



PGA

Central New York Section

CNY PGA PRE-APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Introduction....

Thank you for your interest in the Professional Golfers' Association of America. Hopefully, through previous contact with others in the profession you have been made aware of the many opportunities that are available to you in the golf business.

The information included in this packet offers a brief description of the PGA of America, the Central New York Section, and the Pre-Apprentice program that has been designed to help newcomers to the golf profession. Remember as you read through this material, the Central New York PGA staff is only a phone call away.

The PGA of America

The PGA of America is a member organization of more than 28,000 member and apprentice golf professionals, constituting the largest working sports organization in the world. The PGA functions as a service organization to its Member professionals, providing continuing education, personal development, employment services, competitive tournaments and specialty certification. In addition, there are several benevolent functions the PGA provides to members, their families and the entire golfing community.

The Central New York Section, PGA

To provide these member benefits at the local level, the PGA is divided into 41 subsidiaries, or Sections, hence the name - Central New York Section, PGA of America. Sections assist the National office by administering programs, providing local support and governance, and running a tournament program for our professionals. With nearly 200 PGA Members and Apprentices, the golf professionals of the CNY PGA are dedicated to promoting the great game of golf. From Binghamton to Thousand Islands, Utica to Seneca Falls, men, women senior and junior golfers across Central New York are treated to a higher standard of golfing experience, thanks to the CNY PGA professional.

The CNY PGA's governance structure is similar to that of the PGA of America. The Section has three Officers, plus six other Directors that sit on the Board. The Officers are elected every two years, while the directors are elected to three year terms. This body is responsible for formulating the direction of the Association. An Executive Director has been hired to run the business of the Section, and is responsible for hiring staff to run the programs.

CNY PGA Board of Directors:

Richard Winstead, PGA - *President*
Bob Fuller, PGA - *VP/Treasurer*
Sean Dadey, PGA - *Secretary*
Steve Nacewicz, PGA - *Honorary President*
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Jon Fowler, PGA - *Oswego CC*
Dustin Jones, PGA - *Deer Run Golf Facility*
Trey Walewski, PGA - *Timber Banks GC*
Will Weimer, PGA - *Stone Creek GC*
Martha Wells, PGA - *CC of Ithaca*

CNY PGA Section Staff:

Alan Seamans - *Executive Director*
Ben Mastronardi - *Tournament Director*
Ryan McGinnis - *Player Development*
Trish Wheeler - *Membership Director*

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Steps to PGA Membership....

The CNY PGA staff and Board recognize that the most difficult times for an aspiring golf professional is during the first year in “the business”. Many assistant golf professionals are not aware of how to get started or even whom to turn to for guidance. In light of this, the CNY PGA has developed a program to provide assistance to the young men and women working for our Members and striving to join the PGA. The *CNY PGA Pre-Apprentice Program* will allow you access to Section education seminars, tournaments, employment bulletins, updates on the PGA Professional Golf Management Program (PGA PGM) and PAT schedules, and staff assistance as you progress through the PGA PGM.

There are some important facts you need to know regarding the Pre-Apprentice Program:

♦ The Pre-Apprentice Program is a Central New York PGA program and all fees collected for the program are retained by the Central New York Section. The PGA of America will not recognize you as an Apprentice until you have registered through Headquarters and passed the pre-qualifying courses.

♦ As a Pre-Apprentice, you are not covered by any of the insurance policies of the Central New York Section PGA or the PGA of America. Though not a requirement, you should have personal injury and liability insurance prior to participating in any Central New York PGA programs.

♦ **The Pre-Apprentice Program lasts 18 months.** Your “time” begins when your application is accepted by our office. *If at the end of the 18 month Pre-Apprenticeship you have not yet registered in the PGA PGM, you will no longer have access to any of the programs listed above.*

♦ The Pre-Apprentice Program is optional. You need not enter the program to become an Apprentice in the PGA PGM, nor will you be hampered in any way from entering the same. The program was developed solely to assist and provide guidance for those attempting to fulfill the PGA PGM prerequisites.

How do I Become a Pre-Apprentice?

Prerequisites for acceptance as a Pre-Apprentice**

1. High School diploma or equivalent.
2. You must be eligibly employed as defined by the PGA of America.
3. Submit dues in the amount of \$125, payable to the CNY PGA each season

**Note: A person previously enrolled as an Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice may reapply one time for a CNY PGA Pre-Apprenticeship provided all above requirements are met. Your Pre-Apprenticeship will expire after your PGA PGMP application has been accepted.

Apprentice Stage - Professional Golf Management Program

To become a member of the PGA, an individual must complete an apprenticeship called the PGA Professional Golf Management Program (PGMP). This is an educational program administered by the National office, which has been developed to assist individuals employed as assistant golf professionals to gain the necessary tools to succeed as eventual head professionals.

Prerequisites for admission to the PGM:

1. High School diploma or equivalent.
2. You must have passed the entry requirement portion and the pre-testing requirements for registration. For more information visit www.pga.org “How to become a member”.
3. You must be employed under the supervision of a PGA Member and have an approved classification. Job descriptions which meet eligible employment standards are also available at www.pga.org.



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Pre-Apprentice Program Application

Please complete this form and return it, along with your check for \$125 to:
5011 Jamesville Rd. Jamesville, NY 13078

Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____
Last First MI
Social Security #: ____/____/____ U.S. Citizen?(please circle) Yes No
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender(please circle): Male Female
Home Address: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Education Information

High School Graduate: Yes No Graduation Year: _____
College Graduate: Yes No Graduation Year: _____ Degree: _____
College/University Name: _____

Employment Information

Job Title (please circle): Assistant Professional Head Professional
Facility Name: _____
Facility Address: _____
Facility Phone #: ____ - ____ - ____ Facility Fax #: ____ - ____ - ____
Date you began employment at above facility: _____
Expected end of Season date: _____ # of hours worked per week: _____

Required Signatures

I hereby make application for registration in the Central New York Section PGA Pre-Apprentice Program. I agree to abide by all present and future rules and regulations of the Central New York Section PGA.

Applicant Signature

Date

Supervisor's Signature

Print Name

Date

Payment Information

Payment Method (please circle): Visa MasterCard Check
Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Name on Card: _____
Billing Address for card: _____

For Office Use Only: Date Application Received: _____ Check #: _____