



PGA

North Florida Section

- TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS -

OPENING STATEMENT: The North Florida Section Tournament Committee (herein after called the Committee) has the responsibility for proposing rules and regulations to govern play of all section tournaments. These rules and regulations must be approved by the Executive Board. The committee members assigned to represent the section at these events are responsible to the Executive Board for enforcement of all rules and regulations.

USGA Rules shall govern all play. The Committee may make and publish local rules if they are consistent with the policies of the USGA. Professionals are charged with the knowledge of USGA Rules of Golf and of the rules, policies and regulations of the section. No tournament will be held at any facility unless the head professional is a North Florida PGA Class A member or apprentice.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. The composition of the Committee is set forth in the Bylaws, Article V, Section 2. The Section Executive Director and other appointed Section staff shall hold seats on the Committee in an advisory capacity. The Committee shall conduct its business in accordance with Article V of the Section Bylaws.

DRESS CODE: Proper golf attire must be worn at all times during play. Tank tops, jeans (denim or not) and tee shirts are NOT considered proper golf attire. Professionals are expected to maintain an image that will reflect well on them and the Association. If it is felt that the attire of a professional or an amateur competing in section events does not project the proper image, the Committee is empowered to take any necessary action. Women professionals may wear shorts, culottes or skirts but they must be acceptable golf attire.

NFPGA SECTION SHORTS POLICY FOR MEN

The following policy has been passed by the North Florida Section:

Shorts for Professionals will be allowed with the following stipulations:

- Shorts will be a Bermuda length, and appropriate for golf (no denim).
- Shorts may be worn at Professional Only events all year long; shorts may not be worn at Pro Am events.
- Shorts will not be allowed if the Tournament Sponsor is opposed to the policy.
- Shorts will not be allowed if the Host Facility is opposed to the policy.
- A player wearing shorts when shorts are not permitted or in any manner not consistent with this policy, will be asked to comply with the policy

If, after being asked to comply with the policy, a player does not comply with any part of this policy, they will be removed from the competition, (no refund), and brought before the Officers' Committee on a Code of Ethics Violation

CONDUCT VIOLATIONS: Conduct not becoming a golf professional shall be handled in a serious manner. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, damage to the facility or its property, whether or not intentional; excessive drinking; taking coolers onto the course; throwing or breaking personal equipment in an angry or frustrated state; publicly or loudly expressing frustrations, anger or disagreement with the tournament, people involved or fellow competitors. Complaints regarding any aspect of the tournament must be made only to the committee and must be done so privately. Players in violation of the PGA policy on conduct shall automatically be subject to the following fines: First offense - up to \$100; Second offense - up to \$200 and/or one year suspension; Third offense - Permanent revocation of playing privileges in section events. The on-site committee reserves the right to act on such violations as they deem necessary, which may include imposing penalties up to and including disqualification.

CHEATING: Cheating shall not be tolerated. Any competitor caught cheating in any way shall be disqualified as well as the competitor's team. Cheating is a Code of Ethics violation and will be dealt with under the provisions of the By-Laws of

the PGA of America.

RETURNED CHECK POLICY: If the check of a professional or an amateur is returned for insufficient funds, a service charge of \$45 will be imposed. For repeat offenses a fine up to \$100 and suspension from Section events may be imposed by the committee. Professionals will be held responsible for their amateurs in this matter.

GAMBLING POLICY: The USGA is quite clear on its policies on gambling. The section concurs with those policies. Any player abusing this policy shall be referred to the committee for disciplinary action.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: On-line registration for all section events is available through www.nfpga.com or www.pgalinks.com. If a player chooses to enter via hard copy through the office, all entry forms must be filled out completely and accompanied by payment. Section members and apprentices may postdate their payment to the event date. If the event includes amateurs, the amount of payment must also include the amateur's entry fees. On-line entries may be completed by the player or they may enter through the office. In order to be accepted, all entries must be received by the entry deadline. Incomplete forms, entries received without the total entry fee and all entries received after the deadline date may be accepted subject to an additional fee of \$25.00 per person (if applicable), and will be put on a stand by status. Entries may be resubmitted if all criteria are met in a timely fashion. If for any reason an entry is to be withdrawn, the section office must be contacted prior to the established deadline date in order to receive full refund. If a player/team withdraws after the established entry deadline but before the first round, their entry fee will be refunded minus \$15.00 per person. Entry forms must be typed or printed legibly. The section reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS: The format will be stated on the entry form for each event, and on www.nfpga.com and www.pgalinks.com

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility for each Section event is stated in the entry information for that event. In order for a player to be eligible for any Section event, they must meet all of the eligibility criteria for the event at the entry deadline and on the day of the first round of the tournament. Suspended Members or Apprentices are not eligible to compete at the Chapter, Section or National level until the suspension is lifted. Amateurs must have an established handicap at a club where a section member or apprentice is employed. If an amateur's scores are such that the authenticity of his or her handicap may be in question, the professional may be asked to provide documentation of the handicap.

For all Section and Chapter Pro-only events, participants must not have played in more than ten (10) PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, LPGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Canadian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, JPGA Tour, The Sunshine Tour (RSA), The Asian Tour, National Senior Tour, European Seniors Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, WPGT, JLPGA, Golden Bear Tour, Hooter's Tour, and SBC Futures Tour tournaments during the last 12 months (from the date of the event). (Note: The US Open, US Senior Open, PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the ten (10) tournament count.)

RAIN OUT POLICY: If conditions at a Section event are such that a round cannot be completed on that day, the following rules apply:

In a one-day event if at least 75% of the field has completed play the tournament will stand as complete and the contestants who do not finish will be refunded their entry fees less course fees used. If 75% do not finish, the event will be postponed and rescheduled. In a two-day event at least 18 holes must be completed by the entire field for the event to stand as complete. If a round is partially completed either the first or second day, the contestants will resume play from the point where play was suspended. In a three-day event (54 holes), if at least 36 holes are not completed by the entire field, the event will be postponed and rescheduled.

If lightning is visible, play will immediately be suspended until the committee announces the resumption of play. Safety of all players is the top priority.

NO SHOW AND LATE ARRIVAL POLICY: If a contestant does not appear for an event without notifying the Section office or Committee at least 18 hours prior to his or her starting time, a fine of \$50 may be imposed and their entry fee may be forfeited. Repeat offenders may be fined up to \$100 and may be suspended from section events, at the Committees' discretion. The professional is responsible for his amateurs in situations involving tardiness or no-shows.

PACE OF PLAY: The Committee recognizes the increasingly slow pace of play during golf tournaments. It is the responsibility of all contestants to correct this problem. The slow player or players in any group may be penalized, fined up to \$100 or suspended from play in section events. Refer to Pace of Play guidelines in this section.

TIE BREAKING POLICY: In major Section tournaments, a sudden death playoff will be held to determine a winner in the event of a tie for first place only. Once a winner is determined, any others in the playoff are considered to have tied for

second place. In other Section events where there is a tie for first place, those tied will be co-champions and purse will be split, unless otherwise stated on Notice to Competitors.

SCORECARD REQUIREMENTS: Scorecards must be marked correctly in a neat and legible fashion and must be returned by the player (s) to the scorer's table immediately upon completion of play. Cards must be signed by the scorer and the player. Every competitor must return his own scorecard. In a Pro Am event, the professional must return the scorecard. Once the professional leaves the scoring area, no changes can be made to the card by him. Before play begins, it is the responsibility of the Committee to make sure the correct names and handicaps are on the card. If the card is incorrect, the professional must notify the starter or a tournament official of the error before playing.

NO CARD, WD, ETC.: Every competitor must return his score card (or his teams' card) even if he intends to "no-card." Failure to return the scorecard may result in disqualification and/or a \$50 fine. Verbally informing an official is NOT sufficient. Any player who tees off must turn in a card. If a competitor decides to withdraw during an event, he must notify the Committee. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine. Amateurs failing to do so are subject to forfeiting the privilege of playing in a Section event.

TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES: The Committee will establish dates, sites and purses for all Section events subject to Board approval. The Committee is also charged with selecting alternate dates in case of inclement weather. The Committee will coordinate and administer the event in concert with the host facility. The host facility's responsibilities will be mailed to the host professional in the form of a pre-tournament packet. Written review (including results) of every event will be sent to the host professional by the Committee.

PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES: Pairings, tee times and tee assignments will be prepared by the Committee after the entry deadline. In cases where personal or professional obligations cannot be rescheduled, a competitor may request a specific time. This **MUST BE DONE** by listing the time needed on the entry form. Pairings and times will be made available to the players prior to the event. Pairings and times so posted are **FINAL**. In multi-round events where pairings and tee times are recalculated based on score, **ALL** players will play at the time and in the grouping so declared by that score. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS**. When possible, the method of determining pairings will be posted at the events.

PURSE DISTRIBUTION: The Committee establishes the purse distribution for its tournaments based on the number of entries and the added money for that event. The purse distribution is the responsibility of the Committee and will be available prior to the first round.

SPONSOR MONEY: All sponsor monies assigned to a tournament will be added to the purse. The sponsor's name will be posted at the score board area.

SITE SELECTION: Section tournament sites are selected by the Committee. Criteria for selection are specified by the Committee. Failure to provide prearranged services and facilities may result in the loss of the privilege to host future Section events.

FEMALE PGA MEMBER ELIGIBILITY: Female PGA Members and Apprentices are encouraged to play in Section tournaments and their yardage will be approximately 85% of the mens yardage.

NFPGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND CHALLENGE CUP TEAM POINT SYSTEM:

The Section Player of the Year Point System ranks professionals by their playing abilities and participation in section events. The ten professionals with the highest number of points will receive certificates and awards presented by the Section or other sponsors. Those top ten players plus the top two senior members or their alternates also will represent the Section in the North-South Challenge Cup Matches.

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The points year will begin immediately after the Section Championship and end with the Section Championship of the next year. Each chapter must hold its championship prior to the Section championship. The player must turn in a completed scorecard to receive any points. No card, WD, DQ will not receive any points. All points earned during each season will be tabulated and kept on computer records. Updates will be provided after each points event on the tournament schedule. Official points events are:

Category 1. Section Championship	Category 4. Chapter Championships
Category 2. Section PNC	Category 5. One Day, Professional Only, Individual Competitions
Category 3. Match Play Championship	Category 6. Pro Am Events/Other Qualifiers (Individual Competitions)
Category 7. Bonus	

EXEMPT SPOTS:

If a player is exempt for an event, they will receive 100 points if they play in the event for which they are exempt.

FLORIDA OPEN – Category 5:

NFPGA competitors will be awarded points as they finish amongst their NFPGA peers only in the Florida Open. Those who do not make the cut will receive 50 points for competing..

QUALIFIERS - Category 6:

This category includes open qualifiers for the PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, Florida PGA Open and both stages of the US Open. In qualifiers not administered by the Section Staff, the players are required to report the results to the Section tournament office within 10 days of the event; otherwise, no points will be awarded.

BONUS POINTS - Category 7:

Any player making the cut in the PGA Championship, PGA Senior Championship, the US Open or any PGA Tour, Champions Tour or Nationwide Tour event within the Section boundaries will be awarded points from this category. Additionally, any section players who advance from our Section Professional National Championship to the PGA of America Professional National Championship will be awarded points from this category. National PPC points will be 250 points for competing, an additional 100 points awarded for each cut made. Any player gaining an exemption into the PGA Championship will receive an additional 250 points. Any senior player gaining an exemption into the Senior PGA Championship will also receive an additional 250 points toward the senior points list.

SENIOR POINTS SCALE:

The two senior spots on the North South Challenge Cup Team will be earned by participation on the regular points list plus points earned from major Senior Championships. Any points earned in the senior events will not be used in determining the junior player of the year. The categories used for the Senior events are as follows:

Category 1. Senior Championship
Category 2. Senior PNC Qualifier
Category 3. Senior Match Play Championship
Category 4. Senior Chapter Championships
Category 5. Senior Open, One Day, Professional Only, Individual Competitions
Category 6. Pro Am Events/Other Qualifiers (Individual Competition)
Category 7. Bonus Points