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TOURNAMENT Policies & Procedures

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TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Core Purpose

The Tournament Committee (Committee) is a ***core support committee*** empowered to oversee the Section Tournament Program and ensure quality playing opportunities for all North Florida PGA Members and Associates as outlined in the Section Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2B.

Composition

The Committee shall be composed of the Tournament Chairman, the Chapter Tournament Chairs (designated representatives), senior member, and women's member. Also, the Executive Director (ED), and designated inclusion/diversity council member and staff shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.

Key Functions

- Implement and monitor the committee's annual goals and objectives
- Annually develop, for approval by the Board, the competition schedule/sites
- Submit the upcoming year's calendar to the Executive Board no later than November 1
- Review the policies, points allocation, formats, venues, and schedule
- Establish the Conditions of Competition
- Recruit and empower Rules Officials to assist the Section Office in conducting tournaments
- Assist staff in securing sites for tournaments and qualifiers
- Support staff in conducting the competitions through onsite assistance
- Assist staff in recruiting volunteers
- Approve any change to tournament calendar after publication by committee vote
- Arbitrate grievances the designated staff cannot resolve
- Review appeals

Governance Terms

Global Policies

Global policies are Section-wide policies that shall not be modified by a Chapter.

Section Policies

Section Policies are policies that apply only to Section tournaments. If a Chapter has not modified a Section Policy then, by default, the Chapter policy is the same as the Section policy.

Chapter Policies

Chapter Policies are Section policies that have been modified by a Chapter Tournament Committee and approved by a Chapter Board. The Committee must be notified of these policies and added to the Section Tournament Rules and Regulations in the appropriate category.

GENERAL

Entry Procedure (Global)

Registration for Section and Chapter tournaments must be done online via the Section's tournament registration system, which is linked to the Section Website. The Section Office, to be compliant with their PCI Compliance Certificate, shall not accept credit card information in person or over the phone. The Section Office (when a player is having access problems entering an event) may accept entry over the phone or in person. In such circumstances, the player will be sent a digital invoice that they must pay within 24 hours or risk their entry being rejected. Entries must be executed by the published deadline. In certain extenuating circumstances, the Section Office may accept an entry after the deadline.

Entry Fees

Section: The Tournament Committee, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall set the entry fees and additional fees for Section Tournaments. Entry fees will be determined by using the Section's standardized entry fee model. When a course fee is higher than the base, the entry fee may be adjusted proportionately.

Chapters: The Chapter Officers and Tournament Chair shall set entry and additional fees for Chapter Tournaments.

Refunds (Global)

Players are entitled to the following refunds if they properly withdraw from a tournament by notifying the Section Office or withdrawal via the tournament registration system.

- Before the Deadline – Entry Fee minus \$5 service fee
- After the Deadline but before the first date of the tournament – Entry Fee minus \$15 service fee
- After competition begins – no refund
- The Committee may review refund requests for exceptional situations on a case-by-case basis

Tournament Formats (Global)

Tournament formats for each tournament shall be published on the Section website.

Groupings and Starting Times (Section)

The Section Office prepares groupings, starting times, and tee assignments after the entry deadline. Starting Time requests will not be considered. Groupings and starting times will be made available online to the players before the event. Groupings and starting times so posted are FINAL. In multi-round events where groupings and starting times 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 to this policy.

Site Selection (Global)

The Section/Chapter Tournament Committees select tournament sites. The Committee specifies the criteria for selection. Criteria may include location, course conditions, teeing options, food/beverage services, past hosting practice, and practice facilities. This criterion is for internal use only and is not to be published.

1. No tournament shall be held at a facility unless a PGA Professional or Associate is employed as a General Manager (A-13/B-13), Director of Golf (A-4/B-4 or Head Professional (A-1/B-1).
2. Chapters must hold their Chapter Championships before the Section Championship and preferably in windows requested by the Tournament Chair and Executive Director.
3. The Section tournament schedule must be shared with Chapter Tournament Chairs by July 1 each year.

PERSONAL CONDUCT POLICIES

Code of Conduct (Global)

Although conduct is covered in the PGA Code of Ethics, the Tournament Committee wishes to establish more clearly its policy on the conduct of Members and Associates in any tournament. Conduct that is judged potentially injurious to the individual Member/Associate, the host professional, or the NFPGA shall be subject to review by the Section Board of Inquiry. Individuals will be subject to disciplinary action in the form of a fine and suspension of playing privileges as deemed by the Section Board of Inquiry.

Abuses include, but are not limited to, excessive displays of temper, damaging club property, violating host venue rules, bringing outside alcohol, excessive consumption of alcohol, excessive swearing, failing to comply with club or tournament policy, or other actions that cause hardships or embarrassment to the employees of the host club. Complaints regarding any aspect of the tournament must be made only to the committee and must be done so privately. 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.

Gambling (Global)

The Rules of Golf are clear on policies of gambling. Any player abusing this policy shall be referred to the Section Board of Inquire for disciplinary action.

Cheating (Global)

Cheating shall not be tolerated. Any competitor caught cheating in any way shall be disqualified as well as the competitor's team. Additional sanctions shall be determined by the Section Board of Inquiry.

No Show and Late Arrival (Section)

If a competitor does not appear for an event without notifying the Section office or Committee at least 18 hours before 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 Section Board of Inquiries discretion. The professional is responsible for his amateurs in situations involving tardiness or no-shows.

No Card, WD, Etc. (Section)

Every competitor must return his scorecard (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.

Withdrawals (Global)

A player may withdraw from a multi-day tournament by notifying a Tournament Official and should do so no later than (15) fifteen minutes after the completion of the round. During the round, a player may withdraw because of illness or other physical disability that requires medical attention, or serious personal emergency. A player failing to notify a Tournament Official of withdrawal prior to his/her scheduled starting time or prior to leaving the golf course during a stipulated round, shall be subject to a suspension of up to (60) sixty days during which the player may not compete in any tournament either conducted by or sanctioned by the NFPGA. If this violation occurs within (60) sixty days of the final scheduled tournament of the current year, the suspension will include the first tournament of the next year. If a player incurs a second violation of this policy, he/she shall be subject to suspension from any NFPGA tournament for a period of (1) one year from the date of the suspension.

Dress Code (Global)

Proper golf attire must be worn at all times during play. Tank tops, jeans (denim or not) and tee shirts are not considered appropriate 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 or the like, but they must be acceptable golf attire. Male professionals are allowed to wear shorts year-round per the following guidelines;

- Shorts must be Bermuda length and not be made of denim or the like
- Shorts shall not be worn if the sponsor is opposed to the policy
- Shorts shall not be worn if the host site is opposed to the policy

Male professionals wearing shorts when they are not permitted, or in any manner not consistent with this policy shall be asked to comply with this policy. If, after being requested to adhere to the policy, a player does not comply with any part of this policy, they will be removed from the tournament (no refund), and brought before the Section Board of Inquiry.

ELIGIBILITY (Global)

Eligibility for each tournament is stated in the entry information. For a player to be eligible in any Section tournament, they must meet all of the eligibility criteria for the tournament at the entry deadline and on the day of the first round of the tournament.

1. Member or Associate in Good Standing.
2. Eligibly employed in an active classification or a Life Member-Active. If a Member is unemployed they may apply for an exemption to the Section Board of Inquiry. The Board of Inquiry may approve an exemption for no more than 120 days.
3. Reserve, Class F, Life Member Retired and Retired members are not eligible. Exception is a Life Member Retired may participate in the Senior PGA Professional Championship Qualifier.
4. Pro-Only Tournament participants must not have played in more than ten (10) tournaments during the last twelve (12) months conducted by, but not limited to, the following tours: PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and International Tour, LPGA Tour, PGA European 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. Note: The US Open, US Senior Open, PGA Championship, and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the tournament count.
5. Entries open for PGA Members six weeks before the entry deadline. Entries for designated events open for PGA Associates two weeks before the entry deadline. The entry deadline at 11:59 pm two business days before the first day of the event.
6. Members/Associates are responsible for the eligibility of their team. If a team competes in a sanctioned event with an ineligible player that team shall be disqualified.
7. Amateurs at the entry deadline must have an active and verifiable World Handicap Index to compete in net scoring. The effective revision date used for a player's Handicap Index shall be the current posted revision date at the close of registration. The Course Handicap allowance shall follow the World Golf Handicap System (Appendix C) and strokes are allocated per the allocation table published by the course. Plus course handicaps give back strokes per the allocation table.

8. Individuals who have petitioned for, and are waiting to regain their amateur status through the United States Golf Association are not eligible to register and compete in NFPGA tournaments. Exception: an individual may register and compete as an (AR – Amateur Awaiting Reinstatement) in an Open. However, they must waive their right to any prize money offered and must not accept any prize reserved for an amateur golfer.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to extend a playing invitation for Pro-Ams to sponsor representatives of the specific NFPGA tournament of which they are affiliated. Sponsor representatives must meet the eligibility requirements which includes having an active Handicap Index and meet the USGA definition of an amateur golfer.
10. Entries are subject to approval or rejection, with or without reason, at any time at the discretion of the North Florida PGA Executive Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules of Golf (Global)

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. The Committee may make and publish local rules if they are consistent with the Model Local Rules as published in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. It is the player's responsibility to know the Rules, Policies, Regulations, and Conditions of Competitions.

Pace of Play (Global)

The Tournament Committee shall establish the Pace of Play Policy, Procedures, and Guidelines. These shall be published on the Section website, the starting tees, and scoreboard. Each tournament shall have an established time par. The tournament time par shall be published on the Notice to Players and official scorecard for each competitor. The Section Office and authorized Rules Officials are empowered to monitor the pace of play and assess penalties per the Policy, Procedures and Guidelines.

Tie Breaking (Global)

Ties are broken and the purse/prizes are distributed by the following method.

- **Individual Stroke Play:** Ties are broken by a hole by hole playoff until a winner is determined. Once a winner is determined, any other players in the playoff are considered to have tied for second place.
- **Match Play:** Ties during seeding are broken by lot. Matches all square at the end of the stipulated round will continue play until a winner is determined.
- **Pro-Pro Events:** Overall first place are declared co-champions. Purse is split
- **Pro-Am Events:** Team ties are decided by the USGA Recommended Method of Matching Scorecards; Professionals will receive the same payout as their Amateur partners. Low Professional ties are split.

Weather Cancellation (Global)

If weather conditions or a significant event occur that result in a stipulated round not being completed on the scheduled day, the following rules apply.

One Day Tournaments - A minimum of 75% of the field must complete the round for the tournament results to stand. Players 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. Note the purse must be adjusted based on the total number of players who complete the round.

Multiple Round Tournaments - In a two-round tournament, a minimum of 18 holes must be completed by the field for the tournament results to stand. If a round is partially completed either the first or second day, the players shall resume play from the point where play was suspended. In a three-round tournament (54 holes), a minimum of 36 holes must be completed by the field, or the tournament shall be postponed and rescheduled.

Starting Area (Section)

For the purpose of applying Rule 5.3a, the starting point is defined by the rope, blue stakes, blue dots, blue lines or a combination thereof. In the case of a shotgun start, the starting point is the tee pad which the designated tee marker has been placed.

Scorecard Requirements (Global)

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 Member or Associate must notify the starter or a tournament official of the error before playing. Scorecards must be kept legibly and returned immediately upon completion of play. In a Pro-Am, the Member or Associate must keep the scorecard and must return the scorecard.

Scoring Area (Global)

Once the Member or Associate leaves the defined scoring area, no changes can be made to the official scorecard. The scoring area should be defined and purposely broad.

Tees (Global)

Multiple sets of tees may be used in tournaments when competing for the same purse following these guidelines. In the case of multiple tees the Primary Tee is the tee designated tee for the open division.

Gender Tee: If female members are competing in an open division event, the female member tee total yardage should be set up no more than 85% of the Primary Tee. Individual hole setup can range between 78-85% of the Primary Tee.

Age Tee: The governing authority for a tournament has the opportunity to create Age Tees in tournaments if the Primary Tee is greater than 6,300 yards. If Age Tees are being used, the Member must at the time of entry select if they are playing from the Primary Tee or the eligible Age Tee. Age qualification points, eligibility, and yardage are as follows.

Primary Tee

- No age criteria
- Player eligible to earn points in all categories
- The governing body determines total yardage

Senior Tee

- Available for Members age 50 and older
- Player is eligible to earn senior category points only
- Total yardage must be set no longer than 97% of the Primary Tee
- Hole by hole yardage may vary due to tee pad availability - see note below
- Yardage for Females is based on Female Primary Tee

Legend Tee

- Available for Members 62 years of age and older
- Player is not eligible to earn points in any category
- Total yardage must be set no longer than 95% of the Primary Tee
- Hole by hole yardage may vary due to tee pad availability - see note below
- Yardage for Females is based on Female Primary Tee

Administration

1. The intent of these guidelines are set, so each hole does not and most likely cannot be the exact differential. These guidelines should allow the Committee/staff person in charge of an event to use their knowledge and discretion in order to set the golf course up in a manner that is both a good test and challenge, does not make holes play differently than the design of the hole was intended and that, most importantly, it allows all players to be hitting similar clubs into greens on as many holes as possible. All tee locations shall be identified on the Notice to Players.
2. Following the governing authorities' guidelines, the Tournament Chair shall determine the Primary Tee's yardage. The hole by hole data must be provided to the Chapter & Finance Manager before registration opens. Failure to provide yardage to the CFM will result in a delay of registration opening. The CFM will compute the yardage for the Age/Gender Tees and provide to the Tournament Chair and host professional a scorecard for all tees. The Tournament Chair in coordination with the host professional will ensure the tees are set up for the competition.

Skins (Global)

Optional Skins Contests may be conducted at tournaments. Skins shall be collected at time of entry through the tournament registration system. Skins shall be paid out by direct deposit to the members designated account.

If a Member/Associate's status is WD or DQ, they shall still be eligible to win a skin. If they win a hole, their marker must confirm their score.

Caddies (Global)

Players are allowed to employ a caddie at all tournaments. If a golf cart is being used, the player or the caddie may use a golf cart, but not both. Breach is the General Penalty.

Golf Carts (Global)

Golf Carts are allowed at all Section tournaments unless the host site is a walking only course. A maximum of two carts per group is allowed. A spectator may ride in a golf cart if there is an open seat. Spectators are not allowed to drive a golf cart.

Spectator Carts (Global)

If the host site allows for spectator carts, they are always restricted to the cart path .

Tournament Cancellation

A minimum of 3 players must enter in a division for that division to be conducted. If a division is cancelled, the player shall receive a full refund, or their entry can be transferred to another division in the tournament.

PURSES

Availability (Global)

The tournament's net income less 4% is available to be used for the professional purse. To determine the net income, the NFPGA Tournament Budget Form must be completed, and all expenses directly attributable to the tournament must be determined.

Purse Allocation (Global)

The Tournament Committee shall utilize the standardized purse allocation method – Appendix D to calculate and allocate a purse. The standardized chart shall be made available on the Section website. The Tournament Chair shall ensure the Professional and Amateur purse allocation is published before the start of the first round.

Non-Entry Revenues (Section)

The Tournament Committee, with the approval of the Officers, shall recommend how non-entry revenues shall be allocated to each tournament.

Non-Entry Revenues (Chapter)

The Chapter Officers, with recommendations from Chapter Tournament Committee, shall recommend how non-entry revenues shall be allocated to each tournament. These policies must be maintained in this document.

RANKING SYSTEM

The Ranking System is a comprehensive standardized points system used by the North Florida PGA to track the various player standings. The points allocation chart (Appendix C) shall be published on the Section website. The Ranking System is used to determine all the Section Player of the Years, Challenge Cup, and Senior Challenge Cup.

Key Notes:

- A.** The annual ranking year shall be from October 1 to September 30. If an event has to be rescheduled for any reason, the Tournament Committee may extend points season **(Section)**
- B.** Tournaments are assigned a Category for points **(Global)**
- C.** Points are maintained using the Section tournament software **(Global)**
- D.** Points are updated within 24 hours of the close of the competition **(Global)**
- E.** A player with a tournament status of NC, WD, DQ does not receive points **(Global)**
- F.** Point values in team competitions are per player **(Global)**
- G.** PGA Members are awarded points based on their finish against the field, excluding PGA Associates **(Section)**
- H.** Points in senior and women exclusive events are awarded only to senior/women rankings **(Section)**
- I.** Members are awarded 50 bonus points if they play 36 holes in any (regular, senior, women) PGA Championships, U.S. Opens, PGA TOUR/LPGA (including affiliate tours), and Florida Opens. If the player makes the cut, they are awarded an additional 50 bonus points **(Section)**
- J.** Section PGA Member Pre Qualifiers (PGA TOUR, LPGA, and their affiliate tours) are Category 6 events. Points are based on the player's finish against the field **(Section)**

AWARDS

NFPGA Player of the Year

The highest ranked player on the Player Rankings at the end of the points season will be honored as the Rolex NFPGA Player of the Year.

NFPGA Senior Player of the Year

The highest ranked player on the Senior Rankings at the end of the points season will be honored as the Rolex NFPGA Senior Player of the Year.

NFPGA Women's Player of the Year

The highest ranked player on the Women's Rankings at the end of the points season will be honored as the Rolex NFPGA Women's Player of the Year.

NFPGA Assistant's Player of the Year

The highest-ranked player on the Assistant Rankings at the end of the points season will be honored as the Rolex NFPGA Assistant Player of the Year. All B Classifications and A-8s are eligible.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Challenge Cup

A total of 12 players shall be determined to represent the Section in the Challenge Cup Matches after the conclusion of the Section Championship based on the regular player rankings. The top ten players (regardless of age/gender) shall first be determined. Then the top two senior players (regardless of gender) shall be determined, and those 12 players comprise the team. Alternates will be filled by following the next player on the player rankings for their category.

Senior Challenge Cup

A total of 12 players (10 plus two 60+ captain's picks) shall be determined to represent the Section in the Senior Challenge Cup Matches after the conclusion of the Section Championship based on the senior player rankings. The top ten players (regardless of gender) are determined by their order on the senior player rankings. Alternates will be filled by following the next player on the player rankings for their category.

Rolex Chapter Player of the Year

The Top ranked player on their respective Chapter Rankings at the end of the points season will be honored as their Chapter's Rolex Player of the Year.

Rolex Chapter Senior Player of the Year

The Top ranked player on their respective Senior Chapter Rankings at the end of the points season will be honored as their Chapter's Rolex Player of the Year.

EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER

Formats

- Pro-Pro Events: 18-Hole Four-Ball Stroke Play (Standard)
- Pro-Am Events: One Gross & One Net Best Ball (Standard)

Yardage Range/Tees

- Primary Tee for the Chapter Championship shall be setup between 6,300-6,500 yards for round one and between 6,500-6,800 for round two
- Primary Tee for Pro-Only shall be setup between 6,500-6,800 yards
- Primary Tee for Pro-Ams shall be setup between 6,400-6,600 yards
 - Male Amateurs shall play the same tees as Male Professionals
- Female Amateurs tee shall be setup on the courses forward tee

Funding

End-of-Year Funds: \$5.00 for every person (exclusive Chapter Championship) will be withheld. The funds withheld prior to the Chapter Championship will be allocated to the Chapter Championship. The funds withheld after the Chapter Championship will be allocated at the discretion of the ECC Board. Funds will not be withheld from the Chapter Championship.

50/50 Raffle: Funds collected prior to the Chapter Championship will be allocated to the Chapter Championship and funds collected after the Chapter Championship will be allocated at the discretion of the ECC Board.

Ranking System

The annual ranking year will begin on January 1 and end after the last event on the annual tournament calendar.

The assigned categories are as follows:

- Chapter Championship – Category 3
- Match Play Championship - Category
- Pro-Pro Events – Category 7
- Pro-Am Events (Low Professional) – Category 7
- Non-ECC sanctioned events based on finish against the field - Category 7

NORTHERN CHAPTER

Formats

- Pro-Pro Events – 18-Hole Four-Ball Stroke Play (Standard)
- Pro-Am Events – Rotation of One Gross & One Net & Two Net Best Balls (Stroke Play & Stableford Points)

Yardage Range/Tees

- Primary Tee for Chapter Championship shall be setup between 6,500-6,700 yards
- Primary Tee for Pro-Only events shall be setup between 6,500-6,700 yards
- Primary Tee for Pro-Am events shall be setup between 6,300-6,500 yards
 - Male Amateurs shall play the same tees as Male Professionals
 - Female Amateurs tee shall be setup on the courses forward tee

Ranking System

The annual ranking year will begin on January 1 and end after the last event on the annual tournament calendar.

The assigned categories are as follows:

- Chapter Championship – Category 3
- Match Play Championship - Category 5
- Stableford Championship - Category 5
- Pro-Pro Events – Category 8
- Pro-Am Events (Low Professional) – Category 7

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Formats

- Pro-Pro Events – 18-Hole Four-Ball Stroke Play (Standard)
- Pro-Am Events – One Gross & One Net

Yardage Range/Tees

- Primary Tee for the Chapter Championship shall be setup between 6,300-6,500 yards for round one and between 6,400-6,800 yards for round two.
- Primary Tee for Pro-Only shall be setup between 6,400-6,800 yards
- Primary Tee for Pro-Ams shall be setup between 6,200-6,400
 - Male Amateurs shall play the Primary Tee
 - Male Amateurs (50+) shall play a tee setup at 95% of Primary Tee
- Female Amateurs tee shall be setup on the courses forward tee

Ranking System

The annual ranking year will begin on January 1 and end after the last event on the annual tournament calendar.

The assigned categories are as follows:

- Chapter Championship – Category 3
- Match Play Championship - Category TBD
- Pro-Pro Events – Category 7
- Pro-Am Events (Low Professional) – Category 7

WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER

Formats

- Pro-Pro Events – 18-Hole Four-Ball Stroke Play (Standard)
- Pro-Am Events – One Gross & One Net

Yardage Range/Tees

- Primary Tee for the Chapter Championship shall be setup between 6,400-6,800 yards
- Primary Tee for the Senior Chapter Championship shall be setup between 6,300-6,600 yards
- Primary Tee for Pro-Only shall be setup between 6,400-6,800 yards
- Primary Tee for Pro-Ams shall be setup between 6,400-6,600 yards
 - Male Amateurs shall play the same tees as Male Professionals
 - Female Amateurs tee shall be setup on the courses forward tee

Ranking System

The annual ranking year will begin on January 1 and end after the last event on the annual tournament calendar.

The assigned categories are as follows:

- Chapter Championship – Category 3
- Match Play Championship - Category TBD
- Stableford Championship - Category 5
- Pro-Pro Events – Category 7
- Pro-Am Events (Low Professional) – Category 7
- Non-WCC sanctioned events based on finish against the field - Category 7

MODIFICATIONS

The NFPGA Tournament Committee and Executive Board reserve the right to modify the above Tournament Rules and Regulations at any time to best serve the entire membership. In the case of Chapter policies, the Chapter Tournament Committee and Chapter Officers reserve the right to modify the above Tournament Rules and Regulations at any time to best serve the entire membership.

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APPENDIX

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- Purse Allocation Table - Appendix D

Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2021 NFPGA COMPETITIONS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all NFPGA championships and qualifying rounds. See the NFPGA Tournament Policies-Guidelines, applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is The General Penalty

Local Rules

Out of Bounds - Defined by the line between the *course*-side points, at ground level of the stakes or fence posts.

Penalty Areas - When a penalty area is defined only on one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds.

Back-On-The-Line Relief – Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c (2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, 19.3b

Ground Under Repair - Defined by areas encircled by white lines. French Drains are ground under repair. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas cart traffic or the like has combined with severe conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorize member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Seams of Cut Turf - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7. Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means if a player has interference from any seam after *dropping* the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

Artificially surface roads and paths - White lined areas tying into such roads or paths and landscaping beds or the like that are completely encircled by such roads and paths are treated as one abnormal course condition.

Bunker Liners - An exposed liner, not in its intended position may be treated as ground under repair by the committee under rule 16.1, but interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.

Terms of Competition

When Competition is Final – The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

Code of Conduct - See Tournament Policies-Guidelines.

Integral Objects - Includes cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas and bunkers.

Wood Chips and Mulch - Are loose impediments.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

List of Conforming Driver Heads - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

Pace of Play – The Local Rule setting the Pace of Play Policy is published in the Tournament Policies-Guidelines. Also policy is posted at starting tees.

Stopping and Resuming Play – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing: failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

- 1 prolonged airhorn note = Immediate Suspension
- 3 airhorn notes repeated = General Suspensions
- 2 short airhorn notes repeated = Resumption of Play

Starting Point Defined – See Tournament Policies-Guidelines

Score Card Returned – See Tournament Policies-Guidelines.

Scorecard in Pro-Am Competition – The Professional player is the marker and scoring is according to Rule 23.2. The scorecard must be certified by the professional player and one of the amateur partners. Penalties apply only to the professional player.



PGA

North Florida Section

2021 PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

Rule 5.6a and 5.6b state in part, a player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between holes. A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. When it is the player's turn to play, it is recommended that the player make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds after he or she is (or should be) able to play without interference or distractions.

TIME PAR

A time par is set for each course – See the posted Pace of Play Chart which contains the stipulated round's time par and the time par for each individual hole. Should the Committee determine the time needs to be adjusted due to unusual playing conditions, a new time par will be posted at the and players shall be notified.

GROUP OUT OF POSITION

First Group: The first group is out of position if at any time during the round the group is behind pace as detailed on the posted Pace of Play Chart..

Following Groups: A following group is **out of position** if:

- A. It is taking more than the allotted time to play; and/or
- B. It reaches a tee on a par 4 or 5 and the hole which it is about to play is clear of all players and the flagstick on the putting green is in the hole.

Resumption of Play: A group out of position when play is discontinued is out of position when play is resumed.

NOTIFICATION

When a group becomes out of position, all players will be notified they are out of position and subject to individual and group timing.

TIMING PROCEDURES

A player is permitted a maximum of 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for the **first player** to play a stroke from the teeing area, a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5, a third stroke on a par-5, a stroke around the putting green or a stroke on the putting green. A player who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed by a member of the Committee as soon as practicable.

Note: If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous "bad timings" will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional timing.

Teeing Area/General Area, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he or she has had reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball, it is his or her turn to play, and he or she is able play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage counts as time taken for the stroke.

On the putting green, timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean, and replace his or her ball, repair his or her ball mark, spike marks, damage, and/or remove loose impediments on his or her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1st bad timing - Warning
- 2nd bad timing - 1 stroke penalty
- 3rd bad timing - Additional 1 stroke penalty and may be subject to a fine up to \$100.00 and/or suspension.
- 4th bad timing - Disqualification

Any appeal of a pace of play penalty must be referred to the designated Committee Member of the event immediately upon completion of the round and their decision is final.

North Florida PGA Player Ranking System

For 2021 Points Year

Tournaments	Section (all categories)	East Central	Northern	Southwest	West Central
Section Championships.....	1	na	na	na	na
Section PPC.....	2	na	na	na	na
Chapter Championships.....	3	3	3	3	3
Match Plays.....	4	tbd	5	tbd	tbd
Stablefords.....	5	na	5	na	5
Special Events.....	7	na	na	na	na
Pro-Am (Low Professional).....	na	7	7	7	7
Team Events.....	8	7	8	7	7
Other Chapters.....	na	7	na	na	7
Bonus.....	See policies pg 11	na	na	na	na

Place	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6	Category 7	Category 8
1	1500	1300	1100	1100	1000	800	200	50 each
2	1400	1200	1025	800	925	700	190	50 each
3	1300	1100	950	600	850	625	180	50 each
4	1200	1025	875	600	775	550	170	50 each
5	1100	950	800	500	725	500	160	50 each
6	1025	875	725	500	675	450	150	50 each
7	950	800	675	500	625	400	140	50 each
8	875	725	625	500	575	350	130	50 each
9	800	675	575	300	525	325	120	50 each
10	725	625	525	300	475	300	110	50 each
11	675	575	475	300	450	275	100	50 each
12	625	525	450	300	425	250	90	50 each
13	575	475	425	300	400	225	80	50 each
14	525	450	400	300	375	200	70	50 each
15	475	425	375	300	350	175	60	50 each
16	450	400	350	300	325	150	50	50 each
17	425	375	325	175	300	125	50	50 each
18	400	350	300	175	275	100	50	50 each
19	375	325	275	175	250	75	50	50 each
20	350	300	250	175	225	50	50	50 each
21	325	275	225	175	200	50	50	50 each
22	300	250	200	175	175	50	50	50 each
23	275	225	175	175	150	50	50	50 each
24	250	200	150	175	125	50	50	50 each

25	225	175	125	175	100	50	50	50 each
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