

CNY PGA TOURNAMENTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Central New York PGA Tournament Committee has the responsibility of proposing rules and regulations governing all competition in the Section tournament programs. Such rules and regulations must be approved and adopted by the Executive Committee. A PGA representative or Section staff should be assigned to represent the Section at sanctioned events. The PGA representative's duties shall be to work in conjunction with the host professional and to assure adherence to tournament rules and regulations.

TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

1. SECTION EVENT -- An event that is controlled by the Section and Section rules and regulations are adhered to. All Section events are sanctioned events.
2. SANCTIONED EVENT -- An event held within the Section. The Board has approved the format and/or has contributed to its organization. Any Section member may participate in these events. Section members are strongly encouraged to participate in Section Events and not any conflicting events. Any Section member to play in a non-section event during either Section Championship (Section, Senior, Assistant) without approval from the Committee will be subject to penalty and fine.
3. OTHER EVENTS -- This is an event the Section has no control over.

PRO-AM EVENTS

A Pro-Am Series tournament shall be a competition involving one professional and 1-3 amateurs, each playing his or her own ball, who shall play as a team. The team score shall depend on the format selected by the Tournament Committee.

ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS

The privilege of participating in the Central New York Section tournament program will be extended to all PGA members who are currently employed within the Section on a full-time basis. Active Registered PGA Associates, or Pre-Associates registered with the Central New York PGA, actively working within the Section on a full time basis are eligible as defined below:

PRO-AMs: Registered Associates of the PGA of America. Pre-Associates from the host facility are also eligible.

PRO-PRO: Registered Associates only.

PRO-LADY: Registered Associates only.

PRO-OFFICER: Registered Associates only.

PRO-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP: Associates & Pre-Associates (eligible as "assistant" only).

PRO-JUNIOR: Registered Associates only. Pre-Associates allowed upon Tournament Committee approval.

CNY OPEN and PLAYERS/HP: Registered Associates who have completed Level 1 of their PGM bookwork.

All PGA Class "A" members have first right to enter all Section Pro-Am's. Associates are welcome to submit entry, however they will be the first individuals or teams dropped in the event of a full field. Entries will be rated based on a first-come, first-served basis, with members receiving preference over associates and pre-associates.

The following exceptions shall apply:

1. All PGA members, if they become unemployed, are extended playing privileges for the balance of the calendar year. However, this privilege is revoked in the event that the member's classification is changed to "F" or "IN".
2. A registered associate, ineligible because of unemployment, may request a thirty-day extension of playing privileges. Requests must be in writing to the CNY PGA Executive Committee.

3. A Section member with PGA Life Member status is granted full playing privileges.
4. A Section member in "F" class is totally ineligible.
5. A PGA member may be invited by the host club or sponsor to participate in pro-am events. No more than three members may be invited to an event. Such invitees will not be subject to standard Tournament Player Fees. Furthermore, these invited players will not be eligible to collect purse/prize money from the event.

DRESS CODE

The Central New York PGA has adopted the Uniform Dress Policy for National PGA Tournaments. The following is applicable to all professional participants in all CNY PGA and national PGA Tournaments, including Playing Ability Test.

**Male PGA participants must wear slacks during our Assistant, Senior & Section Championships but may wear shorts during any other section event, mirroring the 2019 PGA Tour Policy.* Female PGA participants may wear culottes, walking shorts, or golf skirts which constitute acceptable clothing worn by women in connection with participation in professional golf tournaments. All PGA participants will be required to present a neat appearance, appropriate to a professional golf tournament in both clothing and grooming.

PACE OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf require that a player shall at all times play without undue delay. The administration of pace of play will be handled by the Section staff of the Central New York PGA.

CNY PGA Professional & Amateur Events

Groups will be considered out of position if at any time during the round, they exceed the allotted time to play stated on the notice to players.

1st Offense: the entire group will be warned and will be timed and monitored until they regain position. (1st Warning)

2nd Offense: if the player or players can still not regain position or are not trying to regain position, they will be given the general penalty

3rd Offense: the player or players will be disqualified.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY

The PGA representative or Section staff in charge, after consultation with the host professional and course superintendent, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather, a decision to cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation.

Suspension of play protocols will be listed on the Notice to Players. The resumption of play will also be listed on the Notice to Players. (Note: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time if they think lightning threatens them, even though no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard.

SINGLE ROUND EVENTS

If 75%, or more, of the field has completed play and it will be unfeasible for the others to do so on that day, the tournament purse shall be reconfigured on the basis of the number completing play. Those participants unable to complete play shall be deemed non-competitors and will be refunded their entry fee (minus administrative and lunch fees, if applicable).

If more than 50%, but less than 75% of the field has completed play, tournament cancellation will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. In the event that less than 50% of the field has completed play, the event will be postponed and rescheduled. In a one-day event, if the full field is unable to complete play, then no player-of-the-year points will be awarded.

MULTI-ROUND, SINGLE DAY EVENTS

If upon completion of the first round it is impossible to complete the second round, the event shall be reduced to 18 holes. If it is impossible to complete the first round, the round shall be canceled, and the Committee shall work with the host professional to reschedule the event. Any reduction in the number of rounds of a championship will not affect the point values assigned to that event by the Committee.

MULTI ROUND / MULTI-DAY EVENTS

A total of 50% of the field must complete the round for it to be suspended. If less than 50% of the field can complete the round, it shall be canceled. Upon suspensions, the Committee will determine, depending on conditions, whether it can complete the suspended round. If the event still has a scheduled round to be played, the committee shall determine if there would be ample time to complete the suspended round and then play the subsequent round. If this is not possible, the suspended round will be canceled.

WEATHER CANCELLATION

In case of bad weather, the CNY PGA staff will contact the host club and ask what the official in charge has decided and inquire if an alternate site or format is being used.

INCOMPLETE PRO-AM TEAM

A professional is expected to arrive at the pro-am with the number of amateurs they committed to bring. If they bring fewer than committed and fail to notify the host professional at least two hours prior to their scheduled tee time, they shall be fined \$25.

The host professional should attempt to obtain substitution amateur/amateurs from their club to complete the team. Should the host professional be unable to do so, a designated amateur's name shall be drawn to complete the team. Their score shall be counted on both teams and if both finish in the money, they will receive the higher award.

Should a professional fail to appear, the amateurs assigned to the team may play to and use the scores of a drawn professional to assist in their team score. The drawn professional has the option to accept the higher award if both teams finish in the money. The other prize shall be assigned to the Section's Foundation.

DRAWN PLAYER PLAN

A player shall be drawn at random by the Section staff on-site to fill any teams missing amateurs. The purse in such cases shall be altered at the discretion of the Section staff.

TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL AND NO-SHOWS

Professionals have until 11:59pm the Wednesday before a Monday event to withdraw from said event with no penalty. Withdrawals after the designated time will be subject to the Section's prescribed fine (of at least \$50.00). Efforts may be made by the host professional to fill an incomplete squad to prevent a withdrawal and subsequent fine at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman.

1. TIME PERIOD AND PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Withdrawal 24 hours prior to the event -- \$50.00 fine.
- (b) Withdrawal or no-show the day of the event -- \$75.00 fine.
- (c) Repeat no-shows face a possible fine up to \$500.00 and/or up to 60 days suspension of playing privileges.

(These fines are subject to change based on the tournament committee's final decision; family emergency, medical emergency, etc.)

2. TOURNAMENT DEADLINE

In the vast majority of cases, tournament deadlines will be at 11:59pm the Wednesday prior to the event date. Paid entries must be submitted online on the specific tournament webpage.

3. APPEALS TO THE BOARD

Appeals of all withdrawal and no-show fines shall be made in writing to the Tournament Chairman. The Chairman will submit them to the Board of Directors and they shall be acted on within 10 days of receipt.

4. PAYMENT OF FEES AND FINES

Payment of fees and fines shall be made within 10 days of notice to the player. If an appeal is successful, a refund will be given. If a fine is not paid, the player will be suspended from playing in section events until paid.

LATE STARTERS

A player late for their starting time is subject to disqualification (Rule 5) or modification (Rule 5-3/a) as determined by the Tournament Committee. The Committee reserves the right, with respect to team events that include amateurs, to make accommodations for late arriving teams. (This does not include teams arriving in time to play but simply not arriving at the tee as prescribed by the Committee).

SCORECARD REQUIREMENTS

In 2020, the tournament committee adopted a policy where electronic scorecards will be deemed the official scorecard (unless the player doesn't have access to the electronic scorecard). Scorecards shall be marked correctly in a neat and legible manner and must be returned to the Scorer's table immediately upon completion of play (if paper copy is the given player's official scorecard).

The hole-by-hole score must be entered on the card at the completion of each hole. It shall show the professional's score and, in quota competition, it must show the gross score of the amateur, along with the quota points earned for each hole. The gross score must be shown for tournament purposes -- the edited score for scoring average only.

Cards shall be signed (manually or electronically) by the professional, who is the official scorer, and attested by one amateur member in said pro-amateur events.

Every competitor must return their own scorecard or submit their scorecard electronically, or in team competition, their team scorecard. Failure to return a scorecard (paper or electronic) to the scorer will result in a no-card being recorded. It is not sufficient to merely tell someone at the table your score. If you tee off, you must turn in a card. Withdrawals must be noted on card. Any withdrawals (WD) or No-Cards (NC) will not be eligible for skins in the individual professional contest. Before play begins, the professional must examine the official scorecard and determine if the handicaps and allotted quotas of each member of their team is correct. If the card is unmarked, it is the responsibility of the professional to insert the handicap and circle the holes on which members receive handicap strokes. If the card is marked improperly, the professional must make the corrections and advise the scorer, preferably before beginning play. Should a scorecard violation be discovered after the results have been announced, the tournament committee will handle that decision based on the current year's Hard Card.

AMATEUR HANDICAP REQUIREMENT

Each professional in the Section will be held responsible for the accuracy of the handicaps of their amateurs.

POLICY STATEMENT

USGA RULES OF GOLF DEFINE THE GAME AND STATE IN THE FULLEST DETAIL HOW IT SHALL BE PLAYED. THE CNY SECTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS 'ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA WILL NOT CONDONE ANY DEPARTURE FROM OR DISRESPECT FOR THESE RULES. OUR SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT EVENTS WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FULLEST ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE RULES, AND ANY ANNOUNCED DEVIATION FROM THEM (EX: PLAYING PREFERRED LIES) MUST FIRST BE APPROVED BY THE SECTION TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE. SUCH APPROVAL WILL BE GIVEN ONLY IN EXTREME CASES.

HOST PROFESSIONAL'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. No event on the Central New York PGA Tournament schedule may be conducted at a course without a CNY PGA member or registered associate employed by the facility.
2. The host professional must arrange to have use of the course reserved for tournament players only, during the hours of competition.
3. In preparing the course for play, the host professional should define all out-of-bounds, penalty areas, and ground under repair. The host professional should arrange for mowing of tees and greens on the day of play.
4. A scorer's table with chairs and two (2) persons to assist in collecting completed scorecards and to assist in posting on the scoreboard should be provided.
5. Host professionals shall ensure sufficient golf carts for the entire field, plus several spare carts to serve as replacements, if needed.

If a question arises regarding Tournament Regulations or procedure, call one of the following:

Alan Seamans (315) 292-3228
Dylan Plis (315) 604-0947
Michael Deuel (607) 321-9861
Jay Turcsik (607) 738-8082

HOST PROFESSIONAL FEES

For all events the host professional shall receive the flat rate of \$125 per day for performing the aforementioned duties.

HOW TO ENTER A SECTION EVENT

Entry deadlines for CNY PGA tournaments will be 11:59pm the Wednesday (in most cases) prior to the event. All entrants are reminded of withdrawal and no-show regulations. Entry fees must be paid online before registration closes.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Section office will pay out all professional checks at the earliest possible opportunity. The Tournament Committee reserves the right, under extenuating circumstances, to amend or waive any provisions set forth herein.

HOW TO DETERMINE THE PURSE

Professional

The regular professional individual purse is determined by multiplying the entry fee by the total number of players. Sponsor dollars are then added and tournament fees are deducted.

Sponsor money raised by the Section will be added to the professional individual purse. Additional sponsorship money that is obtained by the club may be added to any purse, as directed by the Host Professional.

Pro-Am bring 3

The team purse for Pro-Am Series (bring 3) is half of the total entry dollars raised minus applicable tournament expenses. The team purse will be split evenly amongst the team members with the professional receiving his/her share in the form of an ach deposit from the Section office, and amateurs receiving their portions in gift certificates. Each Pro-Am Tournament will have a separate senior individual professional division.

ADDITIONAL PAYOFF REGULATIONS

The payoff shall follow the percentage scale included herewith. Professional shares will be paid in the amounts determined by the mathematical scale. For simplification in determining team shares, including professionals and merchandise certificates for amateurs, the payoff may be slightly altered to result in rounded dollar figures, making sure the total amount issued matches the total amount provided for. Players can win multiple ways in Pro-Am events, including the team portion. ALL TIES WILL BE SPLIT EVENLY -- NO CARD MATCHING -- NO PLAYOFFS IN PRO-AMS AND PRO-PROS, unless otherwise specified.

MITCHELL CUP TEAM

The Mitchell Cup Team will consist of the 12 players who have accumulated the most points through the "Player-of-the-Year" tournaments. The Section Champion is automatically a member of the team. All players who thus qualify are expected but not required to participate in the event.

SOVIK CUP TEAM

The Sovik Cup Team will consist of the 12 senior players who have accumulated the most points through the "Player-of-the-Year" tournaments. The Section Champion is automatically a member of the team. All players who thus qualify are expected but not required to participate in the event.

POLICY THROUGH THE YEARS

The CNY PGA member who accumulates the most Player-of-the-Year points will be honored as the CNY PGA Player of the year. The senior professional earning the most points will be honored as the CNY PGA Senior Player of the year. The assistant who accumulates the most points will be honored as the CNY PGA Assistant Player of the year. The woman professional who accumulates the most points will be honored as the CNY PGA Women's Player of the year.

ADDITIONAL MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES:

Assistant Section Championship, Section Championship, Senior Championship & Women's Section Championship: In the event of a tie for either championship, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off. Only Central New York PGA Members are eligible to play in the Section Championships, excluding Assistants Championship where Associates are permitted.

If a Professional begins the year employed at a Section club and loses their job thereafter, they shall be considered employed to meet eligibility requirements unless their classification changes to one that is ineligible. (This applies to "A" classes only.)

A junior tour or amateur only event (AIM Championship, Women's Association) can be conducted at a facility with no PGA presence. The section staff will first and foremost seek PGA presence for the host sites of these such events but in the rare occasion that this may occur, it will be permitted.

Alcohol & marijuana consumption will be permitted by PGA Professionals at non Player of the Year point events. Any acts unbecoming of a PGA Professional will be handled by the tournament committee chairpersons.

OUT OF SECTION EVENTS

If a player wishes to play or is invited to play in an event in a different Section during the same time as a CNY Section, they must notify the Tournament Committee or Section of this prior to the deadline of the CNY Section Event. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine.

SPIKELESS POLICY

It is a requirement of the Central New York PGA that all individuals participating in any CNY PGA sanctioned, sponsored or co-sponsored event wear spikeless/non-metal golf shoes.

CONDUCT

Any player deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Golf Professional while participating in a CNY PGA tournament or who otherwise violates the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to fine or disqualification from tournament play.

The CNY PGA Staff and Tournament Committee shall be permitted to authorize these penalties. The penalties consist of a fine of \$75 for the first offense, a fine of \$150 for the second offense and disqualification from tournament play for the third offense.

--Club throwing/club breaking

--Damage to course equipment or property

--Profanity directed at rules officials, other competitors, spectators, sponsors, tournament staff, volunteers or others

--Improper cart etiquette (i.e. parking off path at tee or green, three in a cart, or not returning to cart area.

--Consumption of alcoholic beverages &/or marijuana use during Player of the Year point events.

--The use of cellular phones or other similar cellular telecommunications equipment on the golf course will only be allowed for live scoring purposes or emergency situations. All unnecessary use of a cell phone is prohibited.

--Any other conduct deemed by the section staff &/or the CNY PGA Executive Board as being unbecoming a Golf Professional (in amateur events, same status is in place for amateur golfers).

For the purpose of tracking first, second and third offense, we will treat each season as separate entities.