



PGA

Northern California Section

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

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I. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

A. The Tournament Committee is regulated under the operating Bylaws of the NCPGA and is considered to be a part of The PGA of America Constitution. Amendments to Tournament Rules and Regulations may be proposed by the Tournament Committee and/or the Section Board of Directors. The Section Board of Directors shall ratify such amendments.

B. PHILOSOPHY

1. The tournament program shall be a vehicle for maintaining and promoting the highest standards of competition, sportsmanship, and public goodwill. To accomplish this goal, the committee shall develop a consistent, organized and coordinated effort between the Tournament Committee, Section Office, Board of Directors and Host Professional to insure professionally run golf tournaments.
2. The Tournament Committee shall formulate an annual tournament schedule of events in conjunction with the NCPGA Board of Directors and Staff, which will promote active participation by the entire membership through sponsored low-cost, zero-balance tournaments.

C. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Tournament Committee is appointed by the President of the NCPGA Section and ratified by the Section Board of Directors. The committee shall consist of a minimum of five people.

D. POLICY

No event will be held at a golf facility that does not employ a Class A Professional or a Professional who meets the eligibility requirements of the section.

E. DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Excluding pro-ams, the Tournament Committee and/or a designated NCPGA Employee shall conduct the following tournaments and be responsible for the enforcement of the NCPGA Rules and Regulations:
 - a) Match Play Championship
 - b) Stroke Play Championship
 - c) Northern California Open
 - d) All Pro-Pros (Referred to as Pro Series Events)
 - e) All Cup Matches
 - f) All Tour and Other Qualifying Events
 - g) Other Designated Events
2. The Tournament Committee or Designated Representative shall coordinate all schedules and approve requests for tournament dates and sites.
 - a) Priority in scheduling will be in the following order:
 - (1) Section Championships (See Section VIII)
 - (2) Section Pro-Pro Events
 - (3) Multi-Day Pro-Amateur Events
 - (4) Pro-Amateur Events
 - (5) Special Interest Events (Senior and Assistant Associate Divisions and Chapter Events)
 - (6) Other Pro Only Events
 - b) Priority in scheduling of pro-amateur events will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and under the following guidelines:
 - (1) Past History
 - (2) Purse Size

- (3) Date Request Received
 - (4) Geographical Limitation (60 miles unless agreed upon by the Host Professionals involved)
- 3. Tournament postponement, cancellation or suspension of a Section Event: The final decision to cancel a section tournament event will rest with the NCPGA Tournament Director, after consultation with the and the designated PGA and/or NCGA Rules Officials assigned to the event.
- 4. The Tournament Committee is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the USGA Rules of Golf and the NCPGA Rules of Play Card, which govern all NCPGA Sanctioned or Section Events. The Rules Committee for a particular tournament shall consist of the Tournament Chairperson, a Rules Committee Member(s), the Host Professional or his Designated Representative and the NCPGA Tournament Director.
- 5. The Tournament Committee has the responsibility and authority to levy fines.
(See section V, C, 9 for structure of fines).
- 6. The Tournament Committee may assign one member of the committee to be the Tournament Liaison directly responsible for the administration of a designated tournament. The duties of the Liaison will include:
 - a) Communication with other Tournament Committee Members
 - b) Coordination with Section Office
 - c) Coordination with Host Professional
- 7. Obligations and responsibilities of NCPGA Tournament Director and Staff:
 - a) Preparation of tournament entry:
 - (1) Name of Tournament
 - (2) Name of sponsor
 - (3) Eligibility
 - (4) Date of Tournament and Site
 - (5) Starting Time
 - (6) Entry Fee and Entry Deadline
 - (7) Format
 - (8) Host Professional(s) Name and Phone Number
 - (9) Tournament Liaison's Name and Phone Number
 - (10) Handicapping Information
 - (11) Food and Beverage Information
 - (12) Estimated Purse Breakdown
 - (13) Driving Range Availability
 - (14) Number of Spots Available in Qualifying Events
 - b) Ensure that the following duties and responsibilities are performed properly:
 - (1) Scoring
 - (2) Rules Committee/Rules Officials
 - (3) Hole Location Sheets
 - (4) Tie-Breaking Procedure (It is recommended that a sudden victory playoff for first place be used whenever possible)
 - (5) Starting Time Notification
 - (6) Tournament Results
 - (7) Purse Breakdown
 - (8) Course Setup

- (a) Women's course length should be set to between 78-85% of men course length, dependent on course characteristics. The tournament Director and Committee Liaison will determine the appropriate length based on course characteristics.
- (9) Tournament Budgeting
- (10) Scorecards
- (11) Pairings
- (12) Food and Beverage Coordination
- (13) Sponsorship Coordination
- (14) Media
- c) Mail, email and/or post entries online
- d) Collect entries and fees prior to deadline date
- e) Pairing of players
- f) Payment of tournament purses
- g) Liaison of communications between the Membership and the Tournament Committee
- h) Report tournament results
- i) Record all tournament scores for tracking
- j) Tournament Winners
- k) Point List
- l) Handicaps
- m) Distribute tournament results to all participants
- n) Financial report to Tournament Committee for each event

II. DIVISIONS AND CHAPTERS

A. SENIOR DIVISION

The Senior Division Tournament Rules & Regulations shall be considered part of these By-Laws and for convenience are printed separately. The Senior Division Tournament Rules & Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

III. SANCTIONED EVENT

- A. A Sanctioned Event is defined as any 18 hole (or more) pro-amateur competition played within the geographical boundaries of the Northern California Section, in which 10 or more golf professionals are scheduled to participate charging an entry fee and offering a purse as prize money.
- B. A pro-amateur event must be sanctioned by the NCPGA Section in order for the NCPGA Members to participate as competitors.
- C. Tournaments are sanctioned with a \$35 non-refundable deposit. A \$5 player fee will be charged for every player who participates in a Sanctioned Event. The tournament sanctioning deposit and the player fee will be distributed as follows: June 1 to December 1, 2005 -- 50% each to the General Fund and the Tournament Program Fund; January 1, 2006 and thereafter, 100% to the Tournament Program Fund.
- D. Any NCPGA Member or Associate competing in an un-Sanctioned Event that conflicts with an NCPGA competition, within the boundaries of the NCPGA Section, shall be subject to suspension from tournament activity for three months and fined \$100 unless approved in advance by either the NCPGA Tournament Director or the Tournament Committee Chairperson. A second offense will result in a six-month suspension and a \$200 fine. Such suspensions shall be imposed by the NCPGA Section Board of Directors.
- E. Each Member of the NCPGA is personally responsible for knowing if an event has been sanctioned.
- F. Any pro-amateur event held within the boundaries of a chapter and at a chapter member's club will be considered a chapter event and is subject to the chapter and section sanctioning and player fees.

IV. SECTION EVENT

- A. A Section Event is defined as any professional golf competition played within the geographical boundaries of our Section not required by the Board of Directors to pay sanctioning or player fees.
- B. Each one of these events will be considered individually on its own merits.
- C. Any NCPGA Member or Associate competing in a non-Section Event that conflict with an NCPGA competition within the boundaries of the NCPGA Section shall be subject to suspension from tournament activity for three months and fined \$100 unless approved in writing in advance by either the Tournament Director or the Tournament Committee Chairperson. A second offense will result in a six-month suspension and a \$200 fine. The NCPGA Section Board of Control shall impose such suspensions based on facts and recommendation from the Tournament Chair or his designee.
- D. Each Member of the NCPGA is personally responsible for knowing if an event has been deemed a Section Event.
- E. Examples of Section Events:
 - 1. NCPGA Pro-Pros, including the NCPGA 4-Pro Scramble
 - 2. All Section Championships (See Section VIII)
 - 3. Pro-President Championship

V. TOURNAMENT CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for Northern California PGA Sanctioned or Section events is limited to PGA Members who meet all of the following criteria:

A. Members

1. Must be eligibly employed in and classified in one of the following membership classifications as of the respective tournament deadline. The PGA of America Headquarters membership records must reflect this status and the individual must actually be eligibly employed on the date of the respective tournament deadline. The Northern California PGA reserves the absolute right to deny any entry at any time in the event that the PGA of America determines that an individual is not eligibly employed as required herein. An entrant's status is subject to change based upon information which would adversely affect an entrant's eligibility, obtained after official acceptance of the entry.

*MP Master Professional

A-1 Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf course

A-2 Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf range

A-4 Golf Directors at a PGA recognized golf course

*A-5 Past PGA Presidents

A-6 Self-employed teaching professionals

A-7 Director of Golf or Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf facility under construction

A-8 Assistant Professional

A-9 Executives or managers of golf properties

A-10 Golf Clinicians

A-11 Employees of Golf Associations

A-12 College Golf Coaches

A-13 General Managers/Directors of Club Operations

A-14 Directors of Instruction at a PGA recognized facility

A-15 Retail

A-16 Golf Course Architect/Builder

A-17 Golf Course Superintendents

A-18 Golf Media

A-19 Golf Manufacturer Management

A-20 Golf Manufacturer Sales Representatives

A-21 Tournament Director

A-22 Rules Official

A-23 Golf Club Fitting/Golf Club Repair

A-24 PGA members primarily employed within the golf industry that are not eligible for another Active classification

LMA Life Member Active

LMR Life Member Retired

LMMA Life Member Master Professional Active

*Must be eligibly employed in one of the above mentioned active membership classifications to be eligible.

- B. Associates:
1. Must be eligibly employed and in good standing at the time of entry and as of the respective tournament deadline. The PGA of America Headquarters membership records must reflect this status and the individual must actually be eligibly employed on the date of the respective tournament deadline. The Northern California PGA reserves the absolute right to deny any entry at any time in the event that the PGA of America determines that an individual is not eligibly employed as required herein. An entrant's status is subject to change based upon information which would adversely affect an entrant's eligibility, obtained after official acceptance of the entry.
 2. Associates must be enrolled in Level 2 or great in order to compete in NCPGA Pro-Series tournaments.
- C. A PGA member or associate will not be eligible to participate in Section or Sanctioned events if the member/associate is serving a suspension from membership, OR the member is suspended from tournament participation for National or Section tournaments.
- D. A PGA member or associate will not be eligible to participate in Section or Sanctioned events if the member/associate is classified as Class F, LMC, RM, or Honorary.
- E. PGA Members of other Sections in good standing, as defined in (A), (B) & (C) above are eligible to participate in NCPGA sanctioned pro-ams.
- F. A PGA member who is classified as A-3 is:
1. Ineligible to participate in:
 - a) All NCPGA point events
 - b) All Section Championships except the Northern California Open & Senior Northern California Open where they are eligible to compete.
 2. Eligible to participate in Sanctioned pro-ams.
- G. Inactive and Unemployed Members are:
1. Eligible to participate in all Section tournaments but are not eligible for Player of the Year points
 2. Ineligible to participate in all Section Championships except the Northern California Open & Senior Northern California open where they are eligible to compete.
- H. The Northern California PGA reserves the right to determine whether or not any applicant is so employed and to reject any applicant who does not meet these requirements. Any member found falsifying employment verification will be suspended from tournament play and reported to the Officers of the NCPGA Section for further disciplinary action.
- I. A Host Professional of a pro-am tournament may extend invitations to Non-PGA Member Professionals. Participating Non-PGA Member Professionals must pay an additional fee of \$150 per competition. LPGA teaching and club professionals (excluding LPGA Tour players) are exempt from paying the Non-PGA Member Professional Fees in NCPGA sanctioned pro-am events. These fees will go into the NCPGA Section Funds as defined in II.C above. A Non-PGA Member Professional can only participate in four (4) pro-amateur events in a calendar year.

VI. DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATING PROFESSIONALS

A. ENTRIES

1. All entry fees must accompany the entry application to qualify as a valid entry. No entry will be accepted unless it reaches the NCPGA Section Office by the designated deadline date or as outlined in the entry for that tournament.
2. No post entries are permitted in NCPGA Section Events unless authorized by NCPGA Tournament Director. In such a case, a \$25 late fee will be added to the entry.
3. By entering an NCPGA event, the Professional agrees to abide by the prescribed rules of conduct.

B. WITHDRAWAL

1. In the event any contestant entered in an NCPGA Tournament must withdraw:
 - a) The Player must notify the Section Office of their withdrawal during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. Monday through 4:00 p.m. Friday, the week prior to the event. A \$20 administration fee will apply.
 - b) After Friday at 4:00 p.m., the player must leave a message with the NCPGA Tournament Director (707) 449-4742 ext.105 or the Host Facility for a refund (minus course fees) to be considered by the NCPGA.
 - c) If notification is not received prior to 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the first scheduled starting time, the competitor forfeits his/her entry fee. (See V.2)
 - d) If it is between days of a multi-day event and is for a reason other than illness or injury, withdrawal must be done at the completion of the player's last round.
2. Participants may petition the Tournament Committee in the case of illness or emergency if they believe a refund is in order. Such petitions shall be submitted in writing and to the Section Office within 10 days of the first round of the tournament. If a refund is issued, a \$20 administrative fee will be deducted.

C. VIOLATIONS AND CONDUCT DURING AN NCPGA SANCTIONED OR SECTION EVENT CONSTITUTING CONSIDERATION OF A FINE

1. Discipline, Penalties, and Appeals

Each PGA of America Member or Associate Participant ("Participant") in a Section golf tournament acknowledges the right and authority of the Section to (i) fine and suspend from tournament play; and/or to (ii) fine and permanently bar the Participant from Section tournaments. Any Participant in a Section Event hereby releases the PGA of America Section, the PGA of America, the PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., rules officials, each director, officer, member, employee, agent or representative of any of the foregoing jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, arising out of or in connection with any such decision or action by the Section, PGA of America or any appellate body.

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

a) Advanced Notification of Proposed Disciplinary Action

Except for penalties under the Rules of Golf and for "Minor Penalties" (as hereafter defined), any Participant subject to disciplinary action or penalty defined as a "Major Penalty" shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the Participant by a tournament official. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice,

the Participant shall submit to the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director such facts or evidence of mitigating circumstances as may apply. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such information from the Participant, the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director shall notify the Participant in writing of the imposition of the proposed disciplinary action or penalty, or that the proposed action has been dismissed. After the imposition of any penalty hereunder, the Participant shall have the right to appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry as set forth in Section E herein.

b) **Rules of Golf**

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

c) **Conduct Unbecoming a Professional**

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

2. **Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses**

a) **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.

b) **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.

3. **Appeals**

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

b) 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.

4. Examples of behaviors which may warrant a fine include but are not limited to the following:
- (1) Any Professional not completing his/her round without a valid reason
 - (2) Any Professional not returning a scorecard for himself, or in team competition, for his team
 - (3) Any Professional who knowingly plays with an amateur whose handicap is incorrect and does not immediately disqualify his team
 - (4) Any Host Professional allowing an ineligible contestant to participate
 - (5) Any Host Professional not returning a completed NCPGA Pro-Am Reporting form, all fees and a financial statement within the allotted 45-day period
 - (6) Conduct which shows disrespect for or is judged to be potentially detrimental to the Individual Professional, the Host Professional, the Tournament Committee, the NCPGA Staff, The PGA Code of Ethics or Traditional Etiquette of Golf, such as:
 - (a) Excessive swearing
 - (b) Throwing or breaking a club
 - (c) Alcohol abuse
 - (d) Failure to comply with club or tournament policy
 - (e) Complaints or criticisms made in public, involving The PGA, the PGA Staff, sponsors, the host club, golf course or the tournament format

D. Dress Code for NCPGA Sanctioned and Section Events

- 1. Professional contestants are required to dress in a manner, which is in keeping with the traditions of the game of golf.
- 2. Jeans of any make or design, shorts and shirts without collars are improper dress for all NCPGA Sanctioned or Section Events. Exception: the Host Professional of a Sanctioned Event has the power to authorize golf shorts at their individual event; this policy should be noted on the entry form.
- 3. All contestants who appear on the starting tee with improper dress as defined in (2) above will not be allowed to play, and their entry fee will not be refunded.

VII. HOST PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PRO-AMATEUR EVENTS

1. Professionals requesting a tournament date must return the tournament request form, with an alternative date included, the sanctioning deposit and an anticipated budget to the Section Office.
2. The Host Professional shall send and receive entry forms (a copy of the entry form shall be sent to the Section Office for informational purposes), collect entry fees and distribute prizes and moneys to the tournament winners.
3. The Host Professional shall issue the proper income tax reporting form (1099) to those winning an amount equaling or over the amount specified by federal and state tax laws.
4. If the Host Professional requires a set of mailing labels from the Section Office, there will be a \$40 charge.
5. Host Professional responsibilities in regards to handicaps:
 - a) Amateurs who do not have a properly validated handicap shall be advised that they will play at scratch. Acceptable validation is by any recognized in USGA Handicap System or a PGA Professional.
 - b) The Section Office will provide handicaps for all participating Member Professionals. A scratch handicap will be the lowest handicap a Member Professional will be required to play with.
 - c) The Host Professional has the authority to set an upper limit to handicaps.
6. The Host Professional shall be responsible for checking the eligibility and status of all participants. This includes insuring that non-PGA Member Professionals have not participated in more than four (4) Pro-Amateur events in the calendar year. **NOTE that suspended PGA associates and Class F PGA Members ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY and CANNOT play and pay a non-PGA Professional player fee. If the Host Professional allows any ineligible contestants to participate, they will be warned on the first instance, and for every instance thereafter fined \$150 for each ineligible player. If there is history of allowing ineligible contestants to play prior to the effective date of this change, a fine will be applied on the any future violation.**
7. The Host Professional shall complete and return the NCPGA Reporting Form provided by the Section Office, all fees (Section Service Fees and any additional Non-PGA Member Professional Fees) and a financial statement within **45** days of the completion of the tournament. **After 45 days, a late fee of \$150 will be assessed. If no reporting form and/or payment are submitted within the calendar year, the Host Professional also will lose his/her sanctioning privilege.**

B. PRO-PRO EVENTS

1. Communicate and work closely with the Tournament Committee Member responsible for the administration of the event
2. Coordination of scoreboard with NCPGA Staff
3. Coordination of hole locations and local rules sheet with NCPGA Staff
4. Post pairings in golf shop 48 hours prior to event
5. Make sure course is properly marked prior to event
6. Coordinate golf cart assignment with NCPGA Staff
7. Food and beverage coordination with NCPGA Staff

VIII. NCPGA PLAYER POINT SYSTEM

A. Member Professionals competing in Designated Section Tournaments are awarded points according to the approved Player Point System.

B. Points to be awarded to the top competitors per event based on the following point's schedule. The Section Stroke Play Championship and Section Match Play Championship are double point events. The points for the Northern California Open will be awarded as double points for members who qualify and finish 54-holes, *based upon their finish position against the total field, not against other PGA Members* and single points will be awarded for those NCPGA members who complete 36-holes *based upon their finish position against the total field, not against other PGA Members* but do not qualify to advance to the final round.

Players advancing in the PPC and PGA Championships will be awarded Bonus Points based their performance. The following points will be awarded to NCPGA Professionals who make the cut based on their finish position.

| Place | Stroke Event | Match Event | Place | PPC & PGA Champ Bonus Points |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------|------------------------------|
| | Total Pts | Total Pts | | Total Pts |
| 1 | 124 | 124 | 1 | 248 |
| 2 | 113 | 113 | 2 | 226 |
| 3 | 107 | 102 | 3 | 214 |
| 4 | 101 | 101 | 4 | 202 |
| 5 | 95 | 85 | 5 | 190 |
| 6 | 89 | 84 | 6 | 178 |
| 7 | 83 | 83 | 7 | 166 |
| 8 | 77 | 82 | 8 | 154 |
| 9 | 72 | 56* | 9 | 144 |
| 10 | 67 | 55 | 10 | 134 |
| 11 | 63 | 54 | 11 | 126 |
| 12 | 59 | 53 | 12 | 118 |
| 13 | 56 | 52 | 13 | 112 |
| 14 | 53 | 51 | 14 | 106 |
| 15 | 51 | 50 | 15 | 102 |
| 16 | 49* | 49 | 16 | 98 |
| | | | 17 | 96 |
| | | | 18 | 94 |
| *Points are reduced by one (1) point for each place down to 64th place. | | | 19 | 92 |
| | | | 20 | 90 |
| | | | CUT | 50 |

C. The point list is based on the Tournament Calendar year.

D. If a Designated Section 18-hole Tournament that is a point event is reduced to 9 holes because of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, the purse will be pro-rated and awarded but no POY points will be awarded.

IX. SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Stroke Play Championship will be used for the qualifying for the PGA Professional National Championship, using the total score of the event. Entries for the PGA Professional National Championship must be done on-line or call the 800 number at the National Office. Ties will be broken by a sudden victory playoff.
2. Deadline dates will be established in accordance with the requirements of the PGA Professional National Championship deadline.
3. Life Members must have been club professionals for a minimum of 10 years to be eligible for PGA Professional National Championship qualifying.

B. MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Match Play field will be determined by the Top 31 players from the previous year's Player of the Year (POY) list. The defending champion will be the #1 seed. The Top 31 players from the previous year's POY list will be seeded in order from 2-32. The remainder of the 64-player field will be seeded by the Pro Series/MPQ. If a player on the POY list decides not to play, the next player on the list is selected. There must be 32 players selected from the POY list.
2. The qualifying round will be 18 holes and a point event. In the event of inclement weather, when completing 18 holes is not possible, if 9 holes are completed by all players, those 9 hole scores would be used as the Match Play qualifying scores, with qualifying spots pro-rated from each side (depending on size of each 9-hole field). In the event the Match Play qualifier is cancelled entirely or cannot be completed because of inclement weather, the qualifying round will be scheduled for the first day of Match Play.
3. The defending champion may participate in the qualifying round without losing his/her exemption for the championship.
4. Ties for qualifying spots will be broken by sudden death playoff. Ties for seeding will be broken by scorecard playoff in accordance with Appendix I of the Rules of Golf.
5. The size of the field and number of days of the tournament will be determined by the Tournament Committee.
6. The Match Play Champion will be given an exemption to the PGA Tour Barracuda Championship.
7. If an opponent withdraws from the Match Play Championship at any point after beginning the first hole of Round 1 for any reason other than those related to an emergency or an injury, they will forfeit the Player of the Year points and purse monies earned during the Championship proper.

C. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The championship will consist of two competitions, each with two titles:
 - a) Northern California Open Championship
 - (1) NCO Champion
 - (2) NCO Amateur Champion
 - b) Senior Northern California Open Championship
 - (1) Senior NCO Champion
 - (2) Senior NCO Amateur Champion
2. The following classifications will be exempt from qualifying, should qualifying be necessary:
 - a) Northern California Open Championship
 - (a) All PGA Members and Associates in good standing (Except A-3's)
 - (b) NCGA/SCGA Amateur Members with a 3.4 index or less

- b) Senior Northern California Open Championship
 - (a) All PGA Members and Associates in good standing (Except A-3's) 50 years or older
 - (b) NCGA/SCGA Amateur Members 50 years or older with a 3.4 index or less
- c) There may be open qualifying for Non-Exempt players for a limited number of spots. This will be determined annually by the NCPGA Tournament Director and Committee.

D. CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. Eligibility: Team members must be employed at the same facility. Employment is defined as the employer reflected in the PGA of America membership record. A facility may have more than one team in the field.
- 2. The format of the tournament will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

E. PRO-SCOTCH CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. Any NCPGA Member or associate may choose a fellow NCPGA Member or associate as his/her partner.
- 2. 18-hole competition consisting of a Scotch format.

F. SENIOR-JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. Format: 36 holes: Four-ball AM, Scramble PM.
- 2. Any NCPGA Member or associate may choose a fellow NCPGA Member or associate as his/her partner.
- 3. Three age groups-under 50, 50-64, 65 and up.
Tees to match age group, three sets total.
- 4. Teams must consist of two players from different age groups e.g. a 55 year old could Team up with a 66 year old.
with a 66 year old.
- 5. One purse, one skin game.

X. OTHER EVENTS

The following are other events not deemed as Section events. Other events can be scheduled on the dates of these events.

- A. HANNA-WEHRMAN and STAEDLER-JETTER CUP MATCHES
 1. NCPGA vs. NCGA - The Hanna-Wehrman Cup Team shall consist of the top 10 Players available from the points list at the time of the event. The Staedler-Jetter Cup Team shall consist of the top 10 Players available from the Senior Division points list plus the top 4 Super Senior Players. The Teams shall be joined by the President of our Section who will either (a) choose to be a Team Captain, (b) choose to be a Team Captain and appoint a Co-Captain, or (c) appoint both a Captain and Co-Captain. The Captain or Co-Captain can either be playing or non-playing; playing Captain/Co-Captain must qualify as a player via the points list for their Division. If there is a cancellation from the Team prior to the day of the event, the next Player(s) on the points list shall be contacted to participate.
 2. If a uniform has been purchased for a Team Member and he/she cancels from the competition, then he/she must reimburse the Section Office for the cost of the uniform.
- B. TY CAPLIN MEMORIAL PRO-JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
 1. Format: Professional junior Scotchball championship.
 2. Eligibility: Any NCPGA Professional or Associate may team with a Junior Golfer 17 years old or younger.
 3. Teams flighted by age of junior golfer.
- C. NCPGA CALIFORNIA STATE PRO-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

XI. TOUR EXEMPTIONS – SUBSTITUTIONS

A. ALLOCATION

Match Play Champion to receive the Barracuda Championship Exemption
Nor Cal PPC / Section Champion to receive Safeway Open Exemption
Player of the Year to receive the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Exemption

B. SUBSTITUTIONS

In the case when awarded qualifiers are not able to accept any Tour exemption, the exemption(s) will be awarded to the next eligible member on the Player of the Year point list.