



MINNESOTA SECTION

Minnesota Section PGA Tournament Rules & Regulations

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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 and the Tournament Director as the Minnesota PGA staff liaison. Each Committee Member shall serve up to a three (3) year term, unless otherwise determined by the President.

Section 2. Duties

While acting within the scope of its stated duties as set forth below, the Committee shall not have the authority to bind the Board, MNPGA, and/or MNPGA staff. Furthermore, in carrying out these responsibilities, except as may be specifically directed by the Board with regards to a particular matter, the Committee shall not exercise any decision-making authority and the Committee’s prior review or approval shall not be required relating to programs and initiatives that are raised with or addressed by the Board.

➤ Committee Specific Responsibilities

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

➤ Review, Consultation and Strategic Oversight

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

➤ Reports

- Report to the President and to the Board on any matters that are relevant to the

Committee's discharge of its responsibilities.

- Maintain minutes and other records of meetings and activities of the Committee.

➤ **Protocols**

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

ARTICLE III

DEFINITION OF TERMS

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.

Non-Section Entity - Any party, including a section member(s), who is not acting in an official capacity on behalf of the Minnesota Section.

Section Conforming Event - Any tournament organized or sponsored by non-section entities that agree to comply with these Tournament Regulations.

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.

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.

Sponsor - Any entity or individual who has agreed to accept all or part of the financial responsibilities involved in the conduct of a tournament.

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.

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.

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

The Minnesota Section's Tournament Schedule shall consist of only events that conform to the Tournament Regulations and these amendments. 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.

Eligibility –

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Professional Golf Management (PGM) graduate who has graduated from a PGA recognized PGM program and is eligibly employed.

The following individuals will be prohibited from competing in a section conforming event:

- Section members with A-3 classification
 - **Exception #1:** Section members with A-3 classification are allowed to compete in the following events: Minnesota State Open, Minnesota Women's State Open, Minnesota Senior Open, Minnesota Golf Champions, Minnesota PGA Foundation Pro-Ams and Twin Cities Open.
 - **Exception #2:** These individuals are allowed to compete in a maximum of one section conforming pro-am event per calendar year.

The following individuals will be ineligible to compete in section events, conforming events, or approved special events:

- 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
 - **Exception #1:** These individuals are allowed to compete in a maximum of one section conforming pro-am event per calendar year.
 - **Exception #2:** Class A section members who are not in good standing via unemployment, shall remain eligible to participate in Section events through the end of the current calendar year.
 - **Exception #3:** 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.

- **Exception #4:** This restriction shall not apply to the following events: Minnesota PGA Foundation Pro-Ams, Minnesota State Open, Minnesota Golf Champions, Minnesota Senior Open, Minnesota Women's State Open and Twin Cities Open

Nevertheless, with the above eligibility requirements taking precedence, 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

Fees –

- **Section Events** - Fees for all section events shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and subject to the approval of the Board.
- **Conforming Events** - A maximum \$150.00 entry fee per day of competition may be charged for all conforming events. There will be a ceiling of \$300.00 for two- and three-day events. All of said fees shall go toward the professional purse, less charity donations. No other fees shall be assessed against professionals.

Acceptance –

- The mailing and receiving of entries for section conforming invitational events will be handled by the host professional/sponsor of such event.
- 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.
- Section Members and Associates may enter Section events by any approved means such as the mail, fax, or web registration.
- 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.
- If an individual is suspended by another Golf Association at the time of registration or event, the Minnesota Section reserves the right to deny entry into the event.
- If a player's acceptance to participate in a tournament is revoked, he shall not be entitled to share in the prize money.

Entry Deadlines –

- The official entry deadline for a specific event will be posted on the entry form and on the

tournament web page. Late entries can only be accepted if pairings have not been posted and are approved at the discretion of the Minnesota PGA Tournament Committee for section events, conforming events, or approved special events. Late entries may incur an additional \$50.00 fee (at the discretion of the Minnesota PGA Tournament Committee). If an event reaches its maximum field size, as specified on each tournament information page, players will be added to a waitlist prioritized by time of entry.

Withdrawal Policy –

- 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 less a \$10 administrative 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 \$25 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.
- A contestant who withdraws multiple times in a season during play of any Section event (not including Pro-Ams) will be subject to review by the Tournament Committee.

Starting Time and Pairing Requests –

- Any requests for specific starting times or pairings will be taken prior to the release of pairings for the noted tournament. Those requests are not guaranteed and will be granted at the discretion of the Minnesota PGA.

Liability Release –

- 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.

Breaking Ties –

- 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.

Separate Tees, Same Purse Policy –

- Female Professionals will play from a yardage approximately equal between 78 to 85% of the Male Professional's yardage in Minnesota PGA section events, conforming events, or approved special events.
- Male Professionals age 60 and over may play from a yardage approximately equal to 94% of the Male Professional's yardage in following tournaments: Pro-Series #1, Facility Team Championship and the Fall Scramble.

Pace of Play Policy –

- In accordance with Rule 5.6, the pace of play guidelines outlined in Exhibit B, and the penalties and fines associated with them, have been adopted for stroke play competitions. In the administration of the pace of play guidelines, a member of the Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by a player. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming of a professional.

Live Scoring Policy –

- If enacted, this policy will be noted on the local rules, notice to competitors and/or tournament information page. If this policy is not noted, the policy and its penalty will not be enforced.
 - Players are required to choose a designated live scorer for their group. This designated live scorer may be a player in the group, a caddie, or a spectator. If a designated live scorer is not chosen by the group, a tournament official will choose a player to live score for the group. If a group is not in compliance with this policy during their round, the entire group will be warned one time by a tournament official. If a second warning must be issued to the group, each player in the group will receive a \$100 penalty. If this penalty is not paid prior to the player's next tournament, the player will not be allowed to compete.

Automotive Transportation & Caddies –

- Unless otherwise noted on the tournament entry form, a player may walk or ride during Minnesota PGA sanctioned events.
 - **Exception:** All players and caddies must walk during the Minnesota State Open.
- Players may utilize a caddie, carry their own clubs or utilize a push cart at the discretion of the host facility.

Section 4. Distribution of Prizes

- Sponsors of conforming events shall post a minimum of \$3,000.00 in sponsorship money

designated to the individual professional purse. Events that do not meet the \$3,000.00 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.

- 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.
- In section and conforming events, professionals shall receive at most, an equal portion of all prize monies paid for team competitions.
- The distribution of prize money to low finishers of all section and conforming events shall be within the ranges set forth in the schedule shown in Exhibit A. The distribution of prize money, expressed in dollars, not percentages, must be posted before the competition begins.
- Prizes of any nature for other than total score shall be subject to review and approval by the Tournament Committee.
- Event Cancellation
 - 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
 - **NOTE:** The 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%).
 - 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:

- Enter into a written agreement with the Minnesota Section to abide by these Tournament Rules and Regulations.
- 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 which includes 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.
- 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:
 - 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.
 - The names and addresses of any players granted sponsor/host exemptions.
 - Payment for the total professional prize purse (individual and team).
 - \$150 event fee.
- Restrict the number of teams in any shotgun to the following for an 18-hole event:
 - Foursomes – 32 groups
 - Fivesomes – 28 groups
- See that the golf course is in playable condition and shall be responsible for the fair placement of tee markers and hole locations.
- Publish a list of all applicable local rules and shall distribute the same to all entered professionals prior to the commencement of play.
- Prior to the commencement of play, post professional prize money list based on the committed number of entries.
- Provide all scoring personnel necessary to properly post scores for players in the event unless the Tournament Committee has made prior provision therefore.
- 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.

Liability Release –

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, Minnesota Senior Open, Minnesota Women’s State Open and the Minnesota PGA Foundation Pro-Ams and Twin Cities Open. Approved special events shall be listed on the Minnesota

Section Tournament Schedule.

Section 2. Approval

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 1 of these regulations. Such an approved special event must include the following information:

- Proposed days and dates for the scheduling of the tournament.
- Proposed size of field and tournament format.
- Proposed eligibility regulations.
- Proposed entry procedures and fees.
- Proposed prize money breakdown.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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.

- 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 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.
- An official Tournament Report form and a copy of these Minnesota Section Tournament Regulations.

ARTICLE VII

CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROFESSIONALS

Section 1. Conduct

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.

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 and Twin Cities Open.

- **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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Professionals will be held responsible for their pace of play as set forth in Exhibit B.
- 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.

Dress Code Policy –

Female participants may wear shorts, slacks, skorts or golf skirts/dresses at all events.

Male participants are required to wear PANTS for the following events:

- Minnesota PGA Foundation Pro-Ams (Southview & Mystic)
- Minnesota State Open
- Section Professional Championship
- Section Senior Professional Championship
- Assistant's Professional Championship
- Minnesota Golf Champions

EXCEPTION: Shorts may be worn with host professional approval in the events above if the following criteria are met:

- A forecasted Heat Index of 90 degrees or higher according to weather.com. Heat Index must be based on the physical location of the event and be 90 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.

For all other events not listed above, SHORTS are permitted.

EXCEPTION: The host professional always has the right to require pants and will communicate that prior to the day of the event.

Acceptable Apparel -

For all events in which pants are required, the following requirements must be met:

- Pants must be neat and professional in appearance.
 - **NOTE:** Golf specific joggers are acceptable
- **Unacceptable pants include:** *Jeans, cargo pants and other similar styles.*

For all events in which shorts are allowed, the following requirements must be met:

- Shorts must be neat and professional in appearance and designed for golf.
- **Unacceptable shorts include:** *Cargo shorts, short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, jean shorts, etc.*

Liability Release –

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 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 Professional 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 VIII

TOURNAMENT REGULATION VIOLATIONS

Section 1. Violation Procedures

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. Players of the Year

Minnesota Section PGA Player of the Year –

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.

Minnesota Section PGA Senior Player of the Year –

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.

Minnesota Section PGA Assistants Player of the Year –

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.

Minnesota Section PGA Women’s Player of the Year –

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

Finish	Field Size	28-32		33-37		38-42		43-47		48-52	
	% 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

1. At least 40% of the field must be paid. The percentage used is at the discretion of the sponsor/host.
2. The percentage apply to the minimum base professional purse (professional entry fees plus \$3,000 sponsorship minimum). Sponsorship dollars over the \$3,000 minimum sponsorship may be added to the purse at the discretion of the sponsor/host.
3. 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 5.6 (a). If the player exceeds the time limit a second time, he/she will receive the general penalty (two strokes). 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 5.6 (a), even if he/she plays each of his/her strokes in less than the time allowed.

EXHIBIT C – MINNESOTA PGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

MINNESOTA PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM													
LEVEL I			LEVEL II			LEVEL III			LEVEL IV				
PGA Professional Championship	MN State Open [1]	MN Section Championship	Twin Cities Open	MN Golf Champions	MN Section Foundation Pro-Am [2]	PGA Professional Championship	MN State Open [1]	MN Section Championship	Twin Cities Open	MN Golf Champions	MN Section Foundation Pro-Am [2]		
1	450	1	350	1	300	1	180	1	130	1	100	Pro-Series Events Event #2 The top quarter of the field receives points. The position in the field that represents the lower end of the top half receives two (2) points. The next place ahead receives four (4) points, then six (6), etc. The winner will receive the appropriate number of points plus five (5) bonus points.	Match Play Championship Champion 100 Runner-up 80 Final Four 60 Elite Eight 40 Sweet Sixteen 20 Round of 32
2	365	2	288	2	245	2	130	2	100	2	85		
3	310	3	252	3	210	3	110	3	88	3	70		
4	275	4	228	4	185	4	100	4	76	4	65		
5	260	5	204	5	170	5	94	5	70	5	60		
6	245	6	192	6	160	6	88	6	64	6	55		
7	230	7	180	7	150	7	82	7	62	7	50		
8	215	8	168	8	140	8	76	8	60	8	48		
9	200	9	162	9	130	9	70	9	58	9	46		
10	190	10	156	10	125	10	66	10	56	10	44		
11	184	11	150	11	120	11	64	11	54	11	42		
12	178	12	144	12	115	12	62	12	52	12	40		
13	172	13	138	13	110	13	60	13	50	13	38		
14	166	14	132	14	105	14	58	14	48	14	36		
15	160	15	126	15	100	15	56	15	46	15	34		
16	154	16	120	16	96	16	54	16	44	16	32		
17	148	17	114	17	92	17	52	17	42	17	30		
18	142	18	108	18	88	18	50	18	40	18	28		
19	136	19	102	19	84	19	48	19	38	19	26		
20	130	20	96	20	80	20	46	20	36	20	25		
21	124	21	90	21	76	21	44	21	34	21	24		
22	118	22	84	22	72	22	42	22	32	22	23		
23	112	23	81	23	68	23	40	23	30	23	22		
24	106	24	78	24	64	24	38	24	28	24	21		
25	100	25	75	25	60	25	36	25	26	25	20		
26	94	26	72	26	56	26	34	26	24	26	19		
27	88	27	69	27	52	27	32	27	22	27	18		
28	82	28	66	28	48	28	30	28	20	28	17		
29	76	29	63	29	44	29	28	29	19	29	16		
30	70	30	60	30	40	30	26	30	18	30	15		
31	66	31	57	31	38	31	24	31	17	31	14		
32	62	32	54	32	36	32	23	32	16	32	13		
33	58	33	51	33	34	33	22	33	15	33	12		
34	54	34	48	34	32	34	21	34	14	34	11		
35	50	35	45	35	30	35	20	35	13	35	10		
36	48	36	42	36	28	36	19	36	12	36	9		
37	44	37	39	37	26	37	18	37	11	37	8		
38	44	38	38	38	24	38	17	38	10	38	7		
39	42	39	39	39	22	39	16	39	9	39	6		
40	40	40	40	40	20	40	15	40	9	40	5		
41-44	35	41-45	26	41-45	18	41-45	12	41-45	6	41-45	3		
45-49	30	46-50	24	46-50	15	46-50	9	46-50	6	46-50	2		
50+	25	51-55	22	51-55	12	51-55	6	51-55	6	51-55	1		
54 MNC	15	56-60+ MNC	20	56-60+ MNC	9	56-60+ MNC	3	56-60+ MNC	3	56-60+ MNC	1		
36 MNC	5		6	66-70	3								

NOTE: Each distribution level 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.

ELIGIBILITY
Effective January 1, 2024
 - Class A Minnesota PGA members in good standing.
 - A player cannot earn MINPGA Professional Player of the Year points without participating or posting a score for that event.

[1] A player qualifies for the State Open Championship as an associate, non player will be eligible for the State Open Player of the Year points if the player is a Class A member of the club.
 [2] Events include Min PGA Foundation Pro-Am, at Southview CC and Mystic Lake.
 [3] To receive these points, a player must have participated and successfully qualified in a USA US

Event #3
 The top quarter of the field receives points. The position in the field that represents the lower end of the top half receives two (2) points. The next place ahead receives four (4) points, then six (6), etc. The winner will receive the appropriate number of points plus five (5) bonus points.

PGA Championship & US Open
 Finish
 2X Level III Distribution
 NOTE: 0 points for MNC

US Open Qualifier Bonus [1]
 Successful Qualifier
 Local 25
 Sectional 100

EXHIBIT D – SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

MINNESOTA PGA SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

LEVEL I		LEVEL II		LEVEL III			
SR PGA Professional Champ.		MN Senior Open		MN PGA SR Champ		Senior Match Play Championship	
Finish		Finish		Finish		Finish	
1	250	1	150	1	120	Champion	100
2	180	2	100	2	90	Runner-Up	75
3	140	3	90	3	70	Semifinals	50
4	130	4	85	4	60	Elite Eight	25
5	125	5	80	5	50		
6	120	6	76	6	45		
7	115	7	72	7	40		
8	110	8	68	8	36		
9	105	9	64	9	32		
10	100	10	60	10	28		
11	98	11	56	11	24		
12	96	12	52	12	20		
13	94	13	48	13	18		
14	92	14	44	14	16		
15	90	15	40	15	14		
16	88	16	38	16	12		
17	86	17	36	17	10		
18	84	18	34	18	8		
19	82	19	32	19	6		
20	80	20	30	20	4		
21	78	21	28	21+	2		
22	76	22	26				
23	74	23	24				
24	72	24	22				
25	70	25	20				
26	68	26	18				
27	66	27	16				
28	64	28	14				
29	62	29	12				
30	60	30	10				
31	58	31-35	6				
32	56	36-40	4				
33	54	41+	2				
34	52						
35	50						
36	48						
37	46						
38	44						
39	42						
40	40						
41-44	35						
45-49	30						
50+	25						
54 MC	15						
36 MC	10						

U.S. Senior Open Successful Qualifier^[1]
Points
25

Senior PGA & US Senior Open
Finish

2X Level I Distribution
NOTE: 0 points for MC

ELIGIBILITY

Effective January 1, 2022

- Class A Minnesota PGA members in good standing 50 years of age or older when starting an eligible event.
- A player cannot earn MNPGA Senior Player of the Year points without participating or posting a score for that event.

[1] To receive these points, a player must have participated and successfully qualified in a USGA US Senior Open Qualifier.

EXHIBIT E – ASSISTANTS’ CHAPTER PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

MINNESOTA PGA ASSISTANTS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

Finish	MN PGA Assistants' Championship	Stroke Play Event - 36 holes / 50+ players	Stroke Play Event - 49 players or less	Assistants' Match Play Championship	
				Finish	
1	200	125	80	Champion	100
2	162	101	65	Runner-Up	75
3	138	82	55	Semifinals	50
4	123	75	49	Elite Eight	25
5	113	68	45	Sweet Sixteen	10
6	102	62	41		
7	97	56	37		
8	92	52	33		
9	88	48	29		
10	84	44	26		
11	81	41	24		
12	78	38	22		
13	75	35	20		
14	72	32	18		
15	69	29	16		
16	67	26	14		
17	65	23	12		
18	63	20	10		
19	61	18	8		
20	59	16	6		
21	57	14	4		
22	55	12	2		
23	53	10			
24	50	8			
25	47	6			
26	44	4			
27	41	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				

ELIGIBILITY

Effective January 1, 2022

- Class A-8 Minnesota PGA members and Class B Minnesota PGA associates in good standing.
- A player cannot earn MNPGA Assistants' Player of the Year points without participating or posting a score for that event.

EXHIBIT F – WOMEN’S PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

MINNESOTA PGA WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINT RANKING SYSTEM

Finish	Women's State Open	Section Professional Championship	Tapemark Minnesota PGA Pro-Am	Individual Pro-Series Events [1]	Women's Match Play Championship [2]	
					Finish	
1	300	150	80	50	Champion	100
2	245	120	65	42	Runner-Up	75
3	210	100	55	38	Semifinals	50
4	185	90	50	34	Elite Eight	25
5	170	80	46	32		
6	160	75	42	30		
7	150	70	38	28		
8	140	65	34	26		
9	130	60	30	24		
10	125	55	26	22		
11	120	50	24	20		
12	115	45	22	18		
13	110	40	20	16		
14	105	36	18	14		
15	100	32	16	12		
16	96	28	14	10		
17	92	24	12	8		
18	88	20	10	6		
19	84	16	8	4		
20	80	12	6	2		
21	76					
22	72					
23	68					
24	64					
25	60					
26	56					
27	52					
28	48					
29	44					
30	40					
31	38					
32	36					
33	34					
34	32					
35	30					
36	28					
37	26					
38	24					
39	22					
40	20					
41-45	18					
46-50	15					
51-55	12					
56-60	9					
61-65	6					
66-70+	3					

NOTE: Each distribution is based on where one finishes in relation to all women in the field. For example, if a male wins the Section Professional Championship but a female finishes second, the female will receive first place points.

ELIGIBILITY

Effective January 1, 2022

- Class A female Minnesota PGA members in good standing.
- A player cannot earn MNPGA Women's Player of the Year points without participating or posting a score for that event.

[1] Assuming at least four (4) women players are in the field. If less, no points will be awarded.

[2] If a player enters the Women's Match Play Championship as an associate, that player will only be eligible for prorated Player of the Year points if the player earns their PGA Class A membership during the event. These prorated Player of the Year points will be equal to the finishing place of the player, less any points the player earned as an associate from previous rounds. For example, a player finished runner-up in the event but earned her Class A membership during the elite eight and prior to advancing to the semifinals. Therefore, the player will only be eligible for 50 points (75 [runner up] – 25 [elite eight] = 50).