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ARTICLE I

Purpose

The Tournament Program shall be a vehicle for maintaining and promoting the highest standards of competition, sportsmanship and public goodwill.

ARTICLE II

Proposing Rules and Regulations

The South Central Section PGA Tournament Committee has the responsibility of proposing rules and regulations governing all competition in the Section tournament programs. Such rules and regulations must be approved and adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board shall publish the Rules and Regulations governing the Tournament Program including all Chapter events. *USGA Rules of Golf* shall govern all play except as modified by Local Rules. Professionals are responsible for the knowledge of *USGA Rules of Golf* and the rules, policies and regulations of the South Central Section.

ARTICLE III

Schedule

The Tournament Chairman and his Committee shall formulate an annual tournament schedule of events which will permit full participation by eligible members, and which must be approved by the Board of Directors. The Section will publish a master calendar, listing all Section and Chapter events, in January of each year.

ARTICLE IV

Sanctioned and Approved Events

Section 1. Sanctioned Events

South Central Section PGA Members and Associates are encouraged to participate in Section sanctioned events in order to support Section programs and sponsors. Any golf competition played within the geographical territory embracing the South Central Section, in which more than twelve (12) SCPGA golf professionals participate, charging an entry fee and/or offering a purse as prize money, or an appearance fee, must be sanctioned by the Section or Chapter Tournament Chairman or the Executive Director in order for South Central Section Members and Associates to participate as competitors.

When an event is sanctioned the South Central PGA will:

1. Publicize the event in its calendar of activities.
2. Approve Member and Associates participation.
3. Assure no conflicting Pro-Am events are sanctioned by the Section on the same date as a Section Sanctioned Event or Major Championship, unless otherwise approved by the Section Tournament Committee.
4. Assure no conflicting Pro-Am events are sanctioned by the Section in the same Chapter on the same date, unless otherwise approved by the Section or Chapter Tournament Committee.
5. Assist the organizing entity with promotion of the event as needed.

Requests for sanction (other than Chapter Pro-Am events) shall be made in writing and should be received by the Tournament Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. Each request for sanction will be considered separately. For an event to be sanctioned, the club serving as the host site must have a PGA Member or Associate Head Professional serving as the resident professional, unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Committee.

Any Chapter Pro-Am held within the Section and using more than twelve (12) Section professionals must be sanctioned by the Chapter in which it is played. The Pro-Am shall be scheduled through the Chapter Tournament Committee Chairman. Each Chairman will then communicate with the Section Office, which will then approve the dates or suggest changes as they relate to the National or Sectional tournament program.

Chapters may determine the method and amount of sanction fees. Currently, Chapter sanction fees are as follows: Arkansas Chapter - \$100.00 scheduling fee + 10% of total amateur entry fees; Eastern Chapter – N/A; Western Chapter – \$100.00 scheduling fee + 10% of total amateur entry fees; Kansas Chapter – N/A.

Section 2. Approved Events

For an event to be approved, the club serving as the host site must have a PGA Member or Associate Head Professional serving as the resident professional, unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Committee.

ARTICLE V

Rules of Conduct

Section 1. Section Tournament Policy

Discipline, Penalties, and Appeals

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

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

Advance Notification of Proposed Disciplinary Action

Except for penalties under the Rules of Golf and for “Minor Penalties” (as hereafter defined), any Participant subject to disciplinary action or penalty defined as a “Major Penalty” shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the Participant by a tournament official. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice, the Participant shall submit to the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director such facts or evidence of mitigating circumstances as may apply. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such information from the Participant, the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director shall notify the Participant in writing of the imposition of the proposed disciplinary action or penalty, or that the proposed action has been dismissed. After the imposition of any penalty hereunder, the Participant shall have the right to appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry as set forth in Appeals herein.

Rules of Golf

Any Participant in a Section or Chapter 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.

Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses

MINOR PENALTIES - A Minor Penalty is a fine of not more than \$150.00 and/or suspension from tournament play for two or less Section major championships (as defined in Article VII, Section I) for which the Member/Associate is eligible. During the suspension, the Member/Associate is not eligible to participate in PGA of America, Section or Chapter tournaments. A Minor Penalty may be imposed by the Section tournament officials responsible for the conduct of the tournament.

MAJOR PENALTIES - A Major Penalty is a fine in excess of \$150.00, suspension from tournament play for more than three Section major championships (as defined in Article VII, Section I) for which the Member/Associate is eligible for, and/or permanent disbarment from Section and Chapter tournament play. During the suspension, the Member/Associate is not eligible to participate in PGA of America, Section or Chapter tournaments.

Appeals

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 Chairman no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the infraction. The

Tournament Committee Chairman shall render the decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the Section Executive Director. The Section Executive Director shall submit this final report to the Association General Counsel. Such decision shall be final. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Section determines that it would prefer that a Minor Penalty shall be submitted to the Board of Control for a hearing in lieu of action by the Section, then the Section Board of Inquiry will follow the same procedures set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedures.

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

Thereafter, the Section Board of Inquiry will prepare a report of the matter to the Board of Control and the matter will be set for a hearing before the Board of Control in accordance with all applicable procedures set forth herein for ethics appeals heard by the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall hear the appeal either at the next regularly scheduled Board of Control hearing or at an expedited meeting that may be held in person or via conference call at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Control. The decision of the Board of Control shall be final. An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from a Section tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation occurred, until after a final decision on the appeal.

All fines must be paid within thirty (30) days from the imposition of the fine, or in the event of an appeal, within (30) days from the decision rendered by the Board of Control in the event the Board of Control upholds the findings of the Tournament Committee Chair.

Section 2. Violations

Members and Apprentices shall be deemed to have violated the Rules of Conduct by:

Conduct Unbecoming a Professional

Any Participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a Section or Chapter 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 and Chapter tournament play as provided in this policy.

Conduct Unbecoming of a Professional includes but is not limited to the following actions:

- (a) Displaying disrespect for the Tournament Committee;
- (b) Displaying disrespect for the SCPGA Staff;
- (c) Displaying disrespect for the host facility;
- (d) Displaying disrespect for the traditional etiquette of golf;
- (e) Making public complaints or criticisms involving the SCPGA, the SCPGA staff, sponsors, host clubs, golf courses or the tournament format;

- (f) Using loud, profane and/or abusive language in public;
- (g) Throwing or breaking a club in anger or disgust;
- (h) Use of electronic devices such as radios, i-pods, MP3 players during a tournament;

1. Use is defined as the device being on at any time during the stipulated round.

- (i) Consuming any alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs on the golf course during any event within the geographical boundaries of the South Central PGA;

1. On the golf course is defined as from the starting time until the scorecard is returned upon the completion of the round.

Penalty (for violations A through I):

A fine of \$100.00 shall be levied for the first offense. A fine of \$150.00 shall be levied for the second offense, and a prohibition from participating in Section and Chapter 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, Chapter and PGA of America tournaments and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Section reserves the right to pursue Code of Ethics charges against any PGA Member/Associate for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Section or Chapter 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.

- (j) Dressing in a manner that is not in keeping with the traditions of the game;

1. Section male professionals are required to wear appropriate attire at all events. At the discretion of the host professional and facility, Section male professionals are permitted to wear golf appropriate shorts.

All female professional contestants will be required to conform to the current LPGA Tour dress code.

If a specific medical condition prohibits a contestant from adhering to the dress code, a written request shall be made to the Tournament Committee requesting an exception. Each request for a medical exception will be considered separately. The Committee will review the request and either approve or decline the request in writing.

NOTE: The Tournament Staff or the Tournament Committee reserve the right to prohibit a competitor from playing should the competitor be deemed to be dressed inappropriately.

- (k) Golf Car Etiquette;

1. At no time are more than two people permitted to ride in or on one golf car. Spectators and caddies are permitted to ride, only if the total number of people in the golf car does not exceed two.
2. Contestants must follow the stated or posted golf car signs. Golf cars must remain on the cart paths on and around tees and greens. This includes the parking of the golf car.
3. At the completion of your round, the golf car used must be returned to the golf car staging area.

- (l) Non-Metal Spikes;

All Section and Chapter events conducted in the South Central Section require the use of non-metal spikes. Shoes with metal or ceramic spike(s) will not be permitted.

(m) Practice During a Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation;

All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension of play for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Section Tournament Committee.

Penalty (for violations I through M):

First Offense – \$25.00 fine.

Second Offense – \$50.00 fine and suspension from tournament play for one Section major championship.

Third Offense – \$150.00 fine and suspension from tournament play for two Section major championships.

Fourth Offense – One-year playing suspension.

(n) Knowingly entering an SCSPGA event for which the Member or Associate is not eligible;

Penalty: Minimum fine of \$100.00. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

(o) Failing to notify the Executive Director of a leave of absence by any eligible professional employed at the facility;

Penalty: Minimum fine of \$100.00. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

(p) Bringing fewer than the number of amateurs to a pro-am competition than previously committed;

Penalty: Minimum fine of \$50.00. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

(q) Failing to appear for any round of a SCPGA sanctioned or major event for which a player enters and is accepted. Note: If a competitor decides to withdraw from tournament play, the competitor must notify either the SCPGA office, the SCPGA official on-site or the host professional, as applicable;

1. A professional enters a pro-am competition; accepts and fails to appear.

Penalty: Minimum \$100.00 fine. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

2. A professional cancels from a pro-am competition on the day of the event;

Penalty: Minimum \$100.00 fine. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

3. A professional enters a SCPGA major event; he is accepted and fails to appear for any round.
Penalty: Suspension from tournament play for two Section major championships and a \$150.00 fine.

(r) Every competitor MUST return a scorecard for himself or, in a team competition, for his team, even if the card is marked “no card”. It is not sufficient to merely tell someone in your group that you are “no carding”. If you tee off, you must turn in a scorecard;

Penalty: Minimum \$50.00 fine. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

(s) Verifying an incorrect handicap for an amateur;

Penalty: Suspension from tournament play for two pro-am events and a \$150.00 fine.

(t) Returned Insufficient Funded Checks;

Any returned insufficient funded checks written in payment of entry fee or in conjunction with a SCPGA Section or Chapter tournament.

Penalty: Minimum \$50.00 fine. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

(u) Failure to send a Chapter Pro-Am event summary/purse;

The host professional must send the Section office a Chapter Pro-Am event summary outlining the final results, number of participants and payout within two (2) days following the event.

Penalty: Minimum \$50.00 fine. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

(v) Failure to send a Chapter Professional only event summary/purse;

The host professional must send the Section office a Chapter Professional only event summary outlining the final results, number of participants and payout within two (2) days following the event.

Penalty: Minimum \$50.00 fine. The fine must not exceed \$150.00.

ARTICLE VI
Eligible Professionals

Section 1. Classifications

The privilege of participating in the South Central PGA Section Tournament Program will be extended to any South Central PGA Member who is primarily employed or Associates who are employed full time in the area required by their classification in the South Central Section, in good standing and otherwise eligible, and who meet the requirements listed in Article V, Section 1, of the *PGA of America Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations*. Eligible classifications are as follows:

<u>Member Classification</u>	<u>Associate Classification</u>	<u>Classification Description</u>
A-1	B-1	Head Professional at a PGA Recognized Golf Course
A-2	B-2	Head Professional at a PGA Recognized Golf Range
A-4	B-4	Director of Golf at a PGA Recognized Golf Facility
A-5	Not Applicable	Past Presidents
A-6	B-6	Golf Instructor at a PGA Recognized Facility
A-7	B-7	Head Professional at a PGA Recognized Facility Under Construction
A-8	B-8	Assistant Golf Professional at a PGA Recognized Facility
A-9	B-9	Employed in Professional Positions in Management, Development, Ownership Operation and/or Financing of Facilities
A-10	B-10	Golf Clinician
A-11	B-11	Golf Administrator
A-12	B-12	College or University Golf Coach
A-13	B-13	General Manager
A-14	B-14	Director of Instruction at a PGA Recognized Facility
A-15	B-15	Ownership or Management of a Retail Golf Facility
A-16	B-16	Golf Course Architect
A-17	B-17	Golf Course Superintendent
A-18	B-18	Golf Media
A-19	B-19	Golf Manufacturer Management
A-20	B-20	Golf Manufacturer Sales Representative
A-21	B-21	Tournament Coordinator/Director for Organizations, Businesses or Associations
A-22	B-22	Rules Official
A-23	B-23	Club Fitting/Club Repair
A-24	Not Applicable	Employed within the golf industry and not eligible for another Active classification
LMA	Not Applicable	Life Member Active
LMMA	Not Applicable	Life Member Master Professional Active

A Life Member “LM” and Life Member Master Professional “LMM” are eligible to participate in sanctioned SCPGA events unless otherwise specified in the eligibility of the event.

Registered Associates – Associates have met eligibility requirements once he or she has satisfied the following steps to becoming a PGA Member:

1. Completed a background check approved by the PGA of America.
2. Passed the Qualifying Test.
3. Passed the Playing Ability Test or have attempted the Playing Ability Test at least twice within two years and have posted one 18 whole score that is equal to or less than the Playing Ability target score for 18 holes plus five (5) strokes.
4. Full-time eligible employment at the time of registration.
5. Associate registration verifying employment has been signed and submitted to the PGA of America.
6. All Associate fees have been paid.

Class F Members and Class A Inactive Members and suspended Associates are not eligible to participate in sanctioned SCPGA events (see Section 2. Exceptions).

Section 2. Exceptions

- (a) An SCPGA Member (other than a Class A-3 member) or Associate is not eligible to participate in some Section Major Championship Events if he has played in more than ten tournaments (as hereafter defined) in the twelve months preceding the date of entry. An SCPGA Member or Associate who is eligibly employed may compete in Pro-Amateur Events upon invitation of the host professional. The following is a list of tours used to determine the ten tournaments: 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 LatinoAmerica, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour, and Web.com TOUR tournaments. The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the ten-tournament count.
- (b) An SCPGA Class A Member may request an extension of his playing privileges from the date he becomes unemployed. Class A-3 Members are not eligible for this extension. The Member, after requesting an extension, will receive an extension of one (1) month of playing privileges for each full year of PGA membership (maximum of twelve (12) months) or until the time he becomes inactive. A Member does not have a classification while granted a playing extension. A playing extension provides playing privileges in all Chapter events and Section events except those restricted to specific classifications. The PGA National Office does not recognize playing extensions granted by a Section. A Member is solely responsible for meeting any eligibility guidelines set forth by the PGA National Office for a National Tournament. A Member may only use this type of extension one (1) time in a two-year period. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Section Executive Director.
- (c) An SCPGA Associate may request a 30-day extension of playing privileges from the date he becomes unemployed. An Associate does not have a classification while granted a playing extension. A playing extension provides playing privileges in all Chapter events and Section events except those restricted to specific classifications. The PGA National Office does not recognize playing extensions granted by a Section. An Associate is solely responsible for meeting any eligibility guidelines set forth by the PGA National Office for a National Tournament. Requests shall be made in writing to the Section Executive Director. An Associate may only use this type of extension one (1) time in a two-year period. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Section Executive Director.
- (d) Any SCPGA Member or Associate who takes a leave of absence for 90-days or less must be eligibly employed for a period of 30-days prior to the privilege of participating again in the Section's tournament program. For a leave of absence over 90-days, the SCPGA Member or Associate must be eligibly employed for a period of 60-days prior to the privilege of participating again in the Section's tournament program. Request for a leave of absence shall be made in writing to the Section Executive Director.
- (e) An SCPGA Member or Associate from a different Chapter may be invited by the host professional to participate in a Pro-Am event at his facility. There is no limit as to the number of SCPGA Members or Associates that a host professional may invite. Each Non-Chapter affiliated professional must pay the Chapter dues to participate. The dues shall be made payable to the Chapter the Pro-Am is played in and must be paid prior to each pro-am. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Tournament Chair to manage this responsibility. All funds generated stay within the Chapter.
- (f) A PGA Member or Associate of a Section other than the South Central Section may be invited by the host professional to participate in a Pro-Am event at his facility. Not more than three (3) non-SCPGA Members or Associates may be invited to an event, unless approval for an additional number is granted by the Section Tournament Committee. Each non-Section affiliated professional must pay Chapter dues to the Chapter the pro-am is played in and such dues must be paid prior to each Pro-Am. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Tournament Chair to manage this responsibility. All funds generated stay within the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII

Section Championship Events

Section 1. Championship Events / Eligible Classifications

The following are considered Section sanctioned events conducted by the South Central PGA and applicable eligibility related to each event. Section Majors are denoted by *:

SHANGRI-LA SHOOT OUT – Maximum number of teams: 60

(Open to eligible Members, Associates and Amateurs with the exception of A-3 Members within District 7.)

FACILITY CUP – Maximum number of teams: At the discretion of the host facility.

(Open to one or two Class A or Class B eligible Member or Associates per facility and any employee, member or league member.)

PRO-SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIP – Maximum number of teams: 60

(Open to eligible Members and Associates, with the exception of A-3 Members, and a scratch amateur of their choice.)

***MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 64

(Open to eligible Members, with the exception of A-3, LM & LMM Members.)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP – Maximum number of teams: 60

(Open to eligible Members and Associates, with the exception of A-3 Members.)

***PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 144

(PGA of America eligibility required.)

PRO-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP – Maximum number of players: 144

(Open to eligible A-1, A-4 or A-13 Members and their employed assistant(s). The assistant(s) must be an A-8 or registered Associate.)

OMEGA STROKE PLAY SERIES – Maximum number of players: 144

(Open to eligible Qualifying Class A (except A-3) & Class B Members.)

***PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 33

(Open to eligible Qualifying Class A (except A-3) & Class B Members.)

CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIPS – Maximum number of players: 144

(Open to eligible Members and Associates with the exception of A-3, LM & LMM Members. Chapter dues must be paid to be eligible.)

LAS VEGAS PRO-AM – Maximum number of teams: 54

(Open to eligible Members and Associates, with the exception of A-3 Members.)

The following are considered Section Senior Association sanctioned events conducted by the South Central PGA and applicable eligibility related to each event:

***SENIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Open to eligible Members and Associates age 50 & over, except for A-3 Members. Senior Association dues must be paid in order to be eligible.)

***SENIOR HALL OF FAME CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 72

(Open to eligible Members and Associates age 50 & over, except for A-3 Members. Senior Association dues must be paid in order to be eligible.)

***SENIOR SECTION/PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 144

(PGA of America eligibility required for PC, Section Championship is open to eligible Members age 50 or over, except for A-3, LM & LMM Members. Senior Association dues must be paid in order to be eligible.)

SENIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP – Maximum number of teams: 60

(Open to eligible Members and Associates age 50 & over, except for A-3 Members. Senior Association dues must be paid in order to be eligible.)

The following are considered Section Assistant Association sanctioned events conducted by the South Central PGA and applicable eligibility related to each event:

***ASSISTANT MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 32

(Open to eligible A-8 Members and all classifications of Associates. Assistant Association dues must be paid in order to be eligible.)

***ASSISTANT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** – Maximum number of players: 144

(PGA of America eligibility required, Assistant Association dues must be paid in order to be eligible.)

The following are considered Section Championship events and are conducted by the South Central PGA or Gateway Section each year:

1. **BOB PHILBRICK CUP MATCHES** – 12 players per team

(Open to the top ten [10] A-8 Members and B-8 Associates based on the final SCPGA Assistant Player of the Year Point Standings, plus the team captain as selected by their peers as President of the Assistant Association and the SCPGA Assistants' Champion. If any spots remain open, the Captain will make the selection. To be eligible for the Bob Philbrick Cup team, Members and Associates must be employed as assistant golf professionals.)

Should there be a tie for the last position on the Bob Philbrick Cup team, the tie will be broken using the Assistant's finish in the current SCPGA Assistants' Championship.

Should there be a tie following the SCPGA Assistants' Championship tie-break method, the tie will be broken utilizing their individual rounds in the SCPGA Assistants' Championship starting with the final round and then the first round.

If the tie is still not broken, the final position on the previous year's Assistant Point Standings will be used to break the tie.

To be eligible to compete in the Bob Philbrick Cup Matches, the top ten [10] A-8 Members or B-8 Associates, plus the team captain and the SCPGA Assistants' Champion must be employed as an A-8 or B-8 prior to the first round of the Bob Philbrick Cup event.

Section 2. Entry Requirements

- (a). All players registering for a South Central PGA Section event must be eligible at the time of the entry deadline and the date of the tournament. Players are to register on-line at www.southcentral.pga.com through Blue Golf with a valid Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Players will sign into the Players Club with their user ID and password and then go proceed to the Schedule of Events and enter any tournaments open for registration at that time.
- Mailed, faxed, e-mailed, or telephone entries will not be accepted.
 - Any member that needs an **exception** to the above entry procedure shall call the Section Office. Below are the only extreme exceptions that would be considered:
 - Individual without access to a computer
 - For financial reasons an individual that only has cashier check, money order, or check available.

The exceptions above are not for individuals who do not want to use or hassle with the on-line entry.

All entries are subject to review by the Tournament Committee.

Section 3. Entry Priority – Non-Qualifying Events

The field for non-qualifying events conducted in the South Central Section will be determined as follows:

- (a) The defending champion in any Section Major Championship is automatically entered in this event provided that their entry is received prior to the entry deadline, and they are otherwise eligible.
- (b) All entries will be registered on the date of receipt at the Section office. In events with a limited field, all eligible professionals whose entries in major championships are received prior to the stated deadline will be accepted into the field on the basis of the priority system and the maximum size of the field stated on the entry form.
- (c) Following the stated deadline, the field will be paired according to the time constraints set by the tournament committee and host facility. If the field is not full, entries received after the entry deadline will be placed on an alternate list for the applicable event. After the original pairings have been made, alternates will only be accepted to fill incomplete groups or replace contestants who withdraw.
- (d) For all Section Major Championships entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.
- (e) Open to Class "A" Members & Life Members Active, with the exception of A-3 members, who are in good standing with the PGA of America. Any player who is new to the Section will be evaluated on available information as to an approximate placement on the P.O.Y points list. This will include playing ability information from other Sections, college achievement, mini-tour success and any other pertinent information. Similar placements may be made for Members or Associates whose playing capabilities may not be accurately reflected by the P.O.Y points lists due to injury, lack of participation the prior year or other factors.

Section 4. Entry Fees/Refunds

- (a) The amount of entry fees shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Minimum entry fees for professional, senior professional and assistant professional events shall be as follows:
- \$100.00 for Season Long Match Play for all Divisions
 - \$125.00 for one-day individual Section events;
 - \$125.00 for two-day individual Section events;
 - \$110.00 for the SCPGA Professional Championship (minimum amount that can be charged);
 - \$140.00 for Sr. SCPGA Professional Championship (minimum amount that can be charged);
 - \$100.00 for Assistant SCPGA Championship;
 - \$250.00 for one-day professional team events and professional/amateur team events;
- unless otherwise proposed by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- (b) A full refund (less a \$10.00 administrative fee) will be granted if the player/team cancels before 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the official practice round. If a player/team cancels after this time they will be refunded the fixed tournament expenses only (cart, range and/or food less a \$10.00 administrative fee). In cases of emergency, written requests for refunds can be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five business days of the first round of the tournament. These requests for a refund will be considered separately on their own merits.

Section 5. Arrangement of Groupings/Starting Times

- (a) Starting times and groupings for individual stroke play major championships will be done on a blind draw basis from two categories:
1. For individual stroke play non-qualifying events, the top 30 point leaders from the preceding calendar year and the current top 30 point leaders will be paired together for round one.

For events in which there is qualifying, all exempt players for that particular event (see Section 3 [a]) will be paired together for round one.

For assistant professional events, the top 30 point leaders from the preceding calendar year and the current top 30 point leaders will be paired together for round one.
 2. All other professionals and amateurs will be paired together for round one.
- (b) For the final round, the field will be re-paired by score using double tee wave or waves (reverse horseshoe) with the lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and highest scores off last on the tenth tee. Subject to change according to course design and availability.
- (c) Requests for starting times will be accommodated as practicable so long as the requests are made before the pairings are completed. This applies only to the original pairings. Final round starting times and pairings are based solely on score.
- (d) Under no circumstances may a player request a specific fellow competitor with whom to play.
- (e) Players will not be called to their tees.
- (f) Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Section representative in charge. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 5.
- (g) Each entrant is responsible for obtaining his or her starting time.

- (h) In the event that the final number of entries received in a team event results in an uneven pairing i.e. a twosome. In order to avoid a six some, the section staff or host facility will provide at least one player (i.e. tournament sponsor, apprentice, or club member) to serve as a marker for the uneven pairing.

Section 6. Scorecard Requirements

The player's scorecard responsibilities shall be consistent with Rule 3.3b of the current *USGA Rules of Golf*.

Section 7. Pace of Play

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION: The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable Pace of Play Time Chart.

Any subsequent groups will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play or fail to clear the tee of a par-4 or par-5 hole before that hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

NOTE: The Rules Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Rules Committee deems it necessary. Further, if a player is determined by the Rules Committee to be unreasonably slow he may be timed individually at the Rules Committee's discretion, regardless of whether his group is out of position.

TIMING: When the Rules Committee determines that a group or an individual will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed. A group or an individual will be informed after leaving the teeing ground and before any further strokes. Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Any timing exceeding the allotted time to play will be carried over for the remainder of the round.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke.

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

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 20 seconds (for a total of 60 seconds) will be allowed for: (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole; (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole; (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; (d) the first player to play around the putting green; and (e) the first player to play on the putting green.

PENALTIES: Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable and is subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning

SECOND OFFENSE: One (1) Stroke Penalty

THIRD OFFENSE: Two (2) Stroke Penalty

FOURTH OFFENSE: Disqualification

Section 8. Discontinuance of Play/Rain Out Procedure

- (a) The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 6-8 of the *USGA Rules of Golf*. The PGA representative in charge, after consultation with the Committee (made up of any Section officers and/or members of the Tournament Committee entered in the event), 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 rests entirely with the Committee. Discontinuance of play immediately for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn note. Three consecutive short signal notes will signal discontinuance of play. Two short signal notes will signal the resumption of play. **NOTE:** Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time if they think lightning threatens them, even though

no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard. When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation all practice facilities including practice putting greens are deemed closed. The Rules Committee will notify players when these areas are to be re-opened.

- (b) In competitions contested at 18 holes, the following rain-out procedure will apply:
 - 1. One day rained out – event will be rescheduled at 18 holes at a later date.
- (c) In competitions contested at 27 holes, the following rain-out procedure will apply:
 - 1. One day rained out – event will be rescheduled at 27 holes at a later date.
- (d) In competitions contested at 36 holes, the following rain-out procedure will apply:
 - 1. One day rained out – event will be contested at 18 holes with the entire purse paid.
 - 2. Two days rained out – event will be rescheduled at 36 holes at a later date.
- (e) In competitions contested at 54 holes, the following rain-out procedure will apply:
 - 1. One day rained out – event will be contested at 18 holes with the entire purse paid.
 - 2. Two days rained out – event will be rescheduled at 54 holes at a later date.
- (f) The following guidelines are for use by the Committee in case of bad weather:
 - 1. When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round. It is the responsibility of each contestant to be prepared to commence play as soon as the Committee deems the course playable. Contestants are encouraged not to leave the clubhouse facility during a delay of any sort due to the unpredictability of weather conditions.
 - 2. Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled.
 - 3. In the event of a suspension during the final round, the round shall be canceled if more than half the field is unable to complete the round. If more than half the field completes the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. Consideration of this procedure would depend upon availability of the golf course as well as the type of competition.

Section 9. Policy Regarding Ties

In all individual events, should two or more professionals` tie for first position, the tie will be resolved by a sudden-death playoff, unless otherwise stated. If more than two ties, all players other than the winner will be declared joint winners of second place and share equally in the purse to be distributed. Professionals tying for other positions will share equally with others posting the same score. In all team events, should two or more teams tie for first position, all teams tied will be declared Co-Champions. Teams tying for other positions will share equally with others posting the same score.

Section 10. Prize Fund Distribution

- (a) The prize fund distribution shall be the total of all entry fees, plus the sponsorship added money, less all expenses as determined by the Tournament Committee and Staff. Each finishing position for all major stroke play event purses will be assigned a specific percentage of the total purse (see tables in Appendix I). A minimum of 33% of the field shall be paid.
- (b) Separate Tees/Same Purse Policy: In all Section sanctioned events, a separate set of tees shall be provided for senior, super-senior and female professionals. In these events, men and women shall compete for the same purse. (The man or woman professional with the lowest score shall win first place money.)

In all Section sanctioned non-point earning events, the follow yardages will be utilized;

Male Contestants	49 & under	The Tournament Director will have the authority to set the distance at their discretion, based on golf course type, weather conditions and slope rating.
Male Contestants	50-59	94% of 49 & under yardage
Male Contestants	60-69	88% of 49 & under yardage
Male & Female	70+Ladies	78%-82% of 49 & under yardage

Section Major Events will be conducted from one set of tees from approximately 6,700 yards
The Seniors will have 2 divisions, a Senior Division for players age 50 and over and a Super Senior Division age 64 and over.

Senior Division	50 and Over	6,300 yards
Super Sr. Division	64 and Over	5,600 yards (91%-93% for Sr. Match Play)

If an event is played at a course shorter than the maximum yardage listed, then all yardages will be scaled down proportionally.

The intent of these guidelines is that each hole does not and cannot likely be this exact differential. These guidelines should allow the Committee / staff in charge of an event to use their knowledge and discretion in order to set the golf course up in a manner that is both a good test and challenge, does not make holes play differently than the design of the hole was intended and that most importantly it allows all players to be hitting similar clubs into greens on as many holes as possible.

Section 11. Golf Cars/Caddies

Golf cars are not required in all SCSPGA major events; however, a caddie and/or golf car may be used. Contestants are not permitted to carry their own bag. No more than two golf cars are permitted per group. The Rules Committee reserves the right to modify this regulation.

Section 12. Hole In One Club

The Section Hole in One Club will include the following events;

Pro/Scratch Championship	Match Play Championship	Pro/Assistant Championship
Section/PPC Championship	Omega Stroke Play Series	Las Vegas Pro-Am
Team Championship	The Players Championship	Shangri-La Shoot Out
Facility Cup	Senior-Junior Championship	

ARTICLE VIII

Chapter/Pro-Amateur Events

Section 1. Host Professional's Responsibilities

In hosting a Chapter Pro-Am event, the host professional must:

- (a) Schedule the pro-am through the Chapter Tournament Chairman. Each Chairman will then communicate with the Section office, which will then approve the dates or suggest changes as they relate to the National/Sectional tournament program. If a Chapter is requesting the Section to advertise the event, then the field must consist of Members or Associates in good standing with the PGA of America and the Chairman must submit professional purse payout to the Section office for payment.
- (b) Acknowledge each entry, advising applicant that their entry is accepted, on an alternate list or the field is full.

- (c) Notify accepted entries of their acceptance and starting time a minimum of three (3) days in advance of the event.
- (d) Arrange to have the use of the course reserved for tournament players only during the competition.
- (e) Define all boundaries, penalty areas and ground under repair.
- (f) Prepare a Rules Sheet, Hole Location Sheet and an official team scorecard with handicap stroke holes identified for amateur players.
- (g) Post a pairings sheet with starting times.
- (h) Provide a registration desk with personnel to handle entry fee collection and handicap verification.
- (i) Provide an official scoring area and provide personnel to audit, verify and post scores.
- (j) Prepare and post a prize breakdown sheet prior to the completion of the first (or only) round.
- (k) Provide an effective warning system to be used in the event of dangerous weather.
- (l) Arrange to write and distribute merchandise certificates to prize winning amateurs immediately after play is completed.
- (m) Send out the professional prize distribution within two (2) days following the event.

Section 2. Entry Requirements

- (a) Pro-amateur event entry applications should be returned to the host professional unless otherwise stated on the form.
- (b) In pro-amateur events held in conjunction with major tournaments, the field of competing professionals will be selected by the host professional and/or the tournament sponsor, provided all selected professionals meet current eligibility requirements.
- (c) By signing an official entry form or by verbally committing to play, competitors agree to abide by the Tournament Rules and Regulations of the SCPGA.
- (d) An amateur, to be eligible to participate in pro-amateur events, must be invited by a SCPGA Member, Apprentice or the host club.

Section 3. Amateur Handicaps

- (a) An amateur's handicap must be verified by presenting a current handicap card or in the absence of a handicap card a handicap computed according to the USGA system together with a record of the handicap prior to the pro-am. If handicap verification data is not presented at the tournament site, it must be sent to Chapter Tournament Chairman within three (3) days after the tournament. Without proper verification, checks and merchandise certificates will not be issued. If proper verification is not received within three (3) days of the event, all awards will be voided and assigned to the South Central Section PGA Foundation.
- (c) Members of the host club who are competing shall have their handicap verified by the host professional.

Section 4. Arrangement of Pairings

- (a) The host club and/or host professional have the authority to assign starting times and groupings as they deem appropriate. They shall take into account the following:

1. When using a shotgun start, the size of the field shall not exceed 32 teams per shotgun.
 2. When using morning and afternoon starting times, the field shall not exceed 64 teams.
 3. Starting times shall be arranged at intervals of 8 minutes or more.
 4. Once a competing team has begun play, there shall be no substitutions for amateurs or professionals who cannot complete a round, or who cannot return for a subsequent round. There shall be no refunds after an individual has begun play.
- (b) In the event a pro-amateur team is incomplete, the following shall apply:
1. If a professional fails to appear, the amateurs assigned to his team may compete and use the scores of a drawn professional to assist in their team score.
 2. If an amateur fails to appear, a designated amateur shall be drawn and his scores shall be used to assist in their team score.

Section 5. Scorecard Requirements

- (a) The professional contestant is responsible for maintaining the scorecard for the team. They shall enter the gross score of an amateur when that score is used as a best ball. They shall enter the best ball score(s) for each hole. The scorecard shall be signed by the professional and attested by one of the amateur team members. Penalties for violations shall be consistent with other scoring violations.
- (b) It is the competing professional's responsibility to examine the official scorecard for accuracy prior to the round. Any inaccuracies including the allotment of handicap strokes for amateurs shall be reported to the host professional or the Committee.

Section 6. Pace of Play

- (a) When playing in groups of four, allowing an average of 15 minutes per hole, a round should be completed in 4 hours, 30 minutes.
- (b) Refer to SCPGA Pace of Play guidelines.
- (d) An amateur unable to assist his team on a hole is required to pick up his ball.

Section 7. Discontinuance of Play

- (a) The policy for discontinuance of play shall be consistent with Rule 6-8 of the *USGA Rules of Golf*.
- (b) The host professional, if not competing, or a committee designated by the host professional, has the authority and responsibility 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 host professional or the designated committee. It is recommended that no member of the committee be a competitor in the event.
- (c) In a one-day tee time event, if play is discontinued before the field has completed play, the following policy will apply:
 1. If 75% or more of the field has completed play, and it will not be feasible for the others to do so on that day, the tournament payout shall be re-figured on the basis of the number completing play. Those participants unable to complete play shall be deemed non-competitors and will be refunded the portion of the entry fee going into the prize purse.
 2. If less than 75% of the field has completed play, the event will be postponed and/or rescheduled.

3. NOTE: One day events shall not be reduced to less than 18 holes if play is not completed.
- (d) In a multi-day event, if play is discontinued before the field has completed play, the following policy will apply:
 1. The unfinished teams will resume play on the following day, prior to the start of the day's scheduled play.
 2. If one of the rounds is completely washed out, the tournament will pay off in full based on one round scores. NOTE: Under no circumstances will play continue past the last scheduled round of the competition.

Section 8. Prize Fund Distribution

- (a) The prize fund for distribution shall be the total of the entry fees plus any added money less the Chapter Fee and any operating expenses.
- (b) The prize fund will be distributed to a minimum of 33% of the starting field.
- (c) Winning professionals will be paid via direct deposit from National PGA headquarters.
- (d) Winning amateurs will be awarded gift certificates redeemable for merchandise in the host club's golf shop.
- (e) If for any reason the certificates are not distributed upon completion of the event, they will be mailed to the professional of the team.

Section 9. Chapter Professional Only Events

The Chapter Tournament Chairman shall send a tournament summary to the Section office including: prize distribution, complete results, total revenue and expenses, and the net purse. A check for the total purse, plus the Chapter fee should be included. The Section office will then forward the prize distribution to National PGA headquarters upon receiving the tournament report.

ARTICLE IX

Changes to Section Tournament Rules & Regulations

Any Member wishing to propose a resolution regarding a change in the SCPGA Tournament Rules & Regulations must do so in writing to the Tournament Committee 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Tournament Committee will forward the resolution to the Board of Directors 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting for review. The proposed resolution will be placed on the Executive Committee agenda and will be discussed under "New Business"

APPENDIX I: PRIZE FUND DISTRIBUTION

The following tables shall be used as a guide for the prize fund distribution for all South Central PGA sanctioned individual and team championships. The prize fund will be distributed to a minimum of 33% of the starting field. The Section Representative may round these totals up or down at their discretion. The Match Play Championships will have a separate prize fund distribution.

A. Example: Field of 60 contestants with 33% of the field being paid:

1) .1800	6) .0600	11) .0325	16) .0200
2) .1300	7) .0550	12) .0300	17) .0175
3) .1000	8) .0450	13) .0275	18) .0150
4) .0800	9) .0400	14) .0250	19) .0100
5) .0650	10) .0375	15) .0225	20) .0075

B. SCPGA Match Play Championship shall use the following percentage table based upon a 32 player field.

*If the Pod Format is used, all non-advancing players will receive \$75 in lieu of a Consolation Bracket.

Championship Bracket				Consolation Bracket			
Win 1 st Lose 2 nd	8 X	1.75%	(14%)	Win 1 st Lose 2 nd	4 X	1%	(4%)
Win 2 nd Lose 3 rd	4 X	4%	(16%)	Win 2 nd Lose 3 rd	2 X	2%	(4%)
Win 3 rd Lose 4 th	2 X	8%	(16%)	Runner-Up	1 X	4%	(4%)
Runner Up	1 X	16%	(16%)	Champion	1 X	6%	(6%)
Winner	1 X	20%	<u>(20%)</u>				(18%)
			(82%)				

C. SCPGA Senior & Assistant Match Play Championship shall use the following percentage table based upon a 16 player field.

* If the Pod Format is used, all non-advancing players will receive \$75 in lieu of a Consolation Bracket.

Championship Bracket				Consolation Bracket			
Win 1 st Lose 2 nd	4 X	6%	(24%)	Lose 1 st	4 X	.50%	(2%)
Win 2 nd Lose 3 rd	2 X	10%	(20%)	Win 2 nd Lose 3 rd	2 X	2%	(4%)
Runner-Up	1 X	16%	(16%)	Runner-Up	1 X	4%	(4%)
Champion	1 X	24%	<u>(24%)</u>	Champion	1 X	6%	(6%)
			(84%)				(16%)

APPENDIX II: POINTS DISTRIBUTION

SCPGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS DISTRIBUTION

<u>Place</u>	<u>Match Play</u> <u>Sr. Match Play</u> <u>Asst. Match Play</u>	<u>Section/Professional Championship</u> <u>Sr. Section/Professional Championship</u> <u>Assistants Championship</u>	<u>Omega Series</u>	<u>Players Champ</u>	<u>Chapter Champ</u>
1	750	750	300	500	150
2	600	600	225	350	125
3	T-3 rd 475	500	200	300	110
4	475	450	180	250	100
5	T-5 th 400	425	160	200	90
6	400	400	150	150	80
7	400	375	140	100	70
8	400	350	130	75	65
9	T-9 th 250	325	120	50	60
10	250	300	110	25	55
11	250	275	100		50
12	250	250	90		45
13	250	225	80		40
14	250	200	70		35
15	250	175	60		30
16	250	160	50		25
17	17 th & Lower 20	150	45		20
18		140	40		15
19		130	35		10
20		120	30	20 & Lower	5
21		110	25		
22		100	20		
23		95	15		
24		90	10		
25		85	25 & Lower 5		
26		80			
27		75			
28		70			
29		65			
30		60			
31		55			
32		50			
33		45			
34		40			
35		35			
36		30			
37		25			
38		20			
39		15			
40		10			
41 st & lower		5			

Additional Player of the Year points can be earned in the following events:

Make the cut at the National PC, Senior PC or Asst. National Championship	250
Qualify for the PGA Championship or Senior PGA Championship	500
Win the National PC, Senior PC or Assistant National Championship	1000
Make the cut in the PGA Championship or Senior PGA Championship	1000

NOTE: A Player of the Year Award will be presented to the Section Member, Senior Member and Assistant Member or Apprentice compiling the most points in these Section events. Points are awarded using the above tables for each Major Championship. Only Members are eligible to receive Player of the Year points unless otherwise stated on the entry form. A-8 Members and all Apprentice classifications are eligible to receive Assistant Player of the Year points unless otherwise stated on the entry form.

**APPENDIX III: SCSPGA “ELEANOR DREW”
STROKE PLAY SCORING AVERAGE AWARD**

The SCPGA Stroke Play Scoring Average Award is presented to the Section Member compiling the lowest overall adjusted scoring average in these events: SCPGA Professional Championship, Omega Series Events, The Players Championship & SCPGA Section Championship. There are a total of nine (9) possible rounds to be played. All players must complete a minimum of six (6) rounds to be eligible for the Award. Each player’s adjusted scoring average is determined by totaling the stroke averages according to par (+/-), dividing this total by the number of completed rounds six (6) and adding this final number to 72.

APPENDIX IV: LAS VEGAS REGISTRATION

1. A registration date will be set and will be on a first come first serve basis.

APPENDIX V: TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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