two strokes; third bad time- \$100 and two strokes; fourth bad time - disqualification. Players will be notified of a bad time as soon as possible.

** A player incurring a single bad time during the course of an event will have the \$50 fine waived.*

A pace of play report will be distributed with the tournament results and include a list of all players fined and penalized.

PNW PGA MAXIMUM PER HOLE AVERAGES

Hole #	12 min	13 min	14 min	15 min	Hole #	12 min	13 min	14 min	15 min
1	0:12	0:13	0:14	0:15	10	2:00	2:10	2:20	2:30
2	0:24	0:26	0:28	0:30	11	2:12	2:23	2:34	2:45
3	0:36	0:39	0:42	0:45	12	2:24	2:36	2:48	3:00
4	0:48	0:52	0:56	1:00	13	2:36	2:49	3:02	3:15
5	1:00	1:05	1:10	1:15	14	2:48	3:02	3:16	3:30
6	1:12	1:18	1:24	1:30	15	3:00	3:15	3:30	3:45
7	1:24	1:31	1:38	1:45	16	3:12	3:28	3:44	4:00
8	1:36	1:44	1:52	2:00	17	3:24	3:41	3:58	4:15
9	1:48	1:57	2:06	2:15	18	3:36	3:54	4:12	4:30

**THIS TIME ALLOWANCE CHART INDEPENDENT OF THE SIZE OF THE GROUP.
THE MAXIMUM TIME FOR A GROUP SHALL BE 14 MINUTES PER HOLE UNLESS NOTED
OTHERWISE AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE.**

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION
PGA of AMERICA
CADDIE REGULATION**

Caddies are an important part of the game of golf, and participants in Pacific Northwest Section tournaments are encouraged to utilize their services. However, since caddies are a part of our tournament, they reflect directly on the image and reputation of the Pacific Northwest Section. Therefore, caddies are subject to the following regulations:

1. Caddies are subject to the host club dress code for *golfers*. Shorts, jeans, etc. are only permissible so long as they comply with host club regulations. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure his caddie is appropriately attired. Caddies employed by the host club will be subject to the club imposed dress code. If provided, caddies shall wear bibs or uniforms as directed by the Tournament Director.
2. Caddies should wear smooth rubber-soled shoes. Individuals wearing spikes, including “soft-spikes”, or other shoes that may effect the putting surface shall stay off the putting greens at all times.
3. Caddies shall not walk on greens while pacing the golf course and shall not interfere with play during practice, pro-am, or tournament rounds.
4. Caddies are the responsibility of the player. The player will ensure their caddies compliance with these regulations, host club policies, and be responsible for any financial commitments.
5. Courtesies extended to caddies by the host club and sponsor may vary by tournament and the player should enquire with the host club before making any assumptions. The Tournament Director will be responsible for determining such policies at individual sites.
6. Occasionally, caddies may be able to attend player banquets that follow play. In such cases, players will be expected to pay the Section for their caddies’ meals.
7. The Tournament Director is responsible for interpreting and enforcing these regulations and levying appropriate fines for non-compliance.



PGA

Pacific Northwest Section

Application for

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION PLAYER'S CARD

Name: _____

PGA Classification: _____

Member/Associate Number: _____

Club: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

By this application, I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the Pacific Northwest Section Player's Card as outlined on the reverse of this form and in the PNW Section Tournament Regulations. I understand that if I am in violation of this agreement I will be subject to losing the preferred entry status granted to PNW Section Player's Card holders. I understand that it is my responsibility to determine the status of each event I intend to enter prior to participating.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application is not complete until signed.

NOTE: There is no fee associated with this application.

*This player card is valid as long as you remain a member of the Pacific Northwest Section PGA.
Any Player's card you had before this one is no longer valid.

Fax completed Player's Card Application to:
360-456-6745

or mail to:
PNW PGA, P.O. Box 14819, Tumwater, WA 98511