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# **Tournament Rules and Regulations, Conduct, Eligibility and Policies**

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## ARTICLE I

### **PURPOSE**

#### **Section 1. General**

The Southern Texas PGA Member Tournament Program has the primary purpose of providing a collegial atmosphere and networking opportunities for the Members and Associates. These events will provide opportunities to build relationships, introduce new Members to the fraternal aspects of the Association, and encourage the Members to play golf and experience many of the golf facilities in Southern Texas.

The tournaments also provide an opportunity to compete for prize money, demonstrate proficiency and expertise in the game and promote the PGA Members as accomplished players and leaders in the game.

The tournaments provide a showcase to promote the facilities hosting events and the game. The pro-am events also provide an avenue for Members to develop relationships with the amateur patrons of their facilities.

Competitions sponsored, co-sponsored, or sanctioned by the Southern Texas PGA are governed by the most recently published edition of the USGA Rules of Golf All Professionals are responsible for knowing the USGA Rules of Golf and the terms of the competition in which they are entered including the provisions stated herein.

## ARTICLE II

### **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **Section 1. Definition**

The President of the Southern Texas PGA shall appoint a Tournament Chair and Committee. The Committee shall be no more than 10 members. At the discretion and approval of the Section President, the Chairperson may appoint the Committee members. These individuals must be in good standing, have full privileges of the Section, and shall include a current Senior representative and an Assistant representative. The term of office as a Tournament Committee member shall coincide with the term of office of the Section Officers.

#### **Section 2. Duties**

The Committee's responsibilities will include approval of the official STPGA Tournament Schedule and administration of the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations.

Amendments, additions, or changes to the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations should be proposed to the Tournament Committee and approval or modification of the Tournament Rules and Regulations would be the responsibility of the STPGA Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE III

### **TOURNAMENTS**

#### **Section 1. Schedule**

The STPGA Tournament Schedule will be posted on the Southern Texas PGA website and will include STPGA Sponsored, Co-Sponsored, and Sanctioned Tournaments.

#### **Section 2. Sponsored Tournaments**

A Southern Texas PGA Sponsored Event is defined as an event conducted entirely by the Southern Texas PGA. This type of event would include but not be limited to the STPGA Professional Championship, Match Play Championship, Tradition Championship, Spring Classic Championship, Memorial Championship, Pro-Pro Match Play Championship, Texas Team Championship, STPGA Assistant Professional Championship, STPGA Senior Professional Championship, Texas Joe Black Cup Matches, Levy Cup Matches, Southern, Eastern, and Western Chapter Pro-Pros, Fall Pro-Assistant, and other events that may be owned and administered in the future by the STPGA. Unless otherwise stated in the specific tournament eligibility, only Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates, in good standing, are eligible to compete in these events. Each tournament will have specific eligibility requirements that are approved by the Tournament Committee and defined in the application for entry of each respective tournament.

#### **Section 3. Co-Sponsored Tournaments**

A Southern Texas PGA Co-Sponsored Tournament is defined as a tournament conducted by the Southern Texas PGA or other recognized golf association within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA. Co-Sponsored tournaments may or may not appear on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Schedule and include but are not limited to PGA Tour Tournaments, PGA Tour Pre-Qualifying and Event Qualifying Tournaments, PGA Tour Champions Tournaments and PGA Tour Champions Pre-Qualifying and Event Qualifying Tournaments, USGA Championships and USGA Qualifying Tournaments, the Texas State Open and its Qualifying Tournaments, the Texas Senior Open, PGA of America Tournaments, LPGA Tournaments and Qualifiers. STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments will determine their own eligibility and conditions of competition. STPGA Members and Associates are expected to abide by the STPGA Tournament Code of Conduct and could be subject to applicable penalties as prescribed herein while participating in STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments.

#### **Section 4. Sanctioned Tournaments**

A Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Tournament is defined as a tournament conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA by a second party. The tournament will appear on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Schedule. It is the responsibility of the host Southern Texas PGA Member or Associate at the facility conducting the tournament to ensure the tournament is sanctioned by the Southern Texas PGA. STPGA Members and Associates may request to have a tournament sanctioned by completing and submitting the proper form to the Southern Texas PGA Administrative Headquarters. The STPGA Tournament Committee at its sole discretion may accept or reject the tournament as sanctioned.

All fees, obligations, and services provided by the Southern Texas PGA are determined and approved by the Southern Texas PGA Board of Directors. All fees, obligations, and services provided by the Southern Texas PGA will be detailed on the STPGA Sanctioned Tournament Request and Confirmation forms.

These benefits and obligations include but are not limited to the following:

#### Benefits

- Listing on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Calendar viewable on the STPGA website
- Hyperlink from STPGA Tournament Calendar to detailed webpage with pertinent facts about tournament
- Printable tournament entry form which can be downloaded from the website
- Promotion in STPGA print and electronic newsletters
- Email reminder to STPGA Members and Associates
- Protection of the selected date due to the STPGA Conflicting Tournament rule and penalties for STPGA Members and Associates
- Processing of Professional Purse payout
- Management of IRS Form 1099 reporting requirements associated with Professional purse winnings

#### Obligations

- Agreement to abide by STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations
- Providing the necessary funds for the Professional Purse to the STPGA for disbursement
- Professional Purse payout will be within the guidelines established in the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations
- Return of the official tournament scorecards and final tournament results to the STPGA Administrative Headquarters within ten (10) days of completion of the tournament

### **Section 5. Conflicting Tournaments**

A tournament is defined as a golf competition where prize money or compensation is awarded to the professionals and a minimum of 12 Professionals (PGA Members, Associates, or other Professionals) participate. A Conflicting Tournament is defined as a tournament for which a STPGA Member or Associate might be eligible to play or compete that is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA which is not Sponsored, Co-Sponsored, or Sanctioned and whose dates coincide or overlap the dates of a STPGA Sponsored or Sanctioned Tournament. Any non-sanctioned event that will coincide with a re-scheduled STPGA Sponsored or Sanctioned event will not be in breach of this policy.

### **Section 6. Competing in Conflicting Tournaments**

STPGA Members and Associates that play or compete in a Conflicting Tournament without approval from the STPGA Tournament Committee will be penalized as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - \$100 fine

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense and Subsequent Offenses - \$300 fine and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of six months from the date of the infraction.

\*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

STPGA Members and Associates that desire to play or compete in a Conflicting Tournament may make a written request for exemption to the Tournament Chair. At the sole discretion of the

Tournament Committee this request may be granted or denied. The purpose of the Conflicting Tournament rule is to encourage STPGA Members and Associates to have applicable tournaments they may be hosting sanctioned by the STPGA and on the STPGA Tournament Calendar. It also helps provide date protection and better assurance of stronger participation in those events that are sanctioned. Due to the fact that STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments are required to abide by the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations, the STPGA Members and Associates participating in these tournaments are assured consistent entry and tournament practices.

## ARTICLE IV

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Section 1. Requirements**

Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates in good standing are eligible to participate in STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments provided they meet the specific eligibility restrictions for the tournament in question and provided they meet the PGA of America's eight (8) event rule which does not allow playing in more than eight (8) combined events on tours and events as determined by the PGA of America in the twelve (12) months preceding the tournament in question. The US Open, US Senior Open, PGA Championship, and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the 8-tournament count.

#### **Section 2. Participation in STPGA Sponsored Tournaments**

In general, eligibility for STPGA Sponsored Tournaments is limited to Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates in good standing. The exact eligibility criteria will vary by tournament and are detailed below:

**Note #1:** Active Members, who become unemployed, shall enter a one (1) year grace period in which they will still be able to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments. This one (1) year grace period will begin the day immediately following their final day of employment at their facility. This policy will not apply for any Member who has accepted employment outside of the golf industry as outlined under "Article V; Classes of Membership", on pages A-22 to A-26 of the PGA of America Constitution.

**Note #2:** Associates, who become unemployed, shall enter a grace period in which they will be able to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments until the end of the Membership year on June 30 as defined by the PGA of America. After such a time, the Associate will no longer be eligible to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments.

#### **Major Tournaments**

The Match Play, Spring Classic, Memorial, Tradition, and STPGA Professional Championships are considered Major Tournaments and count toward the respective point lists as detailed in Article VIII. The Match Play, Spring Classic, Memorial, and Tradition Championships will each have an Open Division and a Senior Division. Eligibility for the Open Division of these four events shall be restricted to STPGA Members and Associates in good standing and in an Active Classification as defined by the PGA Constitution. *Note: Life Member – Active is considered a Non-Active Classification by the PGA.*

Eligibility for the Senior Division of these four events shall be restricted to STPGA Members and Associates in good standing who have 1) Reached the age of 50 on or before the scheduled first round of the tournament; and, 2) Are in an Active Classification, Retired Member, or Life Member (Retired or Active) as defined by the PGA Constitution.

### **National Qualifiers**

The STPGA Professional, Senior and Assistant Professional Championships are all qualifiers for National Championships and as such the criterion for participation is established by the PGA of America. The STPGA will adhere to the national requirements. When any changes or flexibility to the eligibility for these events are allowed by the PGA, the STPGA Board of Directors may make changes to the STPGA's eligibility for these events within the allowed parameters. This practice will apply to any future tournaments established by the PGA that might require similar qualifying.

### **Assistant's Winter Classic**

Class A-8 and Registered Associates in good standing. Suspended Associates are welcome to attend, however, will not be eligible for prize money.

### **Kickoff Pro-Pro, 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Pro-Junior, Chapter Pro-Pros, and Pro-Pro Am-Am**

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing.

A-3, Reserve, and Class "F" Members are not eligible.

### **Fall Pro-Assistant**

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be eligibly employed and in good standing.

A-3, Reserve, and Class "F" Members are not eligible.

Priority system with the following considerations before the entry deadline:

1st priority - historical teams - A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-9, and A-13 eligible to play with an eligibly employed A-8 or B-8 from their facility.

2nd priority - A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-9, A-13, and A-14 eligible to play with an eligibly employed A-6 or B-6 from their facility.

3rd priority - Any eligibly employed manager could play with any eligibly employed employee, such as A-15 & B15, or B-1 & B-8, A-14 & A-8. Note: A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-9, A-13, and A-14s may not play together. Members and associates must be in good standing.

4th priority - A facility that has more than one PGA Member in a management position will be able to have both managers, (A-1, A-4, A-13, etc.) team up with or swing each assistant. In other words, a facility that has a PGA General Manager, A-13, and a PGA Head Professional, A-1, and

two assistants could form two teams with the General Manager and two teams using the same assistants for the Head Professional.

5th priority - If the facility does not employ a PGA Assistant as defined for the eligibility of this tournament, the Head Professional-General Manager would be able to invite a PGA Life Member to participate as their partner. However, the Head Professional-General Manager and the Life Member cannot both be in the Top 30 of the current 2019 STPGA Open Division Point List or in the Top 8 of the current 2019 STPGA Senior Division Point List. If the facility does employ an assistant but that assistant is suspended or ineligible for any reason, the opportunity for the Head Professional-General Manager to play with a Life Member will not be allowed.

### **Texas Senior Open**

Open to PGA Members and Associates in good standing along with Amateurs that have an 8.4 Handicap Index or lower. Players that have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday as of Round 1 of the tournament are eligible.

There are two Divisions for this event: Senior Division for players aged 50-64 will play 54-holes. Super Senior Division for players aged 65 and over will play 36-holes.

Note: A-3 Members are not eligible

### **Pro-Pro Match Play**

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. A-3, Inactive and Class "F" Members are not eligible. Class "A" members must be in good standing at the time of registration and throughout the entire tournament. Associates must be eligibly employed and in good standing at the time of registration and throughout the entire tournament. Members that transfer out of Southern Texas would lose their eligibility to participate at the time of transfer.

NOTE: Partner changes cannot be made after the registration deadline.

### **Texas Team Championship**

Members and Associates must be in good standing.

Note: A-3's and Life Members are not eligible.

Any eligibly employed PGA Member or Associate may team with any other eligibly employed PGA Member or Associate from their facility. A priority system will be used with the following considerations before the entry deadline. If the event becomes full this system will be used to determine who participates in the event based on priority number and entry date:

1st priority – Two Class A PGA Professionals from the same facility.

2nd priority – Class A PGA Professional and a Class B Associate from the same facility.

3rd priority – Two Class B Associates from the same facility.

\*Please note: Class F Members and suspended Associates, even though ineligible to participate, are still considered employed at their facility.

Members whose PGA Classification is with multiple facilities may play with an eligible PGA Member or Associate at any of those facilities.



### **Section 3. STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments**

The eligibility for STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments is determined by the entity conducting the tournament.

### **Section 4. STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments**

The eligibility for STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments is limited to STPGA Members and Associates with some exceptions. The eligibility for STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments is determined by the Southern Texas PGA Member or Associate hosting the tournament. STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments may expand their eligibility to include:

- 1) PGA Members and Associates, in good standing, from other PGA Sections
- 2) PGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, or PGA Tour Champions Members
- 3) LPGA Members and/or Associates
- 4) Up to three individuals not included in any of the aforementioned groups

Events not awarding a professional purse are not subject to the criteria above. STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments may restrict the event to invitation only provided the invitees still meet the eligibility as defined.

### **Section 5. Pro-Pro Tournaments**

In STPGA Sponsored Tournaments that involve a Pro-Pro competition, no two STPGA Professionals in the top 24 on the STPGA Professional Point List or the top 6 in the Senior Point list may form a team. PGA Class A-3 Members and special exempt players (Such as but not limited to: Members of other PGA Sections and non-PGA Professionals when the eligibility and entry criteria for the event allow) are considered as being in the top 24 on the point list. In Pro-Pro Tournaments conducted prior to the second STPGA Major Tournament, the prior year's point lists would be referenced for this purpose. In Pro-Pro Tournaments conducted after the second STPGA Major Tournament, the current point list would be referenced. The point list referenced will be considered current as of the registration open date for the Pro-Pro event. The STPGA Major Tournaments are the Match Play Championship, Spring Classic Championship, the Memorial Championship, the Tradition Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship.

This policy will be enforced for the following tournaments: Kickoff Pro-Pro, Pro-Pro Am-Am, Pro-Pro Match Play, 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Western Chapter Pro-Pro, Southern Chapter Pro-Pro, and Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro

NOTE: this policy is NOT in place for the Texas Team Championship, Fall Pro-Assistant

## ARTICLE V

### **TOURNAMENT ENTRIES**

#### **Section 1. Entry Requirements**

All players must meet the specified eligibility of the registering tournament at the time of the entry deadline and the date of the tournament. Entries will be accepted via online registration, telephone, fax, or mail service. All entries are subject to review of the Tournament Committee. In order to

compete in the Senior Division of Section Major Championships (Match Play, Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, and the STPGA Senior PGA Professional Championship) individuals must have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by or on the first day of the competition. An individual could be eligible to attempt to qualify for the Senior PGA Professional National Championship but if that person had not reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by or on the first round of the STPGA Senior Professional Championship, that individual could attempt to qualify but would not be able to compete for the prize money or STPGA Senior Professional Championship.

## **Section 2. Entry Deadline**

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 at the discretion of the STPGA Tournament Committee for sponsored events or the host professional for sanctioned events. All late entries will incur a \$10.00 fee. If an event reaches its maximum field size, as specified on each tournament entry form, players will be added to a waitlist prioritized by time of registration.

## **Section 3. Entry Fees**

Entry fees are listed on the official entry form of the event posted on the tournament web page. Generally, entry fees are non-refundable after the entry deadline. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis by the Tournament Committee.

## **Section 4. Withdrawal Policy**

Unless otherwise stated on the entry form, the following refund policy applies to all STPGA events:

1. Withdrawal prior to registration closing date:
  - a. Full refund returned to the player's BlueGolf account minus a processing fee of \$10.00.
  - b. Full refund returned to the player's credit card minus a processing fee of \$20.00
2. Withdrawal after registration closing date:
  - a. Refund request must be submitted with withdrawal explanation by email to the STPGA office.
  - b. If a request is not received by the STPGA office within 48 hours of the completion of the event for which the refund is being requested, there will be no refund.

## **Section 5. Starting Time Requests**

Any requests for specific starting times will be taken prior to the release of pairings for the noted tournament. These requests are not guaranteed and will be granted at the discretion of the Southern Texas PGA.

# ARTICLE VI

## **TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

In STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments the following Conditions of Competition shall be in effect:

### **Section 1. Separate Tees – Same Purse Policy**

Female Professionals will play from a yardage approximately equal to 85% of the Male Professional's yardage in STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments. Male Professionals age 60 and over will play from a yardage approximately equal to 94% of the Male Professional's yardage in tournaments that do not have a separate Senior Division.

The Senior Male Professional yardage advantage shall not be in effect during the STPGA Professional Championship or the STPGA Senior Professional Championship. Although in certain tournaments when the professionals are competing from separate tees, the male, female and senior professionals shall compete for the same purse in such tournaments.

Players competing from tees other than the Male Professional tees shall not be eligible to earn playing privileges in PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions, Korn Ferry Tour tournaments or other special playing opportunity as they may become available.

## **Section 2. Alternative Spike Policy**

It is a requirement of the Southern Texas PGA that all individuals (and their caddies) participating in any Southern Texas PGA Sponsored or Sanctioned Tournament wear spikeless/non-metal (alternative spike) golf shoes. The use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes may result in the participant slipping on wet or damp surfaces (inclusive of but not limited to turf areas, wooded areas such as bridges and pathways, etc.) and reduced traction on non-level areas of the course. As evidenced by the participant's entry application into the tournament, the participant acknowledges that potential dangers relative to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes have been disclosed to the participant and participant agrees to assume the risk of sustaining an injury arising from or attributable to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the tournament site. The participant hereby releases the Southern Texas PGA and the STPGA Officers, Directors, Members, employees, successors and assigns (the Indemnified Parties) from any and all claims for loss and damage, inclusive of, but not limited to personal injury, whether or not caused by participant's use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the event's premises in connection with the tournament. The consideration for this release is the permission granted by the Southern Texas PGA to the participant to participate in the golf tournament. This release binds not only the participant, but also the participant's spouse, heirs, legal representatives, and assignees. If a competitor or his/her caddie is found to be in violation of this policy after making a stroke during his/her round, the competitor shall be disqualified from the event.

## **Section 3. Pace of Play Policy**

In accordance with Rule 5.6b, the following pace of play guidelines, penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions have been adopted. 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 a professional.

### *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 established by the Rules Committee.

Any subsequent group 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 reach a par-4 or par-5 hole and all players have not played a stroke from the teeing area before the hole is open and free of play.

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

#### *TIMING*

When the Rules Committee determines that a group or an individual are out of position and will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a players' stroke will begin when it is his/her 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 a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and remove loose impediments on his/her line of play.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 10 second (for a total of 50 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;
- e) The first player to play on the putting green.

Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable.

#### *PENALTIES DURING A ROUND*

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: One (1) timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 bad time) - no penalty.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 bad times) - a one (1) stroke penalty.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 bad times) - a two (2) stroke penalty.

4<sup>th</sup> Offense: One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (4 bad times) - disqualification.

NOTE: Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad time) will be carried over throughout the round.

#### *APPEALS*

Any appeal of a penalty must be referred to the on-site STPGA Tournament Director or designated Official in charge, immediately upon completion of the player in question's round. The decision of the STPGA Tournament Director shall be final. If the player in question does not appeal immediately upon conclusion of his round, any penalties shall stand.

NOTE: A player may not appeal an occasion of being out of position and timed.

### **Section 4. Groove and Punch Mark Policy**

The condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks will be in effect at all STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments. The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2019. Amateurs who participate in a Pro-Am that does not count in the official competition, the Pro-Pro Am-Ams, or Pro-Junior are exempt from this policy.

The USGA will be able to assist with a number of questions regarding conformity of equipment. Players can also go to <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html> to search the USGA data base on conforming clubs.

The player, should he/she have a question as to whether it conforms or not and their club is not on the list, can at his/her own risk play with the club and after the event send it to the USGA to test the club. If it does not conform, then the player would be disqualified.

## **Section 5. Automotive Transportation**

Players may ride in a golf car or walk. Players may utilize a caddie, carry their own clubs or utilize a push cart at the discretion of the host facility. Golf cars are not required (unless otherwise stated). No more than two golf cars are permitted per group. No more than two people may ride on a golf car at any time. The Southern Texas PGA has the right to modify this transportation policy.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates participating in Southern Texas PGA Sponsored, Co-Sponsored, and Sanctioned Tournaments or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.) shall adhere to the USGA Rules of Golf, Southern Texas PGA Rules and Regulations, and the rules and regulations of any facility hosting a Southern Texas PGA Tournament. The STPGA Tournament Committee will review reports of inappropriate behavior and, if deemed appropriate, will file a grievance with the Section in accordance with the PGA of America Code of Ethics procedures. Individuals who wish to have the conduct of a professional during a Southern Texas PGA Tournament subject to review are to notify the Tournament Chair or Section Executive Director in writing within 10 days of the close of the event.

#### **Section 1. Conduct Unbecoming a Professional**

Conduct unbecoming a professional will include but would not be limited to the following:

- Any violation of the PGA of America Code of Ethics
- Malicious damage to a golf course, whether intentional or accidental; or any damage to any other part of the facility's course or equipment
- Intentional throwing, breaking, or destruction of golf clubs or equipment
- Loud, profane, crude and/or abusive language deemed to be offensive to spectators, participants, and/or the STPGA Tournament Committee
- Competing as the partner of and/or verifying the handicap of an amateur with the knowledge that such handicap is false or otherwise inaccurate
- Tender of any draft, check, credit card, or bill of exchange, which is dishonored after presentation for any reason
- Intoxication or being under the influence of an illegal substance before, during, or after tournament play
- Returning a false scorecard for a team or individual

- Other such conduct as may be deemed inappropriate and/or offensive before, after, or during tournament play or which could cause embarrassment to the host professional or the Southern Texas PGA
- Player or group plays through another group without authorization from the committee.

## **Section 2. Dress Code**

Proper golf attire is required for all STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments. Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates are expected to present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Appropriate dress will consist of slacks and shirts with collars and sleeves for Male Professionals. Subject to the approval of the PGA Member or Associate at the host golf facility, shorts may be worn between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, provided they are a length that is slightly above the knee. Blue jeans or denim, collarless t-shirts and tank tops will not be allowed. Female participants must wear slacks, culottes, walking shorts, or golf skirts which constitute acceptable clothing worn by women in connection with participation in professional golf tournaments.

## **Section 3. Alcoholic Beverage Policy**

STPGA Members and Associates are prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages while participating in STPGA Sponsored or Sanctioned Tournaments. This shall be in effect during the stipulated round and any playoffs.

Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages at a tournament site anytime could be considered a breach of the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Code of Conduct.

## **Section 4. Penalties for Violation of Code of Conduct**

The general penalties for violation of any aspect of the STPGA Tournament Code of Conduct will be as listed below. Depending on the severity of any infraction, the PGA Member or Associate accused may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges in addition.

1st Offense - \$100 fine

2nd Offense and Subsequent Offenses - \$300 fine and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of six months from the date of the infraction.

\*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

## **Section 5. Tournament Education Policy**

When education and/or meeting precedes the playing of any STPGA Sponsored Tournament, all Members and Associates registered must attend the education and/or meeting to be eligible to play in the Sponsored Tournament. A sign in sheet will be provided to verify attendance. A person will be considered not in attendance if they are not present 15 minutes after the start of education and/or meeting.

1st Offense – Player will be allowed to play in the tournament in addition to a \$100 fine.

2nd Offense and Subsequent Offenses – Player will not be allowed to play in the tournament, forfeit their entry fee to the tournament, and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of three months from the date of the infraction.

\*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

## Section 6. Failure to Check in at Official Registration Area

All players must check in at the Official Registration area prior to their Round 1 starting time.

Failure to do so will result in the following penalty structure:

1st Offense – \$100 fine

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense and Subsequent Offenses - \$300 fine and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of six months from the date of the infraction.

\*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

## ARTICLE VIII **POINTS LIST**

### Section 1. Professional Point List – Open Division

The Open Division Points will be awarded based on performance in the Southern Texas PGA Major Tournaments and the PGA Professional National Championship. The STPGA Major Championships are the Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Match Play Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship.

#### Points List Breakdowns

#### Open Division

<b>Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships</b>											
<b>1st</b>	5000	<b>25th</b>	1150	<b>49th</b>	850	<b>73rd</b>	685	<b>97th</b>	565	<b>121st</b>	445
<b>2nd</b>	4000	<b>26th</b>	1125	<b>50th</b>	840	<b>74th</b>	680	<b>98th</b>	560	<b>122nd</b>	440
<b>3rd</b>	3700	<b>27th</b>	1100	<b>51st</b>	833	<b>75th</b>	675	<b>99th</b>	555	<b>123rd</b>	435
<b>4th</b>	3400	<b>28th</b>	1075	<b>52nd</b>	826	<b>76th</b>	670	<b>100th</b>	550	<b>124th</b>	430
<b>5th</b>	3100	<b>29th</b>	1050	<b>53rd</b>	819	<b>77th</b>	665	<b>101st</b>	545	<b>125th</b>	425
<b>6th</b>	2900	<b>30th</b>	1040	<b>54th</b>	812	<b>78th</b>	660	<b>102nd</b>	540	<b>126th</b>	420
<b>7th</b>	2700	<b>31st</b>	1030	<b>55th</b>	805	<b>79th</b>	655	<b>103rd</b>	535	<b>127th</b>	415
<b>8th</b>	2500	<b>32nd</b>	1020	<b>56th</b>	798	<b>80th</b>	650	<b>104th</b>	530	<b>128th</b>	410
<b>9th</b>	2300	<b>33rd</b>	1010	<b>57th</b>	791	<b>81st</b>	645	<b>105th</b>	525	<b>129th</b>	405
<b>10th</b>	2100	<b>34th</b>	1000	<b>58th</b>	784	<b>82nd</b>	640	<b>106th</b>	520	<b>130th</b>	400
<b>11th</b>	2000	<b>35th</b>	990	<b>59th</b>	777	<b>83rd</b>	635	<b>107th</b>	515	<b>131st</b>	395
<b>12th</b>	1900	<b>36th</b>	980	<b>60th</b>	770	<b>84th</b>	630	<b>108th</b>	510	<b>132nd</b>	390
<b>13th</b>	1800	<b>37th</b>	970	<b>61st</b>	763	<b>85th</b>	625	<b>109th</b>	505	<b>133rd</b>	385
<b>14th</b>	1700	<b>38th</b>	960	<b>62nd</b>	756	<b>86th</b>	620	<b>110th</b>	500	<b>134th</b>	380
<b>15th</b>	1600	<b>39th</b>	950	<b>63rd</b>	749	<b>87th</b>	615	<b>111th</b>	495	<b>135th</b>	375
<b>16th</b>	1500	<b>40th</b>	940	<b>64th</b>	742	<b>88th</b>	610	<b>112th</b>	490	<b>136th</b>	370
<b>17th</b>	1450	<b>41st</b>	930	<b>65th</b>	735	<b>89th</b>	605	<b>113th</b>	485	<b>137th</b>	365
<b>18th</b>	1400	<b>42nd</b>	920	<b>66th</b>	728	<b>90th</b>	600	<b>114th</b>	480	<b>138th</b>	360
<b>19th</b>	1350	<b>43rd</b>	910	<b>67th</b>	721	<b>91st</b>	595	<b>115th</b>	475	<b>139th</b>	355
<b>20th</b>	1300	<b>44th</b>	900	<b>68th</b>	714	<b>92nd</b>	590	<b>116th</b>	470	<b>140th</b>	350
<b>21st</b>	1250	<b>45th</b>	890	<b>69th</b>	707	<b>93rd</b>	585	<b>117th</b>	465	<b>141st</b>	345
<b>22nd</b>	1225	<b>46th</b>	880	<b>70th</b>	700	<b>94th</b>	580	<b>118th</b>	460	<b>142nd</b>	340
<b>23rd</b>	1200	<b>47th</b>	870	<b>71st</b>	695	<b>95th</b>	575	<b>119th</b>	455	<b>143rd</b>	335
<b>24th</b>	1175	<b>48th</b>	860	<b>72nd</b>	690	<b>96th</b>	570	<b>120th</b>	450	<b>144th</b>	330

<b>STPGA Professional Championship</b>											
<b>1st</b>	6250	<b>25th</b>	1438	<b>49th</b>	1063	<b>73rd</b>	856	<b>97th</b>	706	<b>121st</b>	556
<b>2nd</b>	5000	<b>26th</b>	1406	<b>50th</b>	1050	<b>74th</b>	850	<b>98th</b>	700	<b>122nd</b>	550
<b>3rd</b>	4625	<b>27th</b>	1375	<b>51st</b>	1041	<b>75th</b>	844	<b>99th</b>	694	<b>123rd</b>	544
<b>4th</b>	4250	<b>28th</b>	1344	<b>52nd</b>	1033	<b>76th</b>	838	<b>100th</b>	688	<b>124th</b>	538
<b>5th</b>	3875	<b>29th</b>	1313	<b>53rd</b>	1024	<b>77th</b>	831	<b>101st</b>	681	<b>125th</b>	531
<b>6th</b>	3625	<b>30th</b>	1300	<b>54th</b>	1015	<b>78th</b>	825	<b>102nd</b>	675	<b>126th</b>	525
<b>7th</b>	3375	<b>31st</b>	1288	<b>55th</b>	1006	<b>79th</b>	819	<b>103rd</b>	669	<b>127th</b>	519
<b>8th</b>	3125	<b>32nd</b>	1275	<b>56th</b>	998	<b>80th</b>	813	<b>104th</b>	663	<b>128th</b>	513
<b>9th</b>	2875	<b>33rd</b>	1263	<b>57th</b>	989	<b>81st</b>	806	<b>105th</b>	656	<b>129th</b>	506
<b>10th</b>	2625	<b>34th</b>	1250	<b>58th</b>	980	<b>82nd</b>	800	<b>106th</b>	650	<b>130th</b>	500
<b>11th</b>	2500	<b>35th</b>	1238	<b>59th</b>	971	<b>83rd</b>	794	<b>107th</b>	644	<b>131st</b>	494
<b>12th</b>	2375	<b>36th</b>	1225	<b>60th</b>	963	<b>84th</b>	788	<b>108th</b>	638	<b>132nd</b>	488
<b>13th</b>	2250	<b>37th</b>	1213	<b>61st</b>	954	<b>85th</b>	781	<b>109th</b>	631	<b>133rd</b>	481
<b>14th</b>	2125	<b>38th</b>	1200	<b>62nd</b>	945	<b>86th</b>	775	<b>110th</b>	625	<b>134th</b>	475
<b>15th</b>	2000	<b>39th</b>	1188	<b>63rd</b>	936	<b>87th</b>	769	<b>111th</b>	619	<b>135th</b>	469
<b>16th</b>	1875	<b>40th</b>	1175	<b>64th</b>	928	<b>88th</b>	763	<b>112th</b>	613	<b>136th</b>	463
<b>17th</b>	1813	<b>41st</b>	1163	<b>65th</b>	919	<b>89th</b>	756	<b>113th</b>	606	<b>137th</b>	456
<b>18th</b>	1750	<b>42nd</b>	1150	<b>66th</b>	910	<b>90th</b>	750	<b>114th</b>	600	<b>138th</b>	450
<b>19th</b>	1688	<b>43rd</b>	1138	<b>67th</b>	901	<b>91st</b>	744	<b>115th</b>	594	<b>139th</b>	444
<b>20th</b>	1625	<b>44th</b>	1125	<b>68th</b>	893	<b>92nd</b>	738	<b>116th</b>	588	<b>140th</b>	438
<b>21st</b>	1563	<b>45th</b>	1113	<b>69th</b>	884	<b>93rd</b>	731	<b>117th</b>	581	<b>141st</b>	431
<b>22nd</b>	1531	<b>46th</b>	1100	<b>70th</b>	875	<b>94th</b>	725	<b>118th</b>	575	<b>142nd</b>	425
<b>23rd</b>	1500	<b>47th</b>	1088	<b>71st</b>	869	<b>95th</b>	719	<b>119th</b>	569	<b>143rd</b>	419
<b>24th</b>	1469	<b>48th</b>	1075	<b>72nd</b>	863	<b>96th</b>	713	<b>120th</b>	563	<b>144th</b>	413

<b>PGA Professional National Championship</b>															
<b>1st</b>	3100	<b>11th</b>	2800	<b>21st</b>	2500	<b>31st</b>	2200	<b>41st</b>	1900	<b>51st</b>	1600	<b>61st</b>	1300	<b>71st</b>	1030
<b>2nd</b>	3070	<b>12th</b>	2770	<b>22nd</b>	2470	<b>32nd</b>	2170	<b>42nd</b>	1870	<b>52nd</b>	1570	<b>62nd</b>	1270	<b>72nd</b>	1030
<b>3rd</b>	3040	<b>13th</b>	2740	<b>23rd</b>	2440	<b>33rd</b>	2140	<b>43rd</b>	1840	<b>53rd</b>	1540	<b>63rd</b>	1240	<b>73rd</b>	1030
<b>4th</b>	3010	<b>14th</b>	2710	<b>24th</b>	2410	<b>34th</b>	2110	<b>44th</b>	1810	<b>54th</b>	1510	<b>64th</b>	1210	<b>74th</b>	1030
<b>5th</b>	2980	<b>15th</b>	2680	<b>25th</b>	2380	<b>35th</b>	2080	<b>45th</b>	1780	<b>55th</b>	1480	<b>65th</b>	1180	<b>75th</b>	1030
<b>6th</b>	2950	<b>16th</b>	2650	<b>26th</b>	2350	<b>36th</b>	2050	<b>46th</b>	1750	<b>56th</b>	1450	<b>66th</b>	1150	<b>76th</b>	1030
<b>7th</b>	2920	<b>17th</b>	2620	<b>27th</b>	2320	<b>37th</b>	2020	<b>47th</b>	1720	<b>57th</b>	1420	<b>67th</b>	1120	<b>77th</b>	1030
<b>8th</b>	2890	<b>18th</b>	2590	<b>28th</b>	2290	<b>38th</b>	1990	<b>48th</b>	1690	<b>58th</b>	1390	<b>68th</b>	1090	<b>78th</b>	1030
<b>9th</b>	2860	<b>19th</b>	2560	<b>29th</b>	2260	<b>39th</b>	1960	<b>49th</b>	1660	<b>59th</b>	1360	<b>69th</b>	1060	<b>79th</b>	1030
<b>10th</b>	2830	<b>20th</b>	2530	<b>30th</b>	2230	<b>40th</b>	1930	<b>50th</b>	1630	<b>60th</b>	1330	<b>70th</b>	1030	<b>80th</b>	1030



<b>Match Play Championship</b>			
<b>Championship</b>		<b>Consolation</b>	
<b>1st</b>	5000	<b>1st</b>	1900
<b>2nd</b>	4000	<b>2nd</b>	1600
<b>T3rd</b>	3550	<b>T3rd</b>	1300
<b>T5th</b>	2800	<b>T5th</b>	1100
<b>T9th</b>	2000	<b>T9th</b>	950

<b>Match Play Championship (non-qualifiers)</b>							
<b>33rd</b>	910	<b>56th</b>	732	<b>79th</b>	605	<b>102nd</b>	490
<b>34th</b>	902	<b>57th</b>	725	<b>80th</b>	600	<b>103rd</b>	485
<b>35th</b>	894	<b>58th</b>	718	<b>81st</b>	595	<b>104th</b>	480
<b>36th</b>	886	<b>59th</b>	711	<b>82nd</b>	590	<b>105th</b>	475
<b>37th</b>	878	<b>60th</b>	704	<b>83rd</b>	585	<b>106th</b>	470
<b>38th</b>	870	<b>61st</b>	697	<b>84th</b>	580	<b>107th</b>	465
<b>39th</b>	862	<b>62nd</b>	690	<b>85th</b>	575	<b>108th</b>	460
<b>40th</b>	854	<b>63rd</b>	685	<b>86th</b>	570	<b>109th</b>	455
<b>41st</b>	846	<b>64th</b>	680	<b>87th</b>	565	<b>110th</b>	450
<b>42nd</b>	838	<b>65th</b>	675	<b>88th</b>	560	<b>111th</b>	445
<b>43rd</b>	830	<b>66th</b>	670	<b>89th</b>	555	<b>112th</b>	440
<b>44th</b>	822	<b>67th</b>	665	<b>90th</b>	550	<b>113th</b>	435
<b>45th</b>	814	<b>68th</b>	660	<b>91st</b>	545	<b>114th</b>	430
<b>46th</b>	806	<b>69th</b>	655	<b>92nd</b>	540	<b>115th</b>	425
<b>47th</b>	798	<b>70th</b>	650	<b>93rd</b>	535	<b>116th</b>	420
<b>48th</b>	790	<b>71st</b>	645	<b>94th</b>	530	<b>117th</b>	415
<b>49th</b>	782	<b>72nd</b>	640	<b>95th</b>	525	<b>118th</b>	410
<b>50th</b>	774	<b>73rd</b>	635	<b>96th</b>	520	<b>119th</b>	405
<b>51st</b>	767	<b>74th</b>	630	<b>97th</b>	515	<b>120th</b>	400
<b>52nd</b>	760	<b>75th</b>	625	<b>98th</b>	510		
<b>53rd</b>	753	<b>76th</b>	620	<b>99th</b>	505		
<b>54th</b>	746	<b>77th</b>	615	<b>100th</b>	500		
<b>55th</b>	739	<b>78th</b>	610	<b>101st</b>	495		

<b>STPGA Assistant Professional Championship</b>											
<b>1st</b>	6250	<b>25th</b>	1438	<b>49th</b>	1063	<b>73rd</b>	856	<b>97th</b>	706	<b>121st</b>	556
<b>2nd</b>	5000	<b>26th</b>	1406	<b>50th</b>	1050	<b>74th</b>	850	<b>98th</b>	700	<b>122nd</b>	550
<b>3rd</b>	4625	<b>27th</b>	1375	<b>51st</b>	1041	<b>75th</b>	844	<b>99th</b>	694	<b>123rd</b>	544
<b>4th</b>	4250	<b>28th</b>	1344	<b>52nd</b>	1033	<b>76th</b>	838	<b>100th</b>	688	<b>124th</b>	538
<b>5th</b>	3875	<b>29th</b>	1313	<b>53rd</b>	1024	<b>77th</b>	831	<b>101st</b>	681	<b>125th</b>	531
<b>6th</b>	3625	<b>30th</b>	1300	<b>54th</b>	1015	<b>78th</b>	825	<b>102nd</b>	675	<b>126th</b>	525
<b>7th</b>	3375	<b>31st</b>	1288	<b>55th</b>	1006	<b>79th</b>	819	<b>103rd</b>	669	<b>127th</b>	519
<b>8th</b>	3125	<b>32nd</b>	1275	<b>56th</b>	998	<b>80th</b>	813	<b>104th</b>	663	<b>128th</b>	513
<b>9th</b>	2875	<b>33rd</b>	1263	<b>57th</b>	989	<b>81st</b>	806	<b>105th</b>	656	<b>129th</b>	506
<b>10th</b>	2625	<b>34th</b>	1250	<b>58th</b>	980	<b>82nd</b>	800	<b>106th</b>	650	<b>130th</b>	500
<b>11th</b>	2500	<b>35th</b>	1238	<b>59th</b>	971	<b>83rd</b>	794	<b>107th</b>	644	<b>131st</b>	494
<b>12th</b>	2375	<b>36th</b>	1225	<b>60th</b>	963	<b>84th</b>	788	<b>108th</b>	638	<b>132nd</b>	488
<b>13th</b>	2250	<b>37th</b>	1213	<b>61st</b>	954	<b>85th</b>	781	<b>109th</b>	631	<b>133rd</b>	481
<b>14th</b>	2125	<b>38th</b>	1200	<b>62nd</b>	945	<b>86th</b>	775	<b>110th</b>	625	<b>134th</b>	475
<b>15th</b>	2000	<b>39th</b>	1188	<b>63rd</b>	936	<b>87th</b>	769	<b>111th</b>	619	<b>135th</b>	469
<b>16th</b>	1875	<b>40th</b>	1175	<b>64th</b>	928	<b>88th</b>	763	<b>112th</b>	613	<b>136th</b>	463
<b>17th</b>	1813	<b>41st</b>	1163	<b>65th</b>	919	<b>89th</b>	756	<b>113th</b>	606	<b>137th</b>	456
<b>18th</b>	1750	<b>42nd</b>	1150	<b>66th</b>	910	<b>90th</b>	750	<b>114th</b>	600	<b>138th</b>	450
<b>19th</b>	1688	<b>43rd</b>	1138	<b>67th</b>	901	<b>91st</b>	744	<b>115th</b>	594	<b>139th</b>	444
<b>20th</b>	1625	<b>44th</b>	1125	<b>68th</b>	893	<b>92nd</b>	738	<b>116th</b>	588	<b>140th</b>	438
<b>21st</b>	1563	<b>45th</b>	1113	<b>69th</b>	884	<b>93rd</b>	731	<b>117th</b>	581	<b>141st</b>	431
<b>22nd</b>	1531	<b>46th</b>	1100	<b>70th</b>	875	<b>94th</b>	725	<b>118th</b>	575	<b>142nd</b>	425
<b>23rd</b>	1500	<b>47th</b>	1088	<b>71st</b>	869	<b>95th</b>	719	<b>119th</b>	569	<b>143rd</b>	419
<b>24th</b>	1469	<b>48th</b>	1075	<b>72nd</b>	863	<b>96th</b>	713	<b>120th</b>	563	<b>144th</b>	413

This is based on order of finish in the field and not relative to finish against other A-8 players. Associates are not eligible to earn points in this event  
**Note: Points only applied for Levy Cup purposes.**

## Section 2. Senior Division Professional Points List

The Senior Division Professional Points will be awarded based on performance in the Senior Division of the Southern Texas PGA Major Tournaments, the STPGA Professional Championship, and the Senior PGA Professional National Championship. The STPGA Major Championships with a Senior Division are the Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Match Play Championship, and the STPGA Senior Professional Championship. Senior Division Players playing in the Southern Texas PGA Professional Championship will be awarded points based on their finishing position in the field. As stated in the Conditions of Competition of these regulations, there will be no separate tees for Senior Division Players at the STPGA Professional Championship. (Note: There are no Divisions in the STPGA Professional Championship and Points earned in the STPGA Professional Championship are included in the Senior Division Point List)

### Senior Division

Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships											
<b>1st</b>	5000	<b>25th</b>	1150	<b>49th</b>	850	<b>73rd</b>	685	<b>97th</b>	565	<b>121st</b>	445
<b>2nd</b>	4000	<b>26th</b>	1125	<b>50th</b>	840	<b>74th</b>	680	<b>98th</b>	560	<b>122nd</b>	440
<b>3rd</b>	3700	<b>27th</b>	1100	<b>51st</b>	833	<b>75th</b>	675	<b>99th</b>	555	<b>123rd</b>	435
<b>4th</b>	3400	<b>28th</b>	1075	<b>52nd</b>	826	<b>76th</b>	670	<b>100th</b>	550	<b>124th</b>	430
<b>5th</b>	3100	<b>29th</b>	1050	<b>53rd</b>	819	<b>77th</b>	665	<b>101st</b>	545	<b>125th</b>	425
<b>6th</b>	2900	<b>30th</b>	1040	<b>54th</b>	812	<b>78th</b>	660	<b>102nd</b>	540	<b>126th</b>	420
<b>7th</b>	2700	<b>31st</b>	1030	<b>55th</b>	805	<b>79th</b>	655	<b>103rd</b>	535	<b>127th</b>	415
<b>8th</b>	2500	<b>32nd</b>	1020	<b>56th</b>	798	<b>80th</b>	650	<b>104th</b>	530	<b>128th</b>	410
<b>9th</b>	2300	<b>33rd</b>	1010	<b>57th</b>	791	<b>81st</b>	645	<b>105th</b>	525	<b>129th</b>	405
<b>10th</b>	2100	<b>34th</b>	1000	<b>58th</b>	784	<b>82nd</b>	640	<b>106th</b>	520	<b>130th</b>	400
<b>11th</b>	2000	<b>35th</b>	990	<b>59th</b>	777	<b>83rd</b>	635	<b>107th</b>	515	<b>131st</b>	395
<b>12th</b>	1900	<b>36th</b>	980	<b>60th</b>	770	<b>84th</b>	630	<b>108th</b>	510	<b>132nd</b>	390
<b>13th</b>	1800	<b>37th</b>	970	<b>61st</b>	763	<b>85th</b>	625	<b>109th</b>	505	<b>133rd</b>	385
<b>14th</b>	1700	<b>38th</b>	960	<b>62nd</b>	756	<b>86th</b>	620	<b>110th</b>	500	<b>134th</b>	380
<b>15th</b>	1600	<b>39th</b>	950	<b>63rd</b>	749	<b>87th</b>	615	<b>111th</b>	495	<b>135th</b>	375
<b>16th</b>	1500	<b>40th</b>	940	<b>64th</b>	742	<b>88th</b>	610	<b>112th</b>	490	<b>136th</b>	370
<b>17th</b>	1450	<b>41st</b>	930	<b>65th</b>	735	<b>89th</b>	605	<b>113th</b>	485	<b>137th</b>	365
<b>18th</b>	1400	<b>42nd</b>	920	<b>66th</b>	728	<b>90th</b>	600	<b>114th</b>	480	<b>138th</b>	360
<b>19th</b>	1350	<b>43rd</b>	910	<b>67th</b>	721	<b>91st</b>	595	<b>115th</b>	475	<b>139th</b>	355
<b>20th</b>	1300	<b>44th</b>	900	<b>68th</b>	714	<b>92nd</b>	590	<b>116th</b>	470	<b>140th</b>	350
<b>21st</b>	1250	<b>45th</b>	890	<b>69th</b>	707	<b>93rd</b>	585	<b>117th</b>	465	<b>141st</b>	345
<b>22nd</b>	1225	<b>46th</b>	880	<b>70th</b>	700	<b>94th</b>	580	<b>118th</b>	460	<b>142nd</b>	340
<b>23rd</b>	1200	<b>47th</b>	870	<b>71st</b>	695	<b>95th</b>	575	<b>119th</b>	455	<b>143rd</b>	335
<b>24th</b>	1175	<b>48th</b>	860	<b>72nd</b>	690	<b>96th</b>	570	<b>120th</b>	450	<b>144th</b>	330

<b>STPGA Senior Professional Championship</b>											
<b>1st</b>	6250	<b>25th</b>	1438	<b>49th</b>	1063	<b>73rd</b>	856	<b>97th</b>	706	<b>121st</b>	556
<b>2nd</b>	5000	<b>26th</b>	1406	<b>50th</b>	1050	<b>74th</b>	850	<b>98th</b>	700	<b>122nd</b>	550
<b>3rd</b>	4625	<b>27th</b>	1375	<b>51st</b>	1041	<b>75th</b>	844	<b>99th</b>	694	<b>123rd</b>	544
<b>4th</b>	4250	<b>28th</b>	1344	<b>52nd</b>	1033	<b>76th</b>	838	<b>100th</b>	688	<b>124th</b>	538
<b>5th</b>	3875	<b>29th</b>	1313	<b>53rd</b>	1024	<b>77th</b>	831	<b>101st</b>	681	<b>125th</b>	531
<b>6th</b>	3625	<b>30th</b>	1300	<b>54th</b>	1015	<b>78th</b>	825	<b>102nd</b>	675	<b>126th</b>	525
<b>7th</b>	3375	<b>31st</b>	1288	<b>55th</b>	1006	<b>79th</b>	819	<b>103rd</b>	669	<b>127th</b>	519
<b>8th</b>	3125	<b>32nd</b>	1275	<b>56th</b>	998	<b>80th</b>	813	<b>104th</b>	663	<b>128th</b>	513
<b>9th</b>	2875	<b>33rd</b>	1263	<b>57th</b>	989	<b>81st</b>	806	<b>105th</b>	656	<b>129th</b>	506
<b>10th</b>	2625	<b>34th</b>	1250	<b>58th</b>	980	<b>82nd</b>	800	<b>106th</b>	650	<b>130th</b>	500
<b>11th</b>	2500	<b>35th</b>	1238	<b>59th</b>	971	<b>83rd</b>	794	<b>107th</b>	644	<b>131st</b>	494
<b>12th</b>	2375	<b>36th</b>	1225	<b>60th</b>	963	<b>84th</b>	788	<b>108th</b>	638	<b>132nd</b>	488
<b>13th</b>	2250	<b>37th</b>	1213	<b>61st</b>	954	<b>85th</b>	781	<b>109th</b>	631	<b>133rd</b>	481
<b>14th</b>	2125	<b>38th</b>	1200	<b>62nd</b>	945	<b>86th</b>	775	<b>110th</b>	625	<b>134th</b>	475
<b>15th</b>	2000	<b>39th</b>	1188	<b>63rd</b>	936	<b>87th</b>	769	<b>111th</b>	619	<b>135th</b>	469
<b>16th</b>	1875	<b>40th</b>	1175	<b>64th</b>	928	<b>88th</b>	763	<b>112th</b>	613	<b>136th</b>	463
<b>17th</b>	1813	<b>41st</b>	1163	<b>65th</b>	919	<b>89th</b>	756	<b>113th</b>	606	<b>137th</b>	456
<b>18th</b>	1750	<b>42nd</b>	1150	<b>66th</b>	910	<b>90th</b>	750	<b>114th</b>	600	<b>138th</b>	450
<b>19th</b>	1688	<b>43rd</b>	1138	<b>67th</b>	901	<b>91st</b>	744	<b>115th</b>	594	<b>139th</b>	444
<b>20th</b>	1625	<b>44th</b>	1125	<b>68th</b>	893	<b>92nd</b>	738	<b>116th</b>	588	<b>140th</b>	438
<b>21st</b>	1563	<b>45th</b>	1113	<b>69th</b>	884	<b>93rd</b>	731	<b>117th</b>	581	<b>141st</b>	431
<b>22nd</b>	1531	<b>46th</b>	1100	<b>70th</b>	875	<b>94th</b>	725	<b>118th</b>	575	<b>142nd</b>	425
<b>23rd</b>	1500	<b>47th</b>	1088	<b>71st</b>	869	<b>95th</b>	719	<b>119th</b>	569	<b>143rd</b>	419
<b>24th</b>	1469	<b>48th</b>	1075	<b>72nd</b>	863	<b>96th</b>	713	<b>120th</b>	563	<b>144th</b>	413

<b>Senior Division Match Play Championship</b>			
<b>Championship</b>		<b>Consolation</b>	
<b>1st</b>	5000	<b>1st</b>	2300
<b>2nd</b>	4000	<b>2nd</b>	2100
<b>T3rd</b>	3550	<b>T3rd</b>	1950
<b>T5th</b>	2800	<b>T5th</b>	1650

*Note: In the event more than 16 entries are received for the Senior Division of the Match Play Championship non-qualifiers will not receive points*

### **PGA Senior Professional National Championship**

<b>1st</b>	3100	<b>11th</b>	2800	<b>21st</b>	2500	<b>31st</b>	2200	<b>41st</b>	1900	<b>51st</b>	1600	<b>61st</b>	1300	<b>71st</b>	1030
<b>2nd</b>	3070	<b>12th</b>	2770	<b>22nd</b>	2470	<b>32nd</b>	2170	<b>42nd</b>	1870	<b>52nd</b>	1570	<b>62nd</b>	1270	<b>72nd</b>	1030
<b>3rd</b>	3040	<b>13th</b>	2740	<b>23rd</b>	2440	<b>33rd</b>	2140	<b>43rd</b>	1840	<b>53rd</b>	1540	<b>63rd</b>	1240	<b>73rd</b>	1030
<b>4th</b>	3010	<b>14th</b>	2710	<b>24th</b>	2410	<b>34th</b>	2110	<b>44th</b>	1810	<b>54th</b>	1510	<b>64th</b>	1210	<b>74th</b>	1030
<b>5th</b>	2980	<b>15th</b>	2680	<b>25th</b>	2380	<b>35th</b>	2080	<b>45th</b>	1780	<b>55th</b>	1480	<b>65th</b>	1180	<b>75th</b>	1030
<b>6th</b>	2950	<b>16th</b>	2650	<b>26th</b>	2350	<b>36th</b>	2050	<b>46th</b>	1750	<b>56th</b>	1450	<b>66th</b>	1150	<b>76th</b>	1030
<b>7th</b>	2920	<b>17th</b>	2620	<b>27th</b>	2320	<b>37th</b>	2020	<b>47th</b>	1720	<b>57th</b>	1420	<b>67th</b>	1120	<b>77th</b>	1030
<b>8th</b>	2890	<b>18th</b>	2590	<b>28th</b>	2290	<b>38th</b>	1990	<b>48th</b>	1690	<b>58th</b>	1390	<b>68th</b>	1090	<b>78th</b>	1030
<b>9th</b>	2860	<b>19th</b>	2560	<b>29th</b>	2260	<b>39th</b>	1960	<b>49th</b>	1660	<b>59th</b>	1360	<b>69th</b>	1060	<b>79th</b>	1030
<b>10th</b>	2830	<b>20th</b>	2530	<b>30th</b>	2230	<b>40th</b>	1930	<b>50th</b>	1630	<b>60th</b>	1330	<b>70th</b>	1030	<b>80th</b>	1030

<b>Senior Division Points Distribution for STPGA Professional Championship</b>									
<b>1st</b>	3125	<b>6th</b>	1812.5	<b>11th</b>	1250	<b>16th</b>	937.5	<b>21st</b>	781.5
<b>2nd</b>	2500	<b>7th</b>	1687.5	<b>12th</b>	1187.5	<b>17th</b>	906.5	<b>22nd</b>	765.5
<b>3rd</b>	2312.5	<b>8th</b>	1562.5	<b>13th</b>	1125	<b>18th</b>	875	<b>23rd</b>	750
<b>4th</b>	2125	<b>9th</b>	1437.5	<b>14th</b>	1062.5	<b>19th</b>	844	<b>24th</b>	734.5
<b>5th</b>	1937.5	<b>10th</b>	1312.5	<b>15th</b>	1000	<b>20th</b>	812.5	<b>25th</b>	719
<b>This is based on order of finish in the field and not relative to finish against other Senior Division players</b>									

### **Section 3. Player of the Year – Open and Senior Divisions**

Annually the Southern Texas PGA will recognize the top finishers on the respective point lists including a Player of the Year and a Senior Player of the Year. These awards will be given to the individuals that accumulate the highest totals.

Senior age is determined by the individual’s age as of the first round of the event.

### **Section 4. Playing Opportunities Determined by Points List or other Competitive Basis**

At such time as these opportunities are available the playing spots will be awarded as described below.

#### **PGA Tour Tournament Exemptions**

The previous year Player of the Year will receive first choice of an exemption into the PGA Tour Tournaments held traditionally in the Houston and San Antonio areas each year. The current STPGA Professional Champion will receive second choice of any such exemptions. Should during any calendar year additional such exemptions become available, the previous year Player of the Year Points List would determine the priority for awarding these opportunities.

Any exemptions from Pre-Qualifying for PGA Tour events awarded to the Southern Texas PGA will be given to the leading finishers on the previous year Player of the Year point list. In the event an individual is previously exempt from the Pre-Qualifying or declines the opportunity, the next available finisher will be offered the exemption.

#### **PGA Champions Tour Pre-Qualifying Exemptions**

The Southern Texas PGA Senior Players (Ages 50 and over) in order of finish on the STPGA Senior Player of the Year points list will receive the additional playing benefits available to the STPGA. This includes the Senior Representative position on the Texas Joe Black Cup Team and any exemptions from Pre-Qualifying for Champions Tour events. Traditionally the Senior PGA Professional Championship is held after the STPGA Professional Championship; as such points from the Senior PGA Professional Championship would not count toward determining the Senior Representatives for the Levy Cup Matches.

The previous year Senior Player of the Year will receive first choice of an exemption into the Open Qualifying for the PGA Champions Tour Tournaments held traditionally in the

Houston and San Antonio areas each year. The current STPGA Senior Professional Champion will receive second choice of any such exemptions. Should during any calendar year additional such exemptions become available, the previous year highest finishing Seniors on the STPGA Senior Player of the Year Point List would determine the priority for awarding these opportunities.

Commitments from these individuals to participate in the additional playing opportunities should be received by December 31 of the year prior to the year of the playing opportunities. If such commitment is not received by the Southern Texas PGA, then the Executive Director will assign the respective choices for these individuals.

Note: The eligibility requirements of the PGA Tour, Champions Tour, or other events will supersede the STPGA's definition or requirements. If this is the case the next highest individual on the respective points list would receive the benefit.

### **Section 5. Texas Joe Black Cup Matches**

The Texas Joe Black Cup Matches are an annual Ryder Cup-style tournament pitting twelve Southern Texas PGA Members against their counterparts from the Northern Texas PGA. The purpose of the tournament is to honor former PGA of America President Joe Black and stimulate the fraternal aspect of the Association between the two PGA Sections in Texas. The STPGA Board of Directors will select a Southern Texas PGA Member to serve as captain of the team each year. The specific rules of the tournament are detailed in the Captain's Agreement executed at the time of Captain selection. At the conclusion of the Southern Texas PGA Professional Championship the STPGA Team of 12 players will be determined as follows:

- ❑ Section President
- ❑ The top ten (10) eligibly employed Class A-1, A-4, or A-13 Southern Texas PGA Members determined by the STPGA Open Division Player of the Year Point List as determined at the conclusion of the STPGA Professional Championship.
- ❑ One (1) At-Large eligibly employed Class A-1, A-4, or A-13 Southern Texas PGA Member selected by the Captain.

Note: Any changes in classification or employment within 30 days of the Official Practice Round of the Matches will not impact the composition of team.

### **Section 6. Levy Cup Matches**

The Levy Cup Matches are an annual Ryder Cup-style tournament pitting twelve Southern Texas PGA Members against their counterparts from the Northern Texas PGA. The purpose of the tournament is to honor PGA of America President Paul Levy, stimulate the fraternal aspect of the Association between the two PGA Sections in Texas and create a mentorship experience between Assistant Professionals and Senior Members. The STPGA Board of Directors will select a Southern Texas PGA Member to serve as captain of the team each year. The specific rules of the tournament are detailed in the Captain's Agreement executed at the time of Captain selection. At the conclusion of the Southern Texas PGA Assistant Professional Championship the STPGA Team of 12 players will be determined as follows:

- ❑ The top six (6) employed class A-8 Southern Texas PGA Members determined by the STPGA Open Division Player of the Year Points list. Assistants must be eligibly

employed as an A-8 within the Section prior to the first round of the Professional Championship or Assistants' Championship, whichever is contested last.

- ❑ The top six (6) Southern Texas PGA Members of any classification, that are classified in the Southern Texas PGA, and have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the first round of competition at the Southern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship, determined by the STPGA Senior Division Player of the Year Points List.

Note: Any changes in classification or employment within 30 days of the official Practice Round of the Matches will not impact the composition of team.

## ARTICLE IX

### **PRIZE MONEY**

#### **Section 1. Prize Money Breakdown**

In the following events, 33% of the starting field will be paid: Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Professional Championship, Senior Professional Championship, Assistant Professional Championship, Kickoff Pro-Pro, 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Texas Team Championship, Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro, Western Chapter Pro-Pro, Southern Chapter Pro-Pro, and Fall Pro-Assistant.

The Match Play Championship, Pro-Pro Am-Am, and Texas Senior Open will have a separate prize money breakdown.

The Southern Texas PGA reserves the right to determine individual percentages.

#### **Section 2. Day Money**

Any player who finishes in the bottom half of the field after Round 1 will be eligible for a Final Round Day Money competition. Entry is \$20 per player and cash will be collected at #1 and #10 tees before each group tees off. The competition will only take Round 2 scores into consideration and the top three finishers split the pool as follows: 50% 1st, 30% for 2nd and 20% for 3rd.

#### **Section 3. Skins Game**

At STPGA Major Championships, participants are eligible for a STPGA Sponsored skins game unless they are in the Top 24 of the current STPGA Points List, Top 6 of the current STPGA Senior Points List, or PGA Class A-3 Members and special exempt players (Such as but not limited to: Members of other PGA Sections and non-PGA Professionals when the eligibility and entry criteria for the event allow) are considered as being in the top 24 on the point list. Skins will be distributed to sole winners of a hole. If there is no winner in a round, skins will carry-over to the next round. Should a carry-over occur on the final round, skins will be distributed to the players on the least tied hole of the final round.

During the first two majors of the year, the prior year's points list would be referenced for this purpose. In the remaining majors, the current points list would be referenced. The points list referenced will be considered current as of the registration open date for the major event. The STPGA Major Tournaments are the Match Play Championship, Spring Classic Championship, the Memorial Championship, the Tradition Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship.

**Section 4. Ace Club**

The Southern Texas PGA has created the STPGA Ace Club presented by Texoma Golf for Members and Associates of the STPGA.

You can join the Ace Club for an annual fee of \$25 and it will add a new level of excitement to competition in STPGA events. A friendly reminder that you *only need to register ONCE* for the Ace Club. Your one registration makes you eligible for all of the designated tournaments listed below.

Ace Club members that score a hole-in-one during a designated STPGA tournament in 2020 will split the money in the pool and the pool will include \$1000 from our presenting sponsor, Texoma Golf! The payout will take place at the end of the year.

*\*\*\*You must join the Ace Club prior to scoring a hole-in-one for it to count toward the year-end split\*\*\**

<b><u>DESIGNATED TOURNAMNETS FOR 2020 SEASON</u></b>
Kickoff Pro-Pro
Pro-Pro Match Play
Spring Classic
Match Play Championship
STPGA Assistant Professional Championship
STPGA Senior Professional Championship
9/9/9 Pro-Pro
Texas Team Championship (STPGA Members Only)
Tradition Championship
Memorial Championship
STPGA Professional Championship
Pro-Pro Match Play Championship Finals
STPGA Fall Pro-Assistant
Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro
Western Chapter Pro-Pro
Southern Chapter Pro-Pro



**PGA**

Southern Texas Section

## Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Event Request Form

(Please copy if making more than one request)

<b>Facility:</b>
<b>Professional:</b>
<b>Name of Event:</b>
<b>Type of Event:</b>
<b>Format:</b>
<b>Sponsor:</b>
<b>Requested Date:</b> <b>1st Choice:</b>
<b>2nd Choice:</b>
<b>3rd Choice:</b>

Events appearing on the STPGA Tournament calendar are considered to be sanctioned. STPGA Members and Associates may request to have an event sanctioned by submitting a request in writing to the STPGA Section Office. Acceptance of an event as sanctioned is at the sole discretion of the Section.

For all sanctioned events, at the host professional's discretion, the Section will distribute an entry form to all Section Members, Associates, and Pre-Associates, and communicate results to the local media outlets.

The Tournament Regulations can be found online at [www.stpga.com](http://www.stpga.com).

As host Professional, I will perform the duties outlined in the STPGA Tournament Regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax this signed form to the Southern Texas PGA at 832-442-2403 or scan and email to [zahale@pgahq.com](mailto:zahale@pgahq.com)**





## **Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Event Request Confirmation**

Thank you for agreeing to place your event on the Southern Texas PGA calendar. As a Sanctioned Event, you are entitled to several benefits and have a few obligations.

<b>Benefits</b>
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- 1) Your event will be listed on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Calendar. A hyperlink from the STPGA Tournament Calendar will direct viewers to a webpage describing the details of your event.
- 2) The STPGA will create a printable version of your entry form that can be downloaded from the webpage.
- 3) Your event will be promoted in the STPGA electronic Newsletter
- 4) The STPGA will send one reminder email to all STPGA Members and Associates about your event.
- 5) The date of your event will be protected from other similar competing events within your Chapter. While the STPGA cannot dictate what events our Members can participate, the STPGA does have a conflicting event rule. This rule is detailed within the Tournament Rules and Regulations and posted in the private view of [www.stpga.com](http://www.stpga.com). Basically, Members or Associates participating in a conflicting event are subject to losing their privilege of participating in other STPGA tournaments.
- 6) The Southern Texas PGA will process your Professional purse payout if desired. Once funds are received, the STPGA will submit the purse payout for processing. The STPGA will also track and manage any IRS Form 1099 reporting requirements.

<b>Obligations</b>
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- 1) You are agreeing to abide by the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations. This primarily includes only allowing Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates in good standing to participate. PGA Members or Associates from other Sections are allowed to participate, assuming they are also in good standing with the PGA of America. These rules are detailed within the Tournament Rules and Regulations and at [www.stpga.com](http://www.stpga.com).
- 2) The Professional Purse payout will be within the guidelines established in the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations.



# PGA

Southern Texas Section

## Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Event Request Confirmation

*Name of Event as it will appear on STPGA Event Calendar:*

*Please process the payout of the Professional Purse for my event:* Yes No (Circle One)

*The attached printable entry form is approved:*

As Submitted      As Submitted with changes noted      (Circle One)

*Electronic Promotional Issues for your event:*

*Approximate email blast date:*

The Tournament Regulations can be found online at [www.stpga.com](http://www.stpga.com).

As the PGA Professional responsible for this event, I will perform the duties outlined in the STPGA Tournament Regulations and this agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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