



PGA

Gateway Section

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The Section's current and approved tournament regulations are to be considered a part of the Section's By-laws and for convenience, are printed separately.

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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, EFFECTIVE DATE

The Gateway Tournament Program shall exist to provide a quality arena of competition for its members. Its motives will be fellowship, sportsmanship and the opportunity to develop and test our playing skills. These Regulations became effective January , 2017, and supersede all previous rules and regulations governing the conduct of Gateway PGA Tournaments.

II. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee is regulated under the operating By-laws, which are considered to be a part of the Constitution. The Tournament Committee may recommend amendments to tournament rules and regulations to the Section Board of Directors for ratification

III. CHAIRMAN

- A. The Chairman of the Tournament Committee is appointed by the President of the Section and ratified by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of six (6) people. The Committee will be comprised of a Tournament chairman, Director of Competitions, Executive Director, Assistants Chairman and

those selected. Meetings will be called at the discretion of the chairman with notice given by e-mail or telephone, not less than five (5) days preceding the meeting.

- B. The Director of Competitions and/or a designated Section employee shall administer/officiate at the following tournaments and be responsible for the enforcement of these rules and regulations as outlined:

Players Championship	Pro-Assistant Pro
Team Championship	PPC Qualifying
Junior/Senior	Gateway Match Play Championship
Pro-Am's	Sanctioned Charity Events
Pro-Opens	Assistants' Championship
Senior PPC Qualifying	Pro-Superintendent
Pro Junior	Lake Team Event
Team Events	

NOTE: This list may be modified annually based on the tournament schedule.

- C. The Tournament Committee, Director of Competitions, Executive Director, or their Designated Representative shall have jurisdiction regarding the eligibility of contestants and interpretation of the rules of golf.

IV. SANCTIONED AND APPROVED EVENTS

- A. Eighteen (18) or more hole golf competitions played within the geographical boundaries of the Gateway Section in which 20 or more golf professionals participate, charging an entry fee and offering a purse as prize money must be sanctioned by the Section or its Designated Representative in order for Gateway members to participate as competitors. This includes, but is not limited to, any Pro-Am, Pro-Lady, Pro-Junior or similar event or any stroke play competition (excluding Pro-Member events held Tuesday through Sunday).
- B. Golf competitions played within the Section must be approved by the Tournament Committee or by its designated representative. Gateway members may then participate. Each of these events will be considered individually on its merits.
- C. Charity events will be sanctioned and approved per the agreement enclosed (Appendix I).

V. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYMENT

PGA Members and Apprentices that are employed in more than one profession shall be subject to the following:

The National Office shall determine if a professional is eligibly employed based on the documentation provided by the professional and the recommendation of the Section.

Should the National Office and Section disagree, the matter shall be submitted to the Board of Control. The Board of Control's decision shall be binding by the Section and the National office.

Professionals are not determined to be eligibly employed until approval is obtained.

The following guidelines shall be used to determine eligible employment:

1. Professionals that satisfy the following are considered employed in the golf industry and eligible for an active classification regardless of other income or profession:

Employment must be an area required by their classification and must average at least 36 hours a week for the entire season. The length of the season is determined by the Section.

Employment must fulfill all national and state guidelines including wage and hour requirements, income tax reporting requirements and social security tax requirements.

Upon request individuals may be requested to provide to the Section or the Association applicable income and tax records where cause exists to assist in determining the proper classification. The failure of the member/apprentice to provide the requested information by the deadline stated in the written request for information may result in a dismissal of the case with the inquiry/appeal denied summarily at the sole discretion of the body that requested the information.

2. Professionals must document to the Section and the National Office as often as quarterly basis (of another specified time period as agreed by the National Office and Section) that they are satisfying the eligible employment guidelines and the requirements of their classification.

3. On an individual basis, the Board of Control may modify the eligible employment requirements for extenuating circumstances such as adverse weather, injury, illness, etc.

VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION
All Classifications must be in GOOD STANDING to participate in the following events. The Quad-Pro and Pro-Assistant are exempt from this chart.

Event	LMA, LM-MP	A1-2	A-3	A4-7	A-8	A-9	A-10	A11-14	A15-23	App	PQ

Players Championship	Qualify through season long POY points. Top 25 Regular, Top 15 Seniors, Top 5 Assistants, Top 3 Super Seniors, and Ladies POY will qualify.											
Scratch ProAm	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro-Opens	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Team Champ.	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Match Play	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S. Ill Open	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PPC/Section Champ	Limited to all Class "A" members who are actively employed at entry deadline and time of tournament											
Asst. Champ					X						X	X
Sr.Sec.Champ												
Sr. PPC	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Team (2 person)	Top 10 overall in Regular POY, Top 5 Seniors., and Top 5 Assistants points, may not team together. Exception Multi-Section Pro-Pro's NO RESTRICTIONS.											
Team (3-4 person)	No more than 2 players from the top 10 overall in Regular POY, Top 5 Seniors., and Top 5 Assistants points, may not team together											
Slice of Life	Player of the Year point list and Southern Illinois Health Care special invitees											
Pro-Ladies	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro-Asst Pro	X	X		X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X
Pro-Junior	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Team	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

❖ A14 may play with an A6 in a Pro-Assistant format

The member has played in more than ten (10) combined Adams Golf Pro Tour (Pro Series and Winter Series), Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Champions TOUR, Dakotas Tour, eGolf Professional Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, Gateway Pro Tours (Arizona and California), Golfweek National Pro Tour (Gold Tour and Silver Tour), Hooters Tours (Carolina Summer and Winter Series) – NGA Pro Golf Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Futures Tour (Symetra Tour), LPGA Tour, LPGT, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latin-American, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and web.com TOUR tournaments in the previous 12 months from date of event. (The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Championship and PGA Seniors' Championship are not included in the ten (10)-tournament count.)

SECTION TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

All Members and registered Apprentices of the Gateway Section, must have attended the Fall meeting of the prior calendar year or the current Spring meeting, of forfeit the right to participate in the Section's tournament program of the current calendar year.(per by-laws)

New Orientation Registrants (Prequalifies) – Effective January 1, 2012 eligibility in the Gateway PGA tournament program will be for the initial 6 month period of registration only. After 6 month period has expired, any person still registered as a New Orientation Registrant will become ineligible for all Gateway PGA tournaments. Meeting requirement adjusted based on time of enrollment into program. After completion of this level, participants have 30 days to register as an Apprentice to remain eligible for GPGA tournament play.

Registered Apprentices – Effective January 1, 2008 only apprentices in good standing will be eligible for Gateway PGA tournaments. Once you become current you will be reinstated in the tournament program.

VIII. RULES

- A. All play in Gateway sponsored or sanctioned events is governed by the current rules of golf of the USGA and, where applicable, the local rules and definitions listed in the Gateway Rules of Play, subject to change for particular tournaments by the Director of Competitions. The Executive Director, Director of Competitions, Tournament Chairmen (or Designated Representative of Tournament Committee) and Host Professional shall be present at each point event and apply and interpret the rules and render any decisions. Appeals of rules decisions shall require a minimum of three votes.
- B. TIES: In all section point events, should two or more professionals or teams tie for first place, the tie will be resolved by a “Hole-by-Hole” Sudden-Death PLAY-OFF immediately following the conclusion of the event. The winner of any play-off shall be deemed to have placed first in the tournament and his prize money and/or points determined accordingly. The loser of any play-off involving two players shall be deemed to have placed second and shall be entitled to second place prize money and/or points. If a play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner shall be deemed to have tied for second place regardless of their scores in the play-off and their prize moneys and/or points shall be apportioned accordingly. Professionals tying for other positions will share equally with others posting the same score.

In Pro-Ams and the Quad-Pro, all ties shall be split.

IX. DISCONTINUATION OF PLAY/POSTPONEMENT (RULE 6-8, A & B)

- A. The Gateway PGA Director of Competitions, Executive Director, or the Designee has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge. (GATEWAY SECTION RAIN POLICY)
- B. Suspension of Play: Reference Section: XVI. Rules of Play, A. note
- Note: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time if they think lightening threatens them, even though no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard.**
- C. In the event that a player must discontinue play, he/she should lift his/her ball after marking the spot on which it lay. In such a case he/she shall place a ball on the spot when play resumes.

Note: The Gateway PGA Section Tournament Staff is concerned about dangerous situations regarding weather. In most cases, suspension of play will be for a dangerous situation and shall be signaled with one prolonged blast.

X. RELEASES

Players may be released to play in a conflicting event within the Section with approval of the Executive Director or the Director of Competitions of the Gateway PGA.

XI. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. All details relating to entries, pairing, starting and the play of the game shall be handled by the Executive Director, Director of Competitions, PGA office staff, their Designee and the Host Professional
- B. The PGA Staff shall be responsible to see that the pairing and time published on the official pairing sheet are **strictly followed** in the starting of contestants.
- C. All professionals are responsible for knowing the Rules of Golf and local rules posted for an event. A current Rules of Golf booklet carried in your bag is advised.
- D. All professionals are held responsible to ensure that their scorecards have been marked correctly and properly attested before turning them in to the tournament scorer.
- E. In all Professional-Amateur events, each professional shall be held responsible for the validity and accuracy of the handicap of his/her amateur partner or partners. No checks shall be issued until completed.
- F. Personal Complaints: Criticism or complaints involving PGA, sponsors, host clubs, golf courses or players shall be made to the PGA staff's Tournament Advisory Board or Board of Directors in writing.
- G. Women Professionals will play from tees as specified by the Director of Competitions. PGA of America new tee regulations adopted 2003.
- H. You must register online at www.gatewaypga.org under the tournament section through Blue Golf. Check or Money orders can be mailed to the Section office **PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE**. You may also contact the Section office by phone and register by credit card. **NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SITE.**
- I. Pairing and tee assignments for all events excluding the Section Championship, PNC Qualifying, Match Play and Pro-Ams will be made by random draw for the first round of each event. No re-pair on tee time events; exception is multi-round events, which will re-pair the next round. Scores will determine all pairings and tee assignments for subsequent rounds. In the event the last Section point event is not one in which pairings are assigned according to points, it shall be modified to do so.
- J. Starting times will be available between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the event.
- K. Players shall present neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. The Director of Competitions shall interpret this regulation in all individual cases. **Note: Bermuda-length shorts are acceptable dress for Professionals except at Gateway PGA sanctioned Pro-Ams, Local PNC qualifying, or at host facilities that require male Professionals to wear trousers at their facility.**
- N. Entry/cancellation deadline for events is 12:00 Noon on Friday for all Monday events, and at noon the day preceding events on other days of the week. Entries received after that time will be placed on a waiting list and will be added to the field

on an “as available” basis by the Director of Competitions. 54 players will constitute a full field. **If the entry is accepted into the event, a \$40 late fee will be charged. Entry cancellations will be charged a \$10 fee for all events or may be transferred to another event for no charge.**

O. **TEES:** All course yardages will be set up by the Director of Competitions at the direction of the Tournament Committee. Regular Division tees will be set at between 6800 and 7000 yards, wherever possible, depending on the host facility. Senior Tees (50-59) will be set at approximately 95% of the Regular yardage. Super Senior Tees (60-up) will be set at approximately 90% of the Regular yardage. Ladies Tees will be set at approximately 83%-85% of the Regular yardage. Playoffs will be played from the default tee, by gender, for that contest, regardless of multiple contest/division players.

P. **Alcohol Policy:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages during the play of POY Point Events is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in Disqualification.

NOTE: If Pro-Open events exceed 108 players, the event will go to tee times. Players will be notified of tee times after 3 p.m. Friday.

NOTE: These events are paired either by the current point list or Player rankings: Match Play, PNC, and the Players Championship.

XII. POINT SYSTEM

A. Points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Gateway Section Player of the Year” and the members of the Gateway Cup Match Team. The following are point events:

Gateway Section Championship	Sr Match Play
PNC	Pro-Opens
Southern Illinois Open	National PNC
Gateway Match Play Championship	Players Championship
US Open Local Qualifying	US Open Sectional Qualifying
US Open	

B. **Divisions:** The following Divisions will be in effect for the 2012 Gateway PGA Tournament Season. **Only PGA Members will earn points in these divisions.

**Regular Division – All players age 49 and under

**Senior Division – All players age 50 to 59

**Super Senior Division – All players age 60 and up

Ladies – All female competitors

Assistants – All competitors, regardless of age, with the classification of A-8 and all B classifications.

Place	Championship Section	Match Play	Section “B”	Section “C”
1 st	300	300	200	100
2 nd	250	250	170	85

3 rd	225	200	150	75
4 th	210	200	140	70
5 th	195	125	130	65
6 th	180	125	120	60
7 th	165	125	110	55
8 th	150	125	100	50
9 th	135	50	90	45
10 th	120	50	80	40
11 th	105	50	70	35
12 th	90	50	60	30
13 th	75	50	50	25
14 th	60	50	40	20
15 th	45	50	30	15
16 th	42	50	28	14
17 th	39	17-32 nd 20	26	13
18 th	36	33 rd and up - 10	24	12
19 th	33		22	11
20 th	30		20	10
21 st	27		18	9
22 nd	24		16	8
23 rd	21		14	7
24 th	18		12	6
25 th	15		10	5
26 th and up	10		5	2

NOTE: The above point system applies to all divisions.

☐☐ Championship Section includes Section Championship and PNC.

❖ Section “B” includes Southern Illinois Open, Players Championship, and any event of 36 or more holes that is designated as POY point event.

❖ Section “C” includes 18 hole Pro-Opens.

❖ Outside Events for Regular & Senior Divisions will be awarded points as follows:

Reg & Sr National PNC - 50 points for qualifying, 25 points additional for making the cut, plus one (1) additional point per position above the cut line.

Reg & Sr PGA Championships - 25 points for qualifying, 25 points additional for making the cut, plus one (1) additional point per position above the cut line.

U.S. Open – 50 points for qualifying, 25 points additional for making the cut, plus one (1) additional point per position above the cut line.

US Open Qualifying:

Local Qualifier (Reg Division): 25 points to advance to Sectional Qualifying.
5 points for Alternates

Section Qualifier (Reg. & Sr. Divisions): 10 points for Alternates

Assistants Division points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Assistants Player of the Year.”

Pro-Opens, So. IL Open, Match Play, Section Championship, the Assistants Championship, and the Players Championship. Assistants Championship points will be equivalent to Section Championship points. Pro-Opens will be the same as the Regular Division points.

Senior/Super Senior Division points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Senior and Super Senior Players of the Year.”

Pro-Opens, Southern Illinois Open, Senior PNC/Section Championship, and the Players Championship: US Senior Open Qualifying, US Senior Open, National Senior PNC, Senior PGA Championship will follow the same guidelines at the Regular Division. Senior PNC/Section Championship points will be equivalent to Section Championship & Southern Illinois Open points will be the same as the Regular Division points.

Ladies Division points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Ladies Division Player of the Year.”

Pro-Opens, Section Championship, Southern Illinois Open, Match Play, US Women’s Open Qualifier & US Women’s Open, and PNC Qualifier.

XIII SECTION TOURNAMENT POLICY

Each PGA of America Member or Apprentice Participant (“Participant”) min 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 for 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 appellate body.

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

A. Advance Notification of Proposal 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 receipt of the notice, the Participant shall submit to the Section Director of Competitions 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 Director of Competitions, of 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 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/Apprentice for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Section golf tournaments and related events at the sole discretion of the Section in compliance with the procedures for Code of Ethics hearings as set forth in this Article II of the Bylaws.

D. Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses

1. MINOR PENALTIES

A Minor Penalty is a fine of not more than \$150 and/or suspension from tournament play for two or less tournaments. A Minor Penalty may be imposed by the Section tournament officials responsible for the conduct of tournament.

2. MAJOR PENALTIES

A Major Penalty is a fine in excess of \$150, suspension from tournament play for more than three tournaments, and/or permanent disbarment from Section tournament play.

E. Appeals

1. MINOR PENALTIES

Appeals from Minor Penalties shall be to the Tournament Committee Chairperson (or his/her designee). Such appeal may be in writing or oral. Such appeal shall be received by the Tournament Committee Chair no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the infraction. The Tournament Committee Chair shall render the decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of 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 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 procedure set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedure.

2. MAJOR PENALTIES

Within thirty days from the date of notification of a Major Penalty, the Participant may submit a written appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry. Failure to file such an appeal shall be deemed conclusively to be an admission of the charges specified in the notification.

Thereafter, the Section Board of Inquiry will prepare a report of the matter to the Board of Control and the matter will be set for a hearing before the Board of Control in accordance with all applicable procedures set forth herein for ethics appeal 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 in effective date of any penalty, except suspension from the 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.

XIV. DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES, APPEALS, ETC.

Any player who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Golf Professional while participating in the Gateway Tournament Program or activities related thereto or who otherwise violates the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to fine or suspension from tournament play.

- A. **Conduct and Discipline:** Rules of conduct and schedules of fines for disciplinary action are in the Gateway PGA Tournament Regulations and will be enforced. We must always remember that we are guests at each of these clubs and have the PGA image to uphold.
- B. **Withdrawal Deadline:** Each player is responsible to notify the Section Office by 12:00 noon on Friday prior to the event. Failure to appear will result in loss of entry.
- C. **Penalties:** The Director of Competitions, at the direction of the Executive Director, shall be authorized to impose penalties consisting of a fine of up to \$100 for any of the following violations:
 1. Club throwing, club breaking
 2. Excessive profanity
 3. Damage to or littering course, equipment or property
 4. Bad checks
 5. Practice (more than one ball to a green)
 6. Knowingly allowing amateurs to use incorrect handicaps
 7. Other conduct deemed by the Director of Competitions to be unbecoming of a Golf Professional

Any sanction levied may be appealed to the Executive Board within ten (10) days, which shall consider the appeal within thirty (30) days and render a final decision. A player may appeal to the Executive Board from the imposition of disciplinary action taken by the Assistant to the Executive Director in accordance with the provisions above. Such appeal shall be in writing and may include defenses or mitigating circumstances, including written statement of witnesses.

Fines are due and payable within ten (10) days after notice of disciplinary action is given or prior to the next tournament, whichever comes first, unless a written appeal has been made. Should the appeal be denied, the fine would be due and payable within ten (10)

days of such denial. The player will be ineligible for any PGA competition thereafter until such fine is paid.

XV. PACE OF PLAY PROCEDURE

The Rules of Golf require that a player shall at all times play without undue delay. The Rules Committee of the Gateway Section will handle the administration of pace of play.

1. **Rule 6-7 Undue Delay**

The player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.
2. **Gateway PGA Officials will use discretion concerning Pace of Play of early groups.** All groups will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace, i.e. groups of three – 14 minutes/hole: groups of two – 12 minutes/hole.
3. **Each group must maintain their starting interval.** Any group falling a hole (par 4 or par 5) behind is subject to being timed. You are deemed to be a hole behind when your group is on the tee and the hole is clear. If you are out of position, you will be notified that you are out of position and timed.
4. **SLOW PLAY TIMING PROCEDURES:** When a group or individual will be timed, all players in the group or the specific individual will be informed. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is clearly his/her turn to play and he/she can play without interference or distraction. A player will have a maximum of 40 seconds to complete his/her stroke. It is reasonable for a player to have a few extra seconds for trouble shots. The person who is to play first from a given area (ie: the teeing ground, approach shot, putting green) has an additional 10 seconds for preparation. Any player being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed as soon as practicable. Penalties for violation of slow play will be applied individually as follows:
 - **FIRST OFFENSE:** Warning.
 - **SECOND OFFENSE:** One stroke penalty and a \$50 fine.
 - **THIRD OFFENSE:** Disqualification and a \$50 fine.

NOTE: Timing of individuals will discontinue when their group is no longer out of position.
5. If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, he/she will then be cautioned that if he/she exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 2), he/she will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke, under rule 6-7. If the player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), he/she will incur an additional two-stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification.

NOTE: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Time previously recorded that may have exceeded limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.

XVI. RULES OFFICIALS

Rules Official(s) shall be assigned to a Gateway PGA Event when the following criteria have been satisfied:

1. All Major Championships regardless of location.
2. All Pro-Opens in Metro St. Louis. Pro-Opens outside of Metro St. Louis (50 mile radius), including the Southern IL Open, will require a minimum of 50 players.

3. Any other event designated by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board.
4. Rules Officials will be paid a stipend of \$125 per day including meals as an independent contractor. Lodging and mileage for out of town, multiple day events, will be provided.

XVII. USGA/R&A Rules of Golf – 2016 PGA of America Rules of Play Hard Card

1. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION:** When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, **they must discontinue play immediately** and must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification

NOTE 1: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three intermittent siren or horn blasts. Resumption of play will be signaled by two intermittent siren or horn blasts.

NOTE 2: All practice areas will be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use.

2. **SPECIFICATIONS OF CLUBS AND THE BALL:**

a) Driver Heads: Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft that is named on the current “List of Conforming Driver Heads” issued by the USGA, which is available in the PGA of America Rules Office. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: See Appendix I

b) Grooves and/or Punch Marks: The player’s clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

NOTE: The exception to Decision 4-1/1 is NOT in effect; therefore clubs manufactured before March 31, 1990, that meet the criteria of USGA Decision USGA/4-1/100 such as the Ping Eye 2 irons are NOT permitted for play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: See Decision 4-1/1

c) Golf Balls: The ball the player plays must be named on the current “List of Conforming Golf Balls” issued by the USGA, which is posted in the locker room and at the starting tees.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification

3. **PACE OF PLAY:** (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) A player will be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. The pace of play guidelines which are in effect are posted in the locker room and at the starting tees.

4. **MEASURING CONDITION OF PUTTING GREENS:** Before or between rounds on any day of the competition or play-off, a player or his caddie must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is only permitted on practice days.

1. **PRACTICE AT PUTTING GREEN OF HOLE LAST PLAYED IS PROHIBITED:** Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke or roll a ball on or near the putting green of the hole last played.

6. **RETURNING SCORECARD:** For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6c, a competitor is considered to have returned his scorecard when he has first left the scoring area designated by ropes/stakes and/or the blue lines/dots or area stipulated by committee.

The Exception to Rule 6-6d is Modified as Follows:

Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition

7. **Close of Competition**

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.

8. **EMBEDDED BALL:** The “EMBEDDED BALL RULE” as written in Appendix I is in effect “through the green”. We use the Local Rule as written on the Appendix I page 142-43

9. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level.

10. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:**

a) Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are immovable obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair.

- b) Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

c) Secured mats and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

11. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:**

a) Areas defined by white lines (except Dropping Zones), including those marked for gallery crosswalks.

b) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.

c) Sod covered trenching for temporary cables

d) Relief is for lie of ball or area of intended swing only for the following (through the green only):

(i) Seams of cut turf – All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

(ii) Painted yardage markings located in any closely mown area.

12. **RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS:** When located within water hazards or within and/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course.

13. **TREE WRAPPINGS, ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES:** Closely attached to trees: No relief. Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables, signs and lightning rods closely attached to trees are not obstructions. They are integral parts of the course.

14. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Appendix I is in effect and includes any temporary immovable obstruction installed for the competition.

15. **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

16. **WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS: RULE 26** Water hazards are defined by yellow lines and stakes. Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines and/or stakes

17. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distant-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind-speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. The player would incur a penalty of two strokes for the first offense and disqualification for any subsequent offense.

18. **CASUAL WATER ON THE PUTTING GREEN:** If a temporary accumulation of casual water exists on the putting green, the following policy will operate when the ball lies on the putting green:

- a) The player may either take relief under the Rules of Golf (Rule 25 -1b(iii)); or the player may request the Committee to squeegee the line of putt including, if desired, an extension of such line beyond the hole.
- b) The Committee may squeegee the putting green at any time.
- c) The Committee may use any combination of a) or b) above.

19. **ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL OR BALL MARKER ON PUTTING GREEN:** Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

NOTE: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstance

***PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

Match play or stroke play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Bogey and par competitions – See Note 1 to Rule [32-1a](#).

Stableford competitions – See Note 1 to Rule [32-1b](#).

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Disqualification.

Exception: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are permitted for play under the Rules of Golf, even in certain competitions when the Condition Requiring Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 is in effect. It is the player's responsibility to refer to the condition of competition posted for the specific competition in which the player is playing to ensure compliance with the above exception and to provide proof of the date on which the club was manufactured. If the player cannot provide such proof, the club must conform with specifications described in Appendix [II](#), 5c(i)." (Revised)

XVII. TOURNAMENT FORMATS

A. PRO-OPENS

1. Prize money: The distribution of the prize money shall consist of entry fees less administration costs, rules official fees, opening and superintendent fees, cart fees, plus sponsor contributions. The purse will be determined by number of players and the prize breakdown will be posted prior to play.
2. Starting times: Shotgun start will be used for all Pro-Opens unless otherwise specified as a tee time event.
 - 18 hole Pro-Open – 10:00 AM Shotgun or Tee Times
 - 27/36 hole Events – 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM Shotgun
3. Scores: Scores shall be promptly posted upon completion of play.
4. Pro-Opens would be run with these divisions: Regular and Senior with the following stipulations:
 - A. Players will be paired blindly regardless of division to allow for the integration between head professionals and assistants.
 - B. Participants must decide (upon tournament sign-up) in which division he/she is competing for prize money, and pay the appropriate entry fee for that division. However, points will still be distributed for both appropriately to all eligible participants, regardless of which division they play in.
 - C. Sponsor dollars shall be divided between the Regular and Senior divisions. This division of sponsor dollars shall be proportionate to the number of players in each division versus the total.

B. GATEWAY PGA SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline – same as Pro-Open regulations.

2. Competition – 54 holes, stroke play. 36 holes Day 1 & Final Round on Day 2.
3. Apprentice eligibility: must complete Level I.
4. Purse – to be determined.
5. Starting times – players will be notified.

C. MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline will be Thursday at NOON of the preceding week of the event.
2. Competition – Match Play 36 holes per day for three (3) consecutive days.
3. Purse – to be determined.
4. Starting times – players will be notified.
5. Other Rules – All eligible players may sign up to complete the field, if 32 players or less determine the field, players will be seeded with the defending champion seated 1 and the remainder of the field will be seated based on the following: The tournament committee will rank each player in the field with the use of the 2015 Points List, the Gateway Section Player Rankings and any additional information given by the Tournament Chairman. An average of the rankings will be taken from the lists supplied to determine the seeds.

D. PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

1. Entry – Entry forms will be sent out electronically in advance by PGA of America.
2. Starting times – players will be notified via email and times will be posted online.
3. Late registrations will not be allowed for this event.
4. Competition will be 36 holes of stroke play.

E. GATEWAY PGA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline – Same as Pro-Open regulations
2. Competition – 36 holes best ball two-man team event.
3. Purse – to be determined
4. Starting times – shotgun starts 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
5. Other rules:
 - A. GPGA Professional may select any eligible GPGA Professional as a partner or Amateur.
 - B. Scorecard must indicate which partner made the score that is counted on each hole.

F. SENIOR PNC/ SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry – Entry forms will be sent out electronically in advance by PGA of America. Local entries accepted for Sect. Championship portion of event. Any player not registering through the National Office will not be eligible to advance to the National Sr. PNC. Site Fee included in National Entry beginning in 2015.
2. Competition – 36 holes, stroke play.
3. Purse – to be determined.
4. Eligibility – PGA members/apprentices in good standing who are 50 years of age or older by the day of the tournament.

G. ASSISTANTS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry fee – \$30 to National, \$200 on site. Entry blanks will be electronically sent to all of the assistants by the PGA of America.
2. Competition – 36 holes, stroke play.
3. Purse – to be determined.
4. Starting times – shotgun starts 9:00AM and 2:00 PM.
5. Local entries may not advance to National Championship.

H. PRO-ASSISTANT PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline – Same as Pro-Open regulations.
2. Competition – 18-hole best ball two-man team event.
3. Other rules – Head Professional may play with two or more assistants by paying corresponding team entry fee. Eligibility requirements are not in place for this event. Payout for teams with Non-PGA players will be paid only to the team member with eligible PGA status.

I. QUAD-PRO

1. Entry deadline – Same as Pro-Open regulations.
2. Competition – 18 Holes, First 9 half of team scramble added to other halves best ball. Second 9 is reversed of first 9 scoring.
3. Other Rules – Teams limited to 2 Top 10 Regular, 1 Top 5 Senior, and 1 Top 5 Assistant, from 2015 POY Standings. Eligibility requirements are not in place for this event. Payout for teams with Non-PGA players will be paid only to the team member with eligible PGA status.

I. LAKE TEAM EVENT

1. Entry deadline – Same as Pro-Open regulations.
2. Format – 54 Holes over 3 days
3. Open to Members of Gateway, Midwest, South Central, & Iowa Section Members, in good standing. One member may also be an amateur. One team member must be from District 7 or Iowa, other team member has no residency requirement, only PGA requirement.

K. PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Criteria:

The Top 25 in Regular POY Points, Top 15 in Senior POY Points, Top 5 in Assistant POY Points, Top 3 Super Sr POY Points, & Ladies POY, will be eligible for the Championship. If any player does not accept the invitation to participate, there will be no substitutions from the respective POY point list.

XVII-A. PRO-AM REGULATIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. All members of the Gateway PGA in good standing.
2. Amateurs at the discretion of the Member who has a verifiable handicap and active Amateur status.
3. If an amateur is a member of two (2) clubs, the lower handicap is used.
4. Amateurs will receive a % of their handicap based on format of the event.
5. Amateurs must present current handicap card or verification at registration.
6. Entry fee per team is TBD.
7. The format for the Gateway PGA Pro-Ams is TBD.

B. STARTING TIMES

1. Will be published prior to start of registration.

C. POSTING RESULTS

1. The Professional is responsible for insuring that his/her score and the team score is accurate and an amateur member of the team verify the scorecard.
2. Scores of all teams shall be promptly posted upon completion of play.

D. SPECIAL FORMATS

1. Scratch Pro-Am: All Pro-Am regulations apply, except the following:
 - a. It is recommended but not required that the competition will be scored using two best balls of the foursome. Only gross scores will be used. However, the committee may change the format at their discretion.
 - b. It is recommended but not required that all amateurs must have established handicaps.
2. Pro-Ladies:
 - a. Entry fee deadline – same as regular Pro-Ams.
 - b. Handicap – 50% handicap Shamble, maximum of (20).
3. Pro-Junior:
 - a. Entry fee – \$75 per Junior includes carts, lunch, and prizes.
 - b. Entry deadline – 12:00 noon Tuesday preceding the event.
 - c. Starting times – To be determined.
 - d. Format will be Shamble with 50% handicap, maximum of (20). Gross & Net Divisions.
 - e. Eligibility – All Juniors who have not reached their 18th birthday by the date of the event.
 - f. Purse – Trophies awarded to first and second place teams in each division with scorecard playoffs for a tie.

PLAYING ABILITY TEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

I. REGISTRATIONS

II. WAITING LIST POLICY

III. TRANSFERS/REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

IV. DRESS CODE

V. THE COMPETITION

VI. CARTS

VII. OTHER CHANGES

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are taken in order of receipt at the PGA of America National Office and through <http://www.pgalinks.com>. There is a **14 day registration deadline** for every PAT and an individual may be registered for only two PAT's at any one time. The

registration fee, paid at the time of registration, is \$100 for each PAT and the registrant is responsible for all additional on-site fees.

Those who are employed in a capacity that gives them eligible employment or are registered PGA/PGM University students may register for a PAT at any time prior to the 30 day registration deadline. Those not meeting this eligibility criteria may only register within the fourteen (14) days prior to the 30 day registration deadline.

If it is found that an individual registered more than fourteen (14) days prior to the registration deadline and did not meet the above eligibility criteria, the individual will be suspended for two years from taking a PAT. If the individual has already played in the PAT, the score will be null and void.

For schedule information or to register with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express call (888) 298-7391 or visit <http://www.pgalinks.com>.

II. WAITING LIST POLICY

If a PAT becomes full before the deadline date, a wait list will be established. At the registration deadline a wait list report including the wait list registrants in order of registration is sent to the Section Office. To determine your wait list status, you may contact the PGA National Office prior to the deadline and the Section Office after the deadline. If there are any late cancellations or no shows the day of play, the Section will fill any remaining spots from the wait list order, from those who present themselves on site. If a spot does not become available off the wait list, an individual should contact the PGA National Office to have the fees transferred to another available PAT or have funds refunded.

III. TRANSFERS/REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

There are no transfers or refunds from a PAT inside the 30 day registration deadline unless it is a cancellation after passing a previous 36-hole (this does not include meeting the 18 hole minimum PAT requirement) or off a wait list. An individual who passes the 36-hole PAT and is signed up for another, must contact the PGA National Office at (800) 474-2776, within three business days of passing the 36-hole PAT to have the funds transferred to a Professional Readiness Orientation registration or refunded. A competitor who is unable to participate in a PAT and does not notify the PGA National and Section Office at least 72 hours prior to the PAT, will be suspended from playing in another PAT 90 days.

A competitor who withdraws during play or no cards (does not complete and submit a card for two 18 hole rounds) will be suspended from competing in another PAT for 90 days from the date of that PAT. If a competitor is signed up for another PAT within 90 day suspension period, that individual will be canceled from that PAT and the funds will be refunded.

An individual, who cancels, withdraws or no cards due to injury or illness may submit medical documentation to the PGA National Office **no later than three business days following the PAT** for review for refund and/or waiver of suspension.

If a PAT is canceled due to not meeting the minimum registrations, you will be notified by the PGA National Office. If a PAT is canceled due to weather, you should contact the Section Office.

IV. DRESS CODE

Female participants must wear slacks, culottes, walking shorts, or golf skirts which constitute, and acceptable clothing worn by women in connection with participation in professional golf tournaments. Male participants must wear slacks and participants shall not wear shorts anywhere on the property. Jeans are not to be considered slacks.

V. THE COMPETITION

Men shall play from tees at least 6000 yards in length with a minimum USGA course rating of 68.

Women shall play from tees at least 5700 yards and at a maximum or 5900 yards. Participants must have been born female in order to play from the women’s tees.

Target score is determined by multiplying the USGA course rating by 2 (two) and adding 15 strokes. (After multiplying, any remaining fraction is dropped.)

VI. CARTS

Contestants’ clubs must stay on a cart; no more than two carts per grouping. (A third cart may be allowed at the discretion of the facility.)

Only two people are allowed to ride in the cart at one time.

To “prevent scouting”, a player or players using a cart, or their caddies, may not drive the cart past the ball until all shots have been played to the green. “Past the ball” is deemed to be past the nearest ball to the green. If the players or caddies drive slightly past the ball in search of a lost ball, this is not considered past the ball. Subject to undue delay penalty.

When one cart is employed by two players, the cart and any person or thing in it is always deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except when the cart is being driven by one of the players employing it or their caddies, the cart and its contents are considered the equipment of that player.

Spectator carts are not allowed. Only official carts authorized by the Tournament Director will be allowed on the course.

It is imperative that all players return their carts to the cart staging area **immediately** upon completion of their round. **Do not leave them at the various courses or their respective practice areas or parking lot.**

VII. OTHER CHANGES

Effective 1/1/2003, one of the following must be completed within two years prior to registering into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program:

- a. Pass the 36-hole Player’s Ability Test or;
- b. Attempt the PAT at least twice within two years since 1/1/2003 and shoot one 18 hole score in a PAT since 1/1/2003 that is equal to or less than the PAT target score for 18 holes plus 5 strokes.

The 36-hole PAT remains valid during the Acceptable Progress period. An individual who enters the PGA Professional Golf Management Program after achieving only option (b) above, must pass the 36-hole PAT prior to registering for the Level 3 Checkpoint.

For information on the PGA Professional Golf Management Program, visit

<http://www.pgalinks.com.pro/index1.cfm>.

There must be at least ten (10) registrants in a PAT at the deadline in order for the PAT to be held.

Tee times are sent by the Section about ten days prior to the PAT. If you do not receive this listing, you should contact the Section Office.

A photo identification is required at the PAT site and lack of photo identification is cause for disqualification.

If allowed by both the Section and golf course, caddies are permitted. Both caddie and player may ride at the same time.

The use of alcohol is prohibited during play of the PAT.

For conduct unbecoming a golf professional during a PAT, an individual may be assessed a two stroke penalty. A second offense will result in disqualification. PAT participants are advised that actions determined by the PGA of America to be construed as conduct unbecoming a golf professional in any way connected with the PAT (without limitation unprofessional behavior displayed or unprofessional actions of any nature or description committed during practice rounds, the PAT test, or committed subsequent to the completion of a PAT) may result in the suspension of such an individual from participating in PATs for a period of two (2) years at the sole discretion of the PGA of America.

In order to preserve the integrity of the game and our PGA competitions, please be reminded that each player has the duty and responsibility to protect the rest of the field from questionable practices and Rules infractions. If you are doubtful as to the rights or procedure for either yourself or a fellow competitor, seek the counsel of the PAT Examiner.

The PAT schedule and deadlines are subject to revision. For an updated schedule call (888) 298-7391 or visit pgalinks.com.

All deadlines are 5PM Eastern time. For any questions regarding PAT policies, contact the PGA Member Information Service Center at (800) 474-2776.

The following was originally published in the December issue of MISC Updates. Effective 1/1/2003, one of the following must be completed to register into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program:

Pass the Players Ability Test or attempt the P.A.T. at least twice since 1/1/2003 and shoot one 18 hole score in a P.A.T. since 1/1/2003 that is equal to or less than the P.A.T. target score for 18 holes plus 5 strokes. (See the chart below)

36 Hole P.A.T. Target Score	18 Hole Target Score	Target Score to Register as an Apprentice
Course Rating for 36 holes + 15	(36 P.A.T. Score/2)	(36 P.A.T. Score/2) +5
151	75.5	80
152	76.0	81

153	76.5	81
154	77.0	82
155	77.5	82
156	78.0	83
157	78.5	83
158	79.0	84
159	79.5	84
160	80.0	85
161	80.5	85
162	81.0	86
163	81.5	86
164	82.0	87
165	82.5	87

Passing the P.A.T. is not an entrance requirement into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program, but the P.A.T. must be passed prior to an individual registering for the Level 3 Checkpoint. The P.A.T. remains valid during the Acceptable Progress period, and is considered valid if passed within two years prior to registration into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program. In order to be successful, an individual must achieve a 36-hole score within 15 shots of the course rating. For example, if the course rating is 72, the target score for the 36-holes would be 159 ($72 \times 2 = 144 + 15 = 159$). This competition is normally conducted in one day. The P.A.T. is conducted from the middle tees of the golf course with the flagsticks set on a generally flat area of the green. Although this sounds relatively simple, less than 20% of those taking the test achieve a passing score. If an individual's game is marginal, it is highly recommended that they work diligently on improving prior to registering for the P.A.T. For the P.A.T. schedule and online registration use this link <http://www.pgalinks.com/pat1.cfm>. To register by phone, please contact the Member Information Service Center (MISC) at 1-800-474-2776.

2016 PAT Schedule

DATE		SITE	NATL ENTRY	ON SITE FEE
April	13th	Eagle Springs GC	\$100	\$50
May	10th	Gateway National GL	\$100	\$50
July	12th	Gateway National GI	\$100	\$50
August	31st	Eagle Springs GC	\$100	\$50

Site fee includes – 36 Holes /cart /lunch/range balls

The PGA Professional Golf Management Program

Notice to Pre-Apprentices

To be able to register into Level 1 of the PGMP, you must have met the following requirements:

1. Have a high school diploma or be at least 18 years of age and have the equivalent of a high school diploma.

2. Review the information provided on PGALinks.com regarding the Professional Readiness Orientation (PRO) and PGMP policies and procedures: program content and format.
3. Have six months of eligible employment within the 12 months prior to registering into the PGMP and be eligibly employed at the time of registration.
4. Pass a PAT or attempt the PAT at least twice and shoot one 18 hole score in a PAT that is equal to or less than the PAT target score for 18 holes plus 5 strokes. PATs expire in two years

If you have met the above requirements, you are ready to register.

1. You must have Internet access. Go to PGALinks.com and click on “Professional Readiness Orientation”. Read all the links entirely.
2. Click on “PGMP Application Form”. You will need to download the form and print. The application cannot be completed on-line as yet.
3. Click on “Fees Calculator” to determine your total fees to send with your registration application.
4. Send your application and other required documents with your check or money order to The PGA of America. If you prefer, you may fax the application with your credit card information.
5. It will take several weeks for the National PGA to process your application. Once your application has been accepted, your Level 1 materials will be shipped to you.
6. You are a **Registered Apprentice** in The PGA of America after your Level I Kit has been purchased.

APPRENTICES – Keep in mind to be eligible to register for any Checkpoint, Work Experience Kits must be pre-approved prior to registering for all checkpoints. Kits must be submitted to the PGA for approval at least **45 days prior to the registration deadline** of the checkpoint you wish to attend. Checkpoints will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Allow four to six weeks for your kit to be evaluated when attending a checkpoint. You may obtain your kit status by calling **IRV** automated response system at (877) 742-5464 or accessing PGA Links. You are responsible for bringing your kit to the checkpoint. If you have any questions, please contact MISC at (800) 474-2776.

For more information about the PGMP or the PRO, call the PGA Member Information Service Center at 1-800-4-PGA-PRO (800-474-2776)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GATEWAY PGA APPRENTICES

Each year the Gateway PGA Apprentices must fulfill the following requirements: Apprentices and Pre-Apprentices must attend one educational seminar prior to the start of the playing season to retain playing privileges for the current year. The Spring Meeting is the easiest way to do this.

THE THREE LEVELS OF THE PGMP

Individuals who enroll in the PGMP are required to complete three levels of study before being elected to membership in the PGA. Apprentices have two years to pass each level.

LEVEL I Courses

Rules of Golf	Golf Club Design and Repair
Introduction to Teaching	Golf Development Programs
Tournament Operations	Golf Car Fleet Management
Career Enhancement	Constitution

LEVEL II Courses

Business Communications	Analysis of the Swing
Customer Relations	Turfgrass Management
Business Planning & Operations	
Electives*	

LEVEL III Courses

Food and Beverage Control	Inventory Management. And Merchandising
Supervising and Delegating	Swing Concepts of Teaching
Electives*	

*Electives include the following:

You are required to complete two of the following Electives. At least one must be a PGA Elective. Electives may be completed at either Level 2 or Level 3.

*PGA Electives

Golf Facility Design
Golf Range Management
Caddie Management

*Outside Electives

CPR/First Aid
Public Speaking
Golf Course Design

FOR REVISED PROFESSIONAL GOLF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COURSES – PLEASE REFER TO WWW.PGALINKS.COM FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF QUALIFYING WORK AND LEVEL ONE COURSES

PGA of America Professional Golf Management Program Associated Costs

P.A.T. Entry Fee	\$100 per attempt. Participants are responsible for all additional on-site fees required by the facility
Association Dues & Fees	Refer to dues calculator on PGALinks.com/How to Become a PGA Member
Level 1 Transition Kit	\$200
Level 2 Transition Kit	\$100
Level 1 Materials	\$560 + tax ** Ordered after registration into the Apprentice Program is confirmed
Checkpoint 1	\$1,925 - Paid at time of Checkpoint registration
Level 2 Materials	\$350 + \$22.75 tax*- Paid on site
Checkpoint 2	\$1,925 - Paid at time of Checkpoint registration
Level 3 Materials	\$250 + \$16.25 tax* Paid on site
Checkpoint 3	\$1,760 - Paid at time of Checkpoint registration
Player Development	\$50
Checkpoint Re-attend	\$1,125
Final Experience Re-attend	\$695 (Presentation/Interview)
Seminar Re-attend	\$725 (one semester) \$925 (two semesters) \$1,125 (three semesters)
Checkpoint	\$300 fee + airline transfer fees
 Cancellation/Transfer	(Inside 60 days)
Checkpoint	\$100 fee + airline transfer fees
 Cancellation/Transfer	(Prior to 60 days)
Checkpoint “No-Show”	Forfeit all fees ***
Single Room Option	\$500 (Checkpoint 1&2) Subject to availability/non-refundable \$300 (Checkpoint 3) Subject to availability/non-refundable

Paid at time of Checkpoint registration Contact the PGA Member Information Service Center (MISC) at 1-800-474-2776 for any questions or for additional information. NOTE: All fees subject to change. All fees are non-refundable

* Subject to change

** Florida and Georgia residents only

*** Failure to contact the MISC by 4:30 p.m. EST Friday to cancel or transfer checkpoint registration will result in forfeiture of fees paid. Checkpoint 3 registrants must contact MISC by 4:30 p.m. EST Wednesday.

Acceptable Progress Tracking – The PGA Professional Golf Management Program

- Acceptable Progress is defined by submission of the Work Experience Kit. In order to remain in good standing, the Level 1 Kit must be received within two years of the Level 1 start date, the Level 2 Kit must be received within four years of the Level 1 start date and the Level 3 Kit must be received within six years of the Level 1 start date. Failure to submit your Kit in a timely manner for each Level will result in suspension until the Kit is received and approved. Apprentices have eight years from their Level 1 Start Date to be elected to PGA membership. If apprentices do not become elected in eight years, they are terminated from the program and must complete the PGA PGM Program again in its entirety, including passing the PAT.

Note: Individuals who have not completed their kit requirement at the end of their 2-year suspension period will be terminated from the Apprentice program.

Revised Professional Golf Management Program Associated Cost Effective 1/2010

Revised Program - Portal Access to online Qualifying Level Courses	\$200 (valid for 6 months)
Playing Ability Test Entry Fee Plus additional fees required by the Section/Facility	\$100 per attempt
Association Dues and Fees	Refer to Calculator on pgalinks.com
Apprentice Background Check Fee	\$60
Revised Program – Qualifying Level Test Fee at ACT Test Center	\$32.50
Revised Program – Portal Access to Online Level One Pre-Seminar Courses	\$560
Revised Program – Level One Classes at PGA Education Center (beginning July 2010)	\$2000
Revised Program – Level One Test Fees at ACT Test Center (Tests Conducted after July 2010)	\$32.50 - \$55

Revised Program – Level One Transfer Fee \$300

(Access to Qualifying and Level One Pro-Seminar Courses)

*Must be a level one registered apprentice prior to December 31, 2009 and have purchased a level one kit.

REVISED PROGRAM – LEVEL TWO AND ELVEL THREE COURSES, TEST FEES, AND CLASSES, WILL BE AVAILABLE JULY 2011.

Note: All fees are subject to change and are non-refundable.

Member Service Requirements MSR Requirements (Effective 6/16/2015) Credit requirements will consist of two categories:

(a) 54 Total Credits, (b) 36 of which must be from PGA Meeting/PGA Education and/or Golf 2.0/Player Development.

(a) Total Credits (54): A total of 54 credits must be earned, with at least 36 credits earned from the required category (PGA Meeting/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development), while the other means of obtaining credits toward the total requirement remain per the prior program. All credits for any category must be earned via activities that allow for automated crediting through PGA systems to streamline the administration of the Professional Development Program.

(b) PGA Meeting/PGA Education: The credit category for Meetings and PGA-delivered education (Chapter, Section, National) are now combined and all will be awarded one (1) credit per hour of participation. Other education provided by sources outside of The PGA will apply to the Total. This means that any gathering of members organized by a Section/Chapter or National, whether for governance, education, or both will be treated the same way. Therefore, a Section meeting that had three hours of business meeting and two hours of education that would have been credited six Meeting credits and two Education credits in the previous cycle will now be worth 5 PGA Meeting/PGA Education credits in the current proposal.

(b) Golf 2.0/Player Development: The credits for Golf 2.0/Player Development will be earned via the reporting of actual creation, activation and engagement of golfers into programming that supports Golf 2.0 initiatives and/or education and training on the strategic plan, its initiatives, and related program administration. Thus both green grass and non-green grass or executive level PGA members can meet the requirement by becoming knowledgeable about Golf 2.0, its strategic initiatives, and its programs.

Effective Date: June 16, 2015–June 15, 2018 Rules and Regulations for the Member Service Requirement (MSR), as defined by the Membership Committee:

1. One credit per hour of service or participation as defined by the chart below.
2. A Section may require that all Section and Chapter activities be approved in advance.
3. Based on previously approved activities, established guidelines and Section recommendations, the National Office will approve the credits to be awarded for a certain activity. The Board of Control will determine the number of credits in all disputes and the Board of Directors reserves the right to make modifications to the requirements.
4. A participant may receive compensation for an activity.
5. Fifty-four (54) credits are required for a three-year cycle; at least 36 from PGA Meeting/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development.
6. Members who have attained 25 years of active membership and are at least 65 years of age before the start of the Professional Development Program shall be required to earn 12 credits from the PGA Meeting/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development category only.

ACTIVITY

CREDITS EARNED

<p>#1 (a): PGA MEETING and PGA EDUCATION Attending or serving as an instructor or speaker at a National, Section or Chapter PGA Meeting or PGA Education activity, including National/Section/Chapter committee and Board meetings. Attending an Allied Association National Meeting. Any online Education through PGALinks. <u>Example – Any Meeting/Education gathering of PGA members conducted by the National, Section or Chapter.</u></p> <p>#1 (b): GOLF 2.0/PLAYER DEVELOPMENT Promoting, conducting and reporting Golf 2.0 Programs in order to engage and create golfers. Completing Golf 2.0 online tutorials and webinars. <u>Example – Reporting creation and activation of new golfers and completing online tutorials and trainings via PGALinks</u> <i>Entered via registration/list or survey completion</i></p> <p>REQUIRED 36 CREDITS IN A 3 YEAR CYCLE **MAY BE EARNED EXCLUSIVELY FROM EITHER CATEGORY OR ANY COMBINATION OF 1 (a) or 1 (b)**</p>	<p>1 credit per hour of attendance. (No maximums) (Any meeting or education program conducted or co-conducted by the National, Section or Chapter. Example of a co-conducted program is the PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshops)</p> <p>Credits based on the promotion, conducting and reporting Golf 2.0 Program results. 1 credit for completion of Golf 2.0/Player Development tutorials and training via PGALinks.</p>
<p>#2 Service to the PGA/Industry – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY Serving the Section, Chapter, National PGA or Allied Association. Participating in advancement of the game activities such as radio shows, TV shows, speeches, golf promotional non-playing events, golf clinics and other volunteer activities, such as non-playing tournament official. <i>Entered via member online input</i></p>	<p>1 credit per hour of participation with a maximum of 8 credits per day (Such as PGA Free Fit & Trade and local player development programs)</p>
<p>#3: Golf Coach – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY Serving as a golf coach or assistant golf coach of a high school/college golf team in a capacity not considered the member's primary employment. (See Rule #4 above) <i>Entered via member online input</i></p>	<p>Maximum of 6 credits per MSR cycle year</p>
<p>#4: Survey Respondent – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY Completing a MSR-designated National or Section survey. The Board of Control must approve Section surveys in advance. <i>Entered by PGA upon survey completion</i></p>	<p>1 credit per Section survey 2 credits per National survey 1 credit per six current mos. Performance Trak Maximum of 5 credits per MSR cycle year</p>
<p>#5: PGA Tournament Participation – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY Participation in Section-sanctioned golf tournaments or tournaments conducted by the PGA of America National Office. <i>Entered via registration/list</i></p>	<p>2 credits per Section event 4 credits per National event Maximum of 8 credits per MSR cycle year</p>
<p>#6: Merchandise Show Attendee – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY Attending a National, Section or Allied Association Merchandise Show. <i>Entered via registration/list</i></p>	<p>2 credits per show Maximum of 4 credits per MSR cycle year</p>
<p>#7: Media Related Articles – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY PGA-approved news, media, magazine articles or published book. <i>Entered via member online input</i></p>	<p>1 credit per article Maximum of 6 credits per MSR cycle year</p>
<p>#8: Other non-PGA Education – applies to the TOTAL CATEGORY Attending non-PGA conducted Education or Seminars, completing online education not offered by the National, Section or Chapter. <u>Example – College course, CPR, non-PGA conducted Education.</u> <i>Entered via list or by the member online</i></p>	<p>1 credit per hour of attendance with a maximum of eight (8) credits for any one online course.</p>

Total MSR per cycle = 54

Required Meeting/Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development Category = 36

Section sanctioned = Approved by the Section Office/Section Board

Nationally sanctioned = Approved by the PGA of America Membership Department, with counsel from the Board of Control as needed.

Golf 2.0 Conducting and Reporting Program Results:

1. Registering, promoting, conducting and reporting on Golf 2.0 Programs via PGA registration and reporting tools; examples include:

- a. Get Golf Ready (2 credits per graduating class, minimum of three students per class)
- b. Get Golf Ready 2 (3 credits per graduating class, minimum of three students per class)
- c. Get Golf Ready Outings/Leagues (3 credits per reaching minimum thresholds)
- d. PGA Sports Academy (2 credits per graduating class, minimum of three students per class)
- e. Future Golf 2.0 Programs (Credits awarded in a manner equitable with a through d above)

Golf 2.0 Online Training:

2. Tutorials and Online Training completed via PGALinks to achieve full understanding and adoption by all members regarding the Association's Strategic Plan.

- a. Understanding the Strategic Plan Family Focus Drive for Diversity
 Know Your Customer Platinum Players I'm Ready to Play
 Deepen Engagement with Current Golfers Building Blocks Annual Updates
 Connecting with Her
 Welcome Back to Golf Off Course Options

Online tutorials and training will be developed by the PGA Education and Player Development Departments. Tutorials and training online content will include video and written material as well as an assessment to gauge understanding and engagement will take approximately one hour to complete each tutorial/training session, thereby, earning one credit per completion. Future MSR cycles will include new opportunities as Golf 2.0 continues to roll out. The Membership and Play Golf America Committees will continue to evaluate the credit structure.