The PGA in England and Wales

2027 Terms of Competition - Pro-am Events

1. General

1.1. The PGA Regulations apply to all tournaments organised and administered by The PGA in England and Wales

1.2. The PGA Pro-am events are open to all members of The PGA and registered Trainees

1.3. The tournaments will be played under the R&A Rules of Golf, the 2027 PGA Tournament Local Rules and Terms of Competition hard card and each tournament's Additional Local Rules as determined by the PGA Tournament Director

1.4. All players are required to register in person with the tournament office at least 1 hour before their scheduled tee time. Failure to comply may result in a £50 fine

2. Eligibility

2.1. All PGA members and registered PGA Trainees.

2.2. Players invited to play by the host and/or sponsor subject to the approval of the PGA.

3. Entry Priority

3.1 Sponsors/Club invites.
3.2 PGA Professional that brings and plays with their own team (subject to availability).
3.3 Individual defending champion. If tied countback will be applied in the same way as clause 8.5
3.4 All remaining entries will be allocated at the closing date (subject to availability)

4. Method of Entry & Fees

4.1. Professional entries must be made through players club accounts on BlueGolf by the event closing date via the on-line tournament system at http://www.pga.info/

4.2. The entry fee for each event is £40 (unless otherwise stated), which sum will be collected via BlueGolf after the closing date, subject to the entry being accepted into the field

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5. Format

5.1. Unless otherwise notified each event will comprise 2 concurrent contests

5.1.1. A Professional individual contest of 18 holes stroke play
5.1.2. A Team contest of 18 holes stableford or stroke play format, counting the best 2 stableford or stroke play scores of 4 team members comprising of 1 professional and 3 amateur players

5.2. Maximum playing handicaps, par adjustment, designated courses, teeing areas, pars and stroke indexes will be notified prior to play

5.3. An 85% handicap allowance for amateurs will be applied

5.4. All amateurs will play on their designated course, using the applicable teeing areas, course ratings, slope ratings, pars and stroke indexes. After playing handicaps have been calculated, par adjustment will be added or deducted as appropriate, according to the relative par of their designated course and the contest format (stableford or stroke play)

5.5. Course handicaps, playing handicaps and par adjustment will all be calculated in line with the current World Handicapping System Rules of Handicapping, Rule 6.2

5.6. Amateur players should have a current official WHS Handicap Index. Handicap certificates or current CDH numbers may be required for prize-winning amateur players

5.7. Professional players who hold an official WHS Handicap Index must play off scratch

6. Withdrawals & Absence

6.1. In accordance with PGA Regulations Part 6B Sections 12 & 13 (extracts below)

- A player who withdraws their entry after the closing date for entries will be charged a withdrawal fee of £35
- A player whose withdrawal is notified only within seven (7) days of his starting time shall be charged a withdrawal fee of £70
- A player whose withdrawal is not notified by noon on the day before the start of the tournament or who is absent from a tournament without notice of his withdrawal shall be fined the sum of £250 and shall be liable to suspension

Withdrawal fees and fines levied on Trainees shall be one-half of the of the fines specified in the Constitution and Regulations to be levied upon a Member (PGA Regulations Part 4 Section 11)

A copy of the Regulations is available on the members area of the PGA website, under my PGA, Association Resources.

6.2. Anyone wishing to withdraw from an event after the closing date for entries must contact the Tournament Director for the event.

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6.3. Any eligible player shall act in accordance with Part 6A Section 3 of the Regulations relating to participation in conflicting events

7. Dress Code

7.1. In accordance with PGA Regulations, training shoes or denim jeans are **not** permitted at any PGA event

7.2. Tailored shorts may be worn prior to play and during play at PGA Pro-am events, provided this complies with the dress code of the host venue. See the Tournament Information Page (TIP) on BlueGolf for full details.

7.3. Caddies are the responsibility of the member and **must** comply with the host club dress rules

7.4. Dress code for after play is either jacket and tie or smart casual / golf clothing, and will be notified on the Tournament Information Page (TIP) on BlueGolf and by email prior to each event.

8. Prize Fund, Amateur Prize Table & Decision of Ties

8.1. The proposed prize fund for each event will be shown on the appropriate tournament webpage for guideline purposes only. All prize funds are subject to a 6% levy (unless otherwise stated)

8.2. Variations in prize fund structure may be requested by the host/sponsor. Finalised prize funds will be agreed with the PGA and published before the commencement of play

8.3. Ties for professional prizes will not be resolved and will be shared equally between tied players

8.4. Ties for team prizes will be resolved by card-countback over holes 10 to 18 unless otherwise notified. Ties will be decided by best back 9, 6, 3 & 1. If still unresolved, card match-play from the 1st hole will decide remaining ties.

8.5. Prize fund payments will be made by BACS transfer or Cheque, usually by the host venue. Players winning prize money will be notified by the PGA to contact the host club by email with their bank account details. Occasionally, prize fund payments are made by the PGA directly to players. Please ensure the Association has your correct bank account details

9. Prize Presentations

9.1. The leading 3 professional players and ties in both individual and team event must attend the prize presentation, unless otherwise stated on the Tournament information page. Penalty for breach of rule £200

9.2. The dress code for players receiving awards in a prize presentation will be as in paragraph 7.3 above and will be notified in advance of the tournament on the TIP and by email. Failure to comply may result in a £100 fine

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10. Practice

10.1. **All PGA courtesy rounds (including tournament practice rounds)**

- When a player wishes to have a practice round at the tournament venue prior to the tournament, they must confirm beforehand with the host club professional or secretary that this will be possible on the day and time that they wish to play
- Once permission has been granted all players must comply with the instructions of the golf club officials with regard to club rules and which tees may be used during the practice round

FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE GUIDELINES MAY LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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