



PGA

Minnesota Section

Tournament Regulations

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MINNESOTA SECTION PGA TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

GOAL

The goal of the Corporation's Tournament Program is to provide various forms of competition for its Members and Associates, and to use the game of golf as a promotional tool to further golf in general.

ARTICLE II

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. STRUCTURE

The Minnesota PGA Tournament Committee shall include between three (3) and nine (9) members (the "Committee Members"), unless otherwise approved by the President. Of such Committee Members, one (1) Committee Chair shall be selected from the Board. The appointment of the Committee Chair shall be performed by the President and each Committee Member shall be approved by the President. The Executive Director will serve as an ex-officio member. Each Committee Member shall serve up to a three (3) year term, unless otherwise determined by the President.

Section 2. DUTIES

A. **Committee Specific Responsibilities**

1. To ascertain and provide for the desires of the membership as they relate to the types and formats of events.
2. To provide a Handicap Review process for Section Sanctioned Pro-Ams.
3. Make recommendations regarding qualifications and exemptions.
4. Review and provide recommendations regarding updates to Tournament Regulations.
5. Create awareness to help increase participations.
6. Provide recommendations for partnership activation and leads.

B. **Review, Consultation, and Strategic Oversight**

1. Perform the duties outlined in this document in accordance with the Strategic Plan of the MNPGA in effect at such time.
2. Review and provide recommendations on the development of the strategic goals, plans, and initiatives.

C. **Reports**

1. Report to the President and to the Board on any matters that are relevant to the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities.
2. Maintain minutes and other records of meetings and activities of the Committee.

D. **Protocols**

1. Establish protocols and requirements regarding meetings of the Committee (frequency of meetings, attendance, scheduling, agendas, attendees, procedures, confidentiality, voting, appeals, etc.).
2. Establish protocols regarding the distribution of all minutes and other records to all Committee Chairs and staff liaison of Committees.
3. Establish protocols regarding the Committee's programs and initiatives.
4. Provide each of these protocols for review and approval by the President (and others designated by the President).

While acting within the scope of its stated duties as set forth above, the Committee shall **not** have the authority to bind the Board, MNPGA, and/or MNPGA staff.

Except as may be specifically directed by the Board with regards to a particular matter, in carrying out these responsibilities the Committee shall not exercise any decision-making authority and the Committee's review or approval shall not be required before relating to programs and initiatives are raised with or addressed by the Board.

ARTICLE III

DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **SECTION EVENT** - Any tournament organized or sponsored by the Minnesota Section. Section events MUST conform to these Tournament Regulations unless otherwise specified by the Board.
2. **NON SECTION ENTITY** - Any party, including a section member(s), who is not acting in an official capacity on behalf of the Minnesota Section.
3. **SECTION CONFORMING EVENT** - Any tournament organized or sponsored by non-section entities that agree to comply with these Tournament Regulations.

4. **SECTION CONFORMING INVITATIONAL EVENT** - Any event that meets all conforming regulations, with the exception that the sponsor/host's privilege to issue player invitations as noted in Article IV. Section 2. B1.
5. **APPROVED SPECIAL EVENT** - Any tournament organized or sponsored by non-section entities that does not conform to these Tournament Regulations, but which has been approved by the Board.
6. **SPONSOR** - Any entity or individual who has agreed to accept all or part of the financial responsibilities involved in the conduct of a tournament.
7. **HOST** - Any entity or individual who has agreed to accept all or part of the organizational responsibilities of a tournament. A host and a sponsor may be one in the same.
8. **TOURNAMENT COMMITMENT** - Any written or verbal promise by a player to a sponsor/host to participate in a tournament. A tournament commitment may be accomplished by filing an entry form to play in a tournament.
9. **MINNESOTA SECTION** - The Minnesota Section of the Professional Golfers Association of America, Inc., also at times referred to as the "corporation".

ARTICLE IV

CONDUCT OF SECTION AND CONFORMING EVENTS

Section 1. **PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Subject to the other provisions of this section, for an event to be a section event or conforming event a sponsor/host may allow only the following professionals to compete:
 1. Minnesota Section PGA Members who are employed in an approved classification at the time of the event and in good standing. All PGA Members must meet the guidelines set forth by the PGA of America Constitution and Bylaws regarding primary employment.
 2. Associates who are eligibly employed in an active Associate classification as defined by the PGA of America Constitution and Bylaws at the time of the event. In addition, prior to competing in Section events, an Associate must first attend an Associate Orientation Seminar which will fulfill the requirement to play in Section events for the existing or nearest upcoming tournament season.
 3. Professional Golf Management (PGM) graduate who has graduated from a PGA recognized PGM program and is eligibly employed.
 4. Section members with A-3 classification will be prohibited from competing in section conforming events with exception to the following events: Minnesota State Open, Minnesota Women's State Open, Minnesota Senior Open, Minnesota Golf Champions, North Dakota State Open and Tapemark Charity Pro-Am.
- B. **Exemptions**
 1. Subject to Paragraph 2 and 3, below, all professionals who are not members or associates in good standing with the Minnesota Section or PGA of America are ineligible to compete in section events, conforming events, or approved special events.
 2. Host Professionals shall be allowed a maximum of six exemptions to allow non-Minnesota Section PGA members to participate in the host's event; provided the non-section member is in good standing in his/her section of the PGA of America. Seven or more exemptions must be approved by the Section Tournament Director.
 3. Class A Section members or associates who are not in good standing with the Minnesota Section or PGA of America, non-PGA professionals and non-section members are eligible to compete in a maximum of one section conforming pro-am event per calendar year.
 - a. A Class A Section Member who is not in good standing via unemployment, shall remain eligible to participate in Section events through the end of the current calendar year.
 4. The restriction imposed in paragraphs 1 & 2 shall not apply to the following events:
 - a. Tapemark Charity Pro-Am
 - b. Minnesota State Open
 - c. North Dakota State Open
 - d. Minnesota Golf Champions
 - e. Minnesota Senior Open
 - f. Minnesota Women's State Open
 5. The restrictions imposed in paragraph 2 shall not apply to events conducted by the members of the Dakota Chapter of the Minnesota Section whose events shall continue to be governed by the Tournament Regulations in effect prior to December 16, 1986.
 6. The Minnesota Section's Tournament Schedule shall consist of only events that conform to the Tournament Regulations and these amendments.

7. The Section Tournament Director shall organize and maintain a list of all professional players not eligible to participate in section events, conforming events, or approved special events on a non-exempt basis. Said list shall be available to any section member upon request.
- C. Paragraphs A, B, C, notwithstanding, a sponsor/host may fill all unfilled professional playing spots in a conforming event with non-PGA professionals if the sponsor/host is unable to fill these spots by seven days prior to the event. The time shall be extended to 14 days if the number of professionals to compete in the tournament exceeds 50. Non-PGA professionals shall be allowed to compete in a maximum of one section conforming pro-am events per calendar year.

Section 2. ENTRIES

A. Fees

1. Section Events - Fees for all section events shall be determined by the Tournament Committee, subject to the approval of the Board
2. Conforming Events - A maximum \$100.00 entry fee per day of competition may be charged for all conforming events. There will be a ceiling of \$200.00 for two and three day events. All of said fee shall go toward the professional purse, less charity donation. No other fees shall be assessed against professionals.

B. Acceptance

1. The mailing and receiving of entries for section conforming invitational events will be handled by the host professional/sponsor of such event.
2. The Section shall publish entry forms for all section conforming non-invitational events. Tournament hosts will be responsible for the receiving of entries for these non-invitational events.
3. Section Members and Associates may enter Section events by any approved means such as the mail, fax, or web registration.
4. Any entries shall be subject to acceptance by the sponsor/host and the Tournament Committee, and may be rejected or revoked by either without liability at any time before or after commencement of tournament play if the entrant (I) subsequently fails to meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in these regulations, (II) violates any of these regulations or (III) otherwise conducts himself in a manner unbecoming a professional golfer.
5. If a player's acceptance to participate in a tournament is revoked, he shall not be entitled to share in the prize money.

C. Withdrawal Policy

1. A contestant may withdraw from any Section event for any reason by notifying the Official in Charge. In Section events only (not including Pro-Am events), and in the absence of an already published refund/withdraw policy, the entry fee will be refunded if the withdrawal occurs prior to the entry deadline. After the entry deadline, the entry fee will be refunded less a \$10 administrative fee up to the day before the event. A withdrawal after such time, or a no show, will not be eligible for a refund.

D. Liability Release

1. In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in any Minnesota PGA activity (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, any entry (included but not limited to substitute entries, replacements or participants), their heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge the Minnesota PGA, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury of participation in the Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity. Each participant voluntarily participates in the Activity at their own risk and acknowledges that their involvement may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury and property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic and actions of others, including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials and host site staff or affiliates.

Section 3. RULES

All section and conforming events shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of the USGA as amended by the standard rules of play of the Minnesota Section and any local rules. Each host professional shall provide a Rules sheet to every contestant. Any disputes during the competition shall be directed to an appointed rules official, a tournament committee member on site, or the host professional.

A. Breaking Ties

1. In the event of a tie in any stroke play competition, the tie shall be broken by a sudden death playoff, or by a scorecard playoff determined by the host professional prior to the start of the competition. Methods for breaking ties must be posted before the competition begins.

Section 4. DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

- A. Sponsors of conforming events shall post a minimum of \$2,500.00 in sponsorship money designated to the individual professional purse. Events that do not meet the \$2500.00 sponsorship minimum shall be listed as conforming so long as they meet all other requirements set forth by these regulations. However, these events will be designated as non-conforming purse events on the Minnesota Section Tournament Schedule as well as any entry material distributed by the Section or the host professional.
- B. The gross tournament prize money shall consist of all sponsorship monies and all professional entry fees. (Note: Temporary playing fees are not deemed entry fees.)
- C. In section and conforming events, professionals shall receive at most, an equal portion of all prize monies paid for team competitions.
- D. The distribution of prize money to low finishers of all section and conforming events shall be within the ranges set forth in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A. The distribution of prize money, expressed in dollars, not percentages, must be posted before the competition begins.
- E. Prizes of any nature for other than total score shall be subject to review and approval by the Tournament Committee.
- F. Event Cancellation
 - 1. If a stroke play tournament must be canceled after completion by all contestants of the greater of 18 holes or 50% of the tournament, prize monies shall be paid according to the schedule set forth in Exhibit A based on the scores through the last completed round of play; provided, however, that a tie for first place shall remain a tie and the tied players shall share equally in the prize monies concerned; provided further, that total prize money to be paid pursuant to this provision may be reduced proportionately to the percent of the tournament that could not be completed (e.g. if only 18 holes out of a 36 hole tournament can be completed, the prize money paid out can be reduced by 50%).
 - 2. If an event must be canceled at the time when less than 18 holes are played by all contestants, or when less than 50% of the tournament has been completed, the sponsor/host shall not be required to pay any prize monies and all entry fees paid by the contestants shall be refunded.

Section 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR/HOST

The sponsor/host of a section or conforming event shall:

- A. Enter into a written agreement with the Minnesota Section to abide by these Tournament Regulations.
- B. The host professional must file a team tournament report within seven days of the completion of the competition. This report will include the following: The low five teams in the event to include all team member names, GHIN numbers, and effective handicap index for the event and a list of amateurs returning a net score of two under par or better for the event to include amateur names, GHIN numbers, and effective handicap index for the event.
- C. File an official Tournament Report to the Minnesota Section Office within seven days of the conclusion of the event. Said Tournament Report shall include the following:
 - 1. A listing of all professional entries, the daily and total scores achieved by each professional, the team score for each professional, scorecards for each group, total scores achieved by amateurs on winning teams, and the distribution of prize money paid to each professional.
 - 2. The names and addresses of any players granted sponsor/host exemptions.
 - 3. Payment for the total professional prize purse (individual and team).
 - 4. \$150 event fee.
- D. Restrict the number of teams in any shotgun to the following for an 18-hole event:
 - 1. Foursomes 32 groups
 - 2. Fivesomes 28 groups
- E. See that the golf course is in playable condition and shall be responsible for the fair placement of tee markers and hole locations.
- F. Publish a list of all applicable local rules and shall distribute the same to all entered professionals prior to the commencement of play.
- G. Prior to the commencement of play, post professional prize money list based on the committed number of entries.
- H. Provide all scoring personnel necessary to properly post scores for players in the event unless the Tournament Committee has made prior provision therefore.
- I. The host professional of section conforming pro-am events is responsible for verifying the eligibility and status of all participants. If an ineligible player participates, their share of the prize money will not be paid out by the section; and any forfeited prize monies from ineligible participants will be redistributed to eligible participants.
- J. In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in any Minnesota PGA activity (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, the sponsor or host, their heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge the Minnesota PGA, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury of participation in the Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity. Each sponsor or host voluntarily participates in the Activity at

their own risk and acknowledges that their involvement may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury and property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic and actions of others, including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials and host site staff or affiliates.

ARTICLE V

SPECIAL EVENTS

Section 1. GENERAL

Approved special events shall include but not be limited to, the Minnesota State Open, Minnesota Golf Champions, North Dakota State Open, Minnesota Senior Open, Minnesota Women's State Open and the Tapemark Charity Pro-am. Approved special events shall be listed on the Minnesota Section Tournament Schedule.

Section 2. APPROVAL

- A. The Minnesota Section Board may approve a special event at the request of a sponsor/host. Said event shall be subject to date priority as stated in Article VI, Section 2 of these regulations.
- B. Such an approved special event must include the following information:
 - 1. Proposed days and dates for the scheduling of the tournament.
 - 2. Proposed size of field and tournament format.
 - 3. Proposed eligibility regulations.
 - 4. Proposed entry procedures and fees.
 - 5. Proposed prize money breakdown.
 - 6. Proposed rules with respect to complete or partial weather related cancellation.

Section 3. SPONSOR/HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

The tournament sponsor/host of an approved special event must:

- A. Publish and make available to all Minnesota Section members all information required in Section 2 above at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the event.
- B. File an official Tournament Report with the Minnesota Section Office within seven days of the conclusion of the event, if requested.

ARTICLE VI

MINNESOTA SECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The MNPGA Tournament Director shall prepare, publish, and distribute a Tournament Schedule that shall list all section, conforming, and special events.

- A. For scheduling purposes, Section-run events take precedent over all other conforming or special events. If a sponsor/host wishes to conduct a tournament on a competing date of a Section-run event, that sponsor/host must receive approval from the Tournament Committee before advertising, promoting, or distributing information of such event.

Section 2. OTHER

In addition to the above, the MNPGA Tournament Director shall provide to all sponsor/hosts of conforming and approved special events:

- A. A listing of all section professionals not eligible to play in such events designated by eligibility categories, which list shall be available prior to the commencement of the event. An update of said listing shall be furnished on the Section website prior to the event.
- B. An official Tournament Report form and a copy of these Minnesota Section Tournament Regulations.

ARTICLE VII

CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROFESSIONALS

Section 1. CONDUCT

- A. All Members and Associates of the Minnesota Section shall comply with all accepted Codes of Conduct of the PGA of America, shall observe the Rules of Play, and the PGA Code of Ethics while engaged in any tournament play. Professionals shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner not unbecoming a professional and which will not reflect unfavorably upon the Minnesota Section, its members, officers, representatives, tournament sponsors/hosts and the game of golf.
- B. **ALCOHOL POLICY:** Consuming any alcoholic beverages on the golf course of the following Minnesota PGA Section events is strictly prohibited: Minnesota State Open, Minnesota Senior State Open, Minnesota Women's State Open, Minnesota PGA Championship, Minnesota PGA Senior Championship, Minnesota PGA Assistant Championship, Minnesota Pro-Junior Championship, & Minnesota Golf Champions.

NOTE: On the golf course means from tee time until the scorecard is returned upon completion of the round including any delays during the round unless any such stoppage of play results in play being discontinued for the remainder of the day. In these cases, the alcohol policy will be in effect at the resumption of play the following day.

PENALTY: Any breach of the alcohol policy will result in a disqualification and no refund of entry fee

Section 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

Professionals shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Providing the sponsor/host at least 24 hours notice prior to the commencement of a tournament if it becomes necessary for the professional to cancel their participation therein. The professional shall make every reasonable effort to contact the host professional or sponsor in person concerning said cancellation.
- B. Presenting a neat appearance at section, conforming, and special events. At no time are jeans or T-shirts allowed. Sponsor/hosts shall not grant exemptions from this rule without the approval of the Tournament Committee.
 - 1. The Minnesota PGA policy allowing male members to wear shorts is determined by event: at Pro-Series Events, PGA-MGA Cup Matches, Pro-Junior, Head Pro Championship, Facility Team Championship, Section Match Play, Section Senior Match Play and Fall Scramble, shorts, which are neat in appearance, may be worn as long as the following criteria are met:
 - a. Approval from the host Professional.
 - b. A forecasted Heat Index of 95 degrees or higher according to weather.com. Heat Index must be based on the physical location of the event and be 95 degrees or higher at any time throughout the day in which the event is contested.

NOTE 1: Section staff will have final authority and responsibility for implementing and communicating the approval of shorts according to this policy at these events.

NOTE 2: Unacceptable shorts include: short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts and jean shorts.

At Section conforming Pro-Am's, 4-Ball Match Play Championship and Chapter Events, shorts, which are neat in appearance, may be worn as long as the following criteria is met:

- a. Approval from the host Professional
- NOTE 1: Unacceptable shorts include: short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts and jean shorts.

This policy does not apply to any Section-run events with current or superseding dress code policies in place (i.e. Section Professional Championship, Assistant's Professional Championship, Section Senior Professional Championship, Minnesota State Open, Minnesota Senior State Open, Minnesota Women's State Open and Minnesota Golf Champions). In these events, the specific event dress code policy will apply.

- C. Professionals will be held responsible for their pace of play as set forth in Exhibit B.
- D. Professionals are responsible for the handicaps of their amateur partner(s) in events where the Professional selects his/her partners. Professionals shall see that the proper handicap is used as a matter of protection for them, the amateurs, and to make sure no inequity exists. Penalty for violation: subject to forfeiture of winnings, and/or further penalties under the Procedures for Code of Ethics Violations.
- E. In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in any Minnesota PGA activity (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, Professionals, their heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of participation

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ARTICLE VIII

TOURNAMENT REGULATION VIOLATIONS

Section 1. VIOLATION PROCEDURES

- A. Upon a determination that an infraction of these Tournament Regulations may have occurred, with the exception of slow play stated in Exhibit B, all said procedures from this point forward shall follow the Procedures for Code of Ethics Violations (Article II, Section 4.) and appeals of disciplinary action (Article II, Section 5.) as stated in the PGA of America Constitution By-Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE IX.

AWARDS

Section 1. PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- A. The annual Player of the Year Award shall be presented to the Minnesota PGA Member who has accumulated the most points in section events in which all members are eligible to compete, as set forth by Exhibit C. The point system shall be devised and administered by the Tournament Committee, upon approval of the Board.
- B. The annual Senior Player of the Year shall be presented to the Minnesota PGA Member 50 years of age or older who has accumulated the most points in eligible events, as set forth by Exhibit D. The point system shall be devised and administered by the Tournament Committee, upon approval of the Board.
- C. The annual Assistants Player of the Year Award shall be presented to the member of the Assistants & Associate Chapter who has accumulated the most points in Assistants & Associate Chapter events, as set forth by Exhibit E. The Assistants & Associate Chapter Board shall administer the point system.
- D. The annual Women's Player of the Year Award shall be presented to the female Minnesota PGA Section Member who has accumulated the most points in designated events in which all members are eligible to compete, as set forth by Exhibit F. The point system shall be devised and administered by the Tournament Committee, upon approval of the Board.

EXHIBIT A – PAYOUT SCHEDULE

PLACE	28-32		33-37		38-42		43-47		48-52		Field Size % of Field
	40%	50%	40%	50%	40%	50%	40%	50%	40%	50%	
1	17.5%	16.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.0%	14.0%	15.0%	13.0%	14.0%	12.0%	
2	14.0%	13.0%	13.0%	12.0%	12.0%	11.0%	11.0%	10.0%	10.0%	9.0%	
3	11.0%	10.0%	11.0%	10.0%	10.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	8.5%	8.0%	
4	10.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	7.5%	
5	9.0%	8.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%	7.0%	
6	8.0%	8.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	7.0%	6.5%	
7	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.0%	6.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.5%	6.0%	
8	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	6.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	6.0%	5.5%	
9	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.5%	5.0%	
10	4.0%	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	
11	3.0%	3.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	
12	3.0%	2.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%	
13	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	
14		2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	
15		2.0%	1.0%	2.0%	2.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	
16		1.5%		1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.5%	2.0%	1.5%	
17				1.0%	2.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	
18				1.0%		1.0%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	
19						1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.5%	
20						1.0%		1.0%	1.0%	1.5%	
21						1.0%		1.0%		1.5%	
22								1.0%		1.0%	
23								1.0%		1.0%	
24										1.0%	
25										1.0%	
26										1.0%	

STEPS

- At least 40% of the field must be paid.
The percentage used is at the discretion of the sponsor/host.
- The percentages apply to the minimum base professional purse (Professional entry fees plus \$2500 sponsorship minimum).
Sponsorship dollars over the \$2500 minimum sponsorship may be added to the purse at the discretion of the sponsor/host.
- Dollar amounts paid may be rounded to the nearest \$5.00.

EXHIBIT B - ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE MINNESOTA PGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Speed of play at each section event, conforming event, invitational, and approved special event will be monitored by a speed of play official designated by the tournament administrator. This official will monitor the speed of play as set forth in this exhibit. Specific timing regulations will be set by the Tournament Committee.

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any point in the round, the group is taking more than the allotted time to play each hole as established by the Committee. Any following group will be considered out of position if they: (a) exceed the allotted time to play each hole and (b) reach the tee of a par 3 hole that is open and free of play, or fail to clear the tee of a par 4 hole or a par 5 hole before that hole is open and free of play.

Any group not in position will be notified that they are out of position and will be subject to individual timing. Any such group may be monitored, i.e., the time each competitor takes to play each stroke will be recorded. Any competitor in a group out of position taking more than 45 seconds to play a stroke will receive a one (1) stroke penalty under Rule 6-7. If the player exceeds the time limit a second time, he/she will receive a two (2) stroke penalty. Any subsequent offense will result in disqualification. When the competitor is the first in his/her group to play a stroke from the teeing ground on a par 3 hole; the first to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole; the first to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole; the first to play a stroke around the putting green; or the first to play a stroke on the putting green, he/she will be allowed up to 55 seconds to play that stroke.

The timing of a competitor's stroke will begin when he/she has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play, and he/she could play without interference by another player or another ball.

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

Times in excess of 45/55 seconds are cumulative once a group is back in position. A player's bad times are not erased. If a player, who is out of position, has one bad time and then regains his/her position, he/she is subject to penalty for the next bad time if his/her group again loses position. Undue delay may occur between strokes. Accordingly, a competitor may be subject to penalty under Rule 6-7, even if he/she plays each of his/her strokes in less than the time allowed.

Exhibit C – Minnesota PGA Player of the Year Points

	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Level E	Match Play Championship	
	Minnesota Section SPC Minnesota State Open	MN Golf Champions Tapemark	ND State Open Twin Cities Open*	PGA Professional Championship	Pro-Series Event #2	<i>Champion</i>	160
Place					<p>The top <u>one-third</u> of the field receives points. The position in the field that represents the lower end of the top <u>third</u> receives two (2) points. The next place ahead receives four (4) points, then six (6), etc. The winner of the event will receive the appropriate number of points plus 5 bonus points.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Event #3</p> <p>The top <u>one-half</u> of the field receives points. The position in the field that represents the lower end of the top <u>half</u> receives two (2) points. The next place ahead receives four (4) points, then six (6), etc. The winner of the event will receive the appropriate number of points plus 5 bonus points.</p>	<i>Runner-Up</i>	110
						<i>Final Four</i>	70
						<i>Elite Eight</i>	40
1	300	160	80	450		<i>Sweet Sixteen</i>	20
2	244	130	65	366		US Open Qualifier Bonuses	
3	206	110	55	309		Local	25
4	184	98	49	276		Sectional	100
5	169	90	45	254		PGA Championship & US Open	
6	158	84	42	237		2X Level A Distribution	
7	150	80	40	225		0 Points for Missed Cut	
8	143	76	38	215		PGA Professional Championship	
9	135	72	36	203		See Level D	
10	128	68	34	192		15 pts for missing 54-hole cut	
11	120	64	32	180		5 pts for missing 36-hole cut	
12	113	60	30	170		<p>Note: Each distribution is based on the finish to the entire field. Example: An amateur wins the State Open and a PGA Member finishes second. The PGA Member would receive 244 points.</p> <p>*Assuming 40 professionals are in the field. If less, point totals will be adjusted. See Exhibit G.</p>	
13	109	58	29	164			
14	105	56	28	158			
15	101	54	27	152			
16	98	52	26	147			
17	94	50	25	141			
18	90	48	24	135			
19	86	46	23	129			
20	83	44	22	125			
21	79	42	21	119			
22	75	40	20	113			
23	71	38	19	107			
24	68	36	18	102			
25	64	34	17	96			
26	61	32	16	92			
27	58	31	16	87			
28	55	29	15	83			
29	52	28	14	78			
30	49	26	13	74			
31	46	24	12	69			
32	43	23	12	65			
33	40	21	11	60			
34	37	20	10	56			
35	34	18	9	51			
36	32	17	9	48			
37	30	16	8	45			
38	29	15	8	44			
39	27	14	7	41			
40	26	14	7	39			
41	25	13	7	38			
42	24	12	6	36			
43	23	11	6	35			

44	22	10	5	33
45	21	10	5	32
46	20	9	5	30
47	19	8	4	29
48	18	8	4	27
49	17	7	4	26
50	16	7	4	25
51	15	6	3	25
52	14	6	3	25
53	13	6	3	25
54	12	5	3	25
55	11	5	3	25
56	10	4	2	25
57	9	4	2	25
58	8	4	2	25
59	7	3	2	25
60+	6	3	2	25
54-hole cut				15
MC	5	2	2	5

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Exhibit D - Senior Player of the Year Points

Points Allocation				
Place	MN Senior Open	MN PGA SR Champ.	Senior Match Play Championship	
1	100	100	<i>Champion</i>	100
2	75	75	<i>Runner-Up</i>	75
3	60	60	<i>Semifinals</i>	50
4	50	50	<i>Elite Eight</i>	25
5	45	45	SR PGA Professional Champ.	
6	40	40	Place	Points
7	35	35	1-35	50
8	30	30	36-70+	35
9	25	25	54-hole cut	25
10	20	20	36-hole cut	15
11	15	15	PGA & US Senior Open	
12	13	13	Place	Points
13	11	11	1-10	100
14	9	9	11-25	75
15	7	7	26-50	50
16	6	6	51+	25
17	5	5	U.S. Senior Open Qualifier	
18	4	4	25	
19	3	3		
20	2 ^a	2 ^a		
^a - All finishers tied for this position or below will receive the points noted.				
<i>If a Minnesota Section PGA Member should win the PGA Senior Professional Championship, PGA Senior Championship, or the U.S. Senior Open, he/she will automatically be named Player of the Year.</i>				

Exhibit E - Assistants Chapter Player of the Year Points

LEVEL A		LEVEL B		LEVEL C	
Assistant's Championship		50 players or more 36-hole event		49 players or less	
<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	200	1	125	1	80
2	162	2	101	2	65
3	138	3	82	3	55
4	123	4	75	4	49
5	113	5	68	5	45
6	102	6	62	6	41
7	97	7	56	7	37
8	92	8	52	8	33
9	88	9	48	9	29
10	84	10	44	10	26
11	81	11	41	11	24
12	78	12	38	12	22
13	75	13	35	13	20
14	72	14	32	14	18
15	69	15	29	15	16
16	67	16	26	16	14
17	65	17	23	17	12
18	63	18	20	18	10
19	61	19	18	19	8
20	59	20	16	20	6
21	57	21	14	21	4
22	55	22	12	22	2
23	53	23	10		
24	50	24	8		
25	47	25	6		
26	44	26	4		
27	41	27	2		
28	38				
29	35				
30	32				
31	29				
32	26				
33	23				
34	20				
35	17				
36	14				
37	11				
38	8				
39	5				
40	2				

<u>MATCH PLAY</u>	
Champion	100
Runner-Up	80
Third Place	60
Fourth Place	40
Quarter Finals	25
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Exhibit F – Women’s Player of the Year Points

**Women's Player of the Year Points
Points Allocation**

Place	Women's Tapemark	Luther Women's Event	Women's State Open	Section Professional Championship	Pro-Series #3
1	100	50	300	150	50
2	81	43	244	122	43
3	68	41	206	103	41
4	61	39	184	92	39
5	56	37	169	84	37
6	53	35	158	79	35
7	50	33	150	75	33
8	47	31	143	71	31
9	45	29	135	67	29
10	42	27	128	64	27
11	40	25	120		25
12	37	23	113		23
13	36	21	109		21
14	35	19	105		19
15	33	17	101		17
16	32	15	98		15
17	31	13	94		13
18	30	11	90		11
19	28	9	86		9
20	27	7	83		7
21			79		
22			75		
23			71		
24			68		
25			64		
26			61		
27			58		
28			55		
29			52		
30			49		
31			46		
32			43		
33			40		
34			37		
35			34		
36			32		

37	30
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40	26
41	25
42	24
43	23
44	22
45	21
46	20
47	19
48	18
49	17
50	16
51	15
52	14
53	13
54	12
55	11
56	10
57	9
58	8
59	7
60	6
61+	5

NOTE: Distribution is based on where one finishes in relation to all women in the field
Example: A male wins the Section Professional Championship but a female finishes second, the female will receive 150 points.

Exhibit G – Twin Cities Open Points

Place	1-24 Professionals	25-39 Professionals	40+ Professionals
1	45	65	80
2	35	50	65
3	30	45	55
4	24	39	49
5	20	35	45
6	19	32	42
7	18	30	40
8	17	28	38
9	16	26	36
10	15	24	34
11	14	22	32
12	13	20	30
13	12	19	29
14	11	18	28
15	10	17	27
16	9	16	26
17	8	15	25
18	7	14	24
19	6	13	23
20	5	12	22
21	4	11	21
22	3	10	20
23	2	9	19
24	2	9	18
25		8	17
26		8	16
27		7	16
28		7	15
29		6	14
30		6	13
31		5	12
32		5	12
33		4	11
34		4	10
35		3	9
36		3	9
37		2	8
38		2	8
39		2	7
40			7
41			7
42			6
43			6
44			5
45			5
46			5
47			4
48			4
49			4
50			4
51			3
52			3
53			3
54			3
55			3
56			2
57			2
58			2
59			2
60+			2