



SOUTHERN TEXAS SECTION

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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 Section Championship, Player's Cup, Tradition Championship, Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Pro-Pro Match Play Championship, Pro-Pro Championship, Texas Team Championship, STPGA Assistant Professional Championship, STPGA Senior Professional Championship, Texas Joe Black Cup Matches, Levy Cup Matches, 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:

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.

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 four (4) event rule which does not allow playing in more than four (4) combined events on tours and events as determined by the PGA of America in the twelve (12) months preceding the tournament in question. U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship are not included in the 4-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: University PGA Golf Management Students who are actively enrolled in the Sam Houston State University PGA Golf Management Program or actively employed on an Internship from any PGA Accredited University Program within the confines of the Southern Texas PGA Section will be eligible to participate in STPGA 1-Day Events (excluding the Southern Texas Assistant PGA Professional Championship) and all STPGA Team Events. All Students will be required to declare whether they intend to compete as an Amateur or Professional at the time of registration. Any student who declares as an Amateur and wins prize money in the event will be paid out via gift card up to a maximum of \$1,000. University PGA Golf Management Students are not covered under the PGA of America Liability Insurance.

Note #2: Active Members, who become unemployed, shall enter a one (6) month grace period in which they will still be able to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments. This six (6) month 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 #3: Associates, who become unemployed, shall enter a grace period of three (3) months or until the end of the Membership year on June 30 as defined by the PGA of America, whichever occurs first, in which they will be able to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments. After such a time, the Associate will no longer be eligible to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments. This policy will not apply for any Associate 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.

Compensation Profile:

In order to participate in any STPGA Sanctioned Event and Education Offering, PGA Members and Associates must have updated their Compensation Profiles on PGA.org no earlier than January 1st of the current year.

Priority Entry Deadline: Tournaments with a Priority Entry Deadline will be restricted to Priority #1 Entries until one week prior to the deadline. After this deadline, registered players in any other Priority Category will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 Entries will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 Entries will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining Entries in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Participants who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

The Priority Entry System will be listed for each specific event when applicable. National Qualifiers will not have a Priority Entry Deadline.

Major Tournaments

The Player’s Cup, Spring Classic, Tradition Championship, Memorial Championship, and STPGA Section Championship are considered Major Tournaments and count toward the respective point lists as detailed in Article VIII. The Player’s Cup, Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships will each have an Open Division and a Senior Division. Eligibility for the Open Division of the The Player’s Cup, Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships 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 the The Player’s Cup, Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships 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.

Eligibility for the STPGA Section Championship shall be restricted to STPGA Members in good standing and in an Active Classification as defined by the PGA Constitution as well as Retired Members & Life Members (Retired or Active) as defined by the PGA Constitution. *Note: The STPGA Section Championship will not have a Senior Division.*

Priority Entry: For the Player's Cup, Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships, Approved Tournament entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered players in Priority #2 will be entered into the tournament based on registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining Entries in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Participants who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st Priority – Class A Member, Life Member, Retired Member

2nd Priority – Class B Associate

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

National Qualifiers

The STPGA Section, 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.

NOTE: The STPGA PGA Professional Championship Qualifier will be conducted alongside the Section Championship. Eligibility is subject to the PGA of America guidelines.

Pro-Pro Championship

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, Associates, & University PGA Golf Management Students in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing. University PGA Golf Management Students must be eligibly employed and/or enrolled at a University PGA Golf Management Program.

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

Priority Entry: For the Pro-Pro Championship, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 and #3 will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 teams will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 teams will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st priority – Two Class A PGA Members

2nd priority – Class A PGA Member and a Class B Associate

3rd priority – Two Class B Associates | All Teams with a University PGA Golf Management Student

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Pro-Junior, Chapter Pro-Pros, and Pro-Pro Am-Am

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, Associates, & PGM University Students in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing. PGA University Students must be eligibly employed and/or enrolled at a PGA University Program.

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

Priority Entry: For the 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 and #3 will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 teams will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 teams will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

- 1st priority – Two Class A PGA Members
- 2nd priority – Class A PGA Member and a Class B Associate
- 3rd priority – Two Class B Associates | University PGA Golf Management Student

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

Priority Entry: For the **Chapter Pro-Pro Events**, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 through #5 will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 teams will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 teams will be entered based on their registration date, and so on. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

- 1st priority – Two Class A Members from the Chapter of the Event
- 2nd priority – Two Class A Members with One Member from the Chapter of the Event
- 3rd priority – One Class A Member and One Class B Associate from the Chapter of the Event
- 4th priority - Two Class B Associates from the Chapter of the Event
- 5th priority - All remaining Teams regardless of Chapter

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

One Day Pro-Scratch #2

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, Associates, & PGA University Students in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing. PGA University Students must be eligibly employed and/or enrolled at a PGM University Program.

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

Priority Entry: For the **Pro-Scratch #2**, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 - #4 will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 teams will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 teams will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st priority – Teams with a Class A PGA Member & Amateur

2nd priority – Teams with a Class B Associates & Amateur

3rd priority – Teams with a Class A PGA Member or Class B Associate who played in the first Pro-Scratch event at Boot Ranch on June 23rd

4th priority – Teams with a University PGA Golf Management Student & Amateur

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

New One Day Events

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, Associates, & PGA University Students in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing. PGA University Students must be eligibly employed and/or enrolled at a PGM University Program.

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

Priority Entry: For the **New One Day Events**, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 and #3 will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 teams will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 teams will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st priority – Teams with all Class A PGA Members

2nd priority – Teams with Class A PGA Members Class B Associates

3rd priority – Teams with Class B Associates | University PGA Golf Management Student

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

Priority Entry: For the **Pro-Pro Am-Am**, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 will be entered into the tournament based on registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches it's maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st priority – Teams consisting of Two Class A PGA Members or Teams consisting of a Class A PGA Member and a Class B Associate

2nd priority – Teams consisting of Two Class B Associates | Teams with a University PGA Golf Management Student

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

Priority Entry: For the **Pro-Junior**, Approved Tournament entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered players in Priority #2 will be entered into the tournament based on registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining Entries in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches it's maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date

Participants who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st Priority – Class A Member, Life Member, Master Professional

2nd Priority – Class B Associate

3rd Priority – University PGA Golf Management Student

Texas Senior Open

Open to male and female Professionals and Amateurs that have a 5.2 Handicap Index or lower. Players that have reached their 50th birthday as of Round 1 of the tournament are eligible.

The Texas Senior Open field will be cut to the low 40 and ties after 36-holes.

Ninety Rule: Any player posting a score of 90 or higher in the first or second round of the competition will automatically be withdrawn from the event without refund and suspended from registration into future Texas Senior Open Championships. The Committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to waive the Ninety Rules under extenuating circumstances (i.e. weather).

Registration Process: For the Texas Senior Open, the following Registration Process will be in effect:

Wednesday, August 20th – Wednesday, September 10th: Exempt Players and Priority #1 Players Registration period. Exempt Players include the following: Past Champions, Top 40 and Ties from the 2024 Energy Transfer Texas Senior Open, 2024 Low Amateur at the Energy Transfer Texas Senior Open, and Qualifiers from the 2025 Energy Transfer Texas Senior Open Qualifying Series. Priority #1 Players include: Class A PGA Members (including Life Members and Master Professionals) and Current PGA TOUR Members (PGA TOUR/Champions/KFT).

Thursday, September 11th – Wednesday, September 24th: All Registrations between September 12th and September 25th will be placed on the Waiting List and Prioritized by Priority #1, previous years results, and playing ability. The Southern Texas PGA reserves the right to deny entry to any individual with insufficient playing ability history available.

Thursday, September 25th – Thursday, October 2nd: If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

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 will be allowed only prior to the first match or the first round's deadline (whichever occurs first). Partner changes will only be accepted in the case of Serious Medical Emergency (Doctor's Note Required), PGA Section Change, or Eligibility Change.

A Professionals Age will be as of the Registration Deadline and will play their respective tees as of this date.

If brackets fill (32 teams respectively), a waitlist will be created for each bracket. Should a spot open in a bracket before the brackets are released, teams will be added to the respective bracket based on registration date and time. After the brackets are released teams on the waiting list will not be added to the championship.

Priority Entry: For the Pro-Pro Match Play, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #2 and #3 will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 teams will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 teams will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st priority – Two Class A PGA Members

2nd priority – Class A PGA Member and a Class B Associate

3rd priority – Two Class B Associates | Teams with a PGA University Student

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of this priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals

Texas Team Championship

Members and Associates must be in good standing.

Members & Associates of either Section may form a team with any other Member or Associate, regardless of Section. If team members are employed at separate facilities, both team members must not have finished inside the Top 24 of either Section's previous year Player of the Year Points List or Top 6 of either Section's previous year Senior Player of the Year Points List. If team members are employed at the same facility, the points list restriction will not apply. Both team members must be in good standing.

Note: A-3's are not eligible.

Priority Entry: For the Texas Team Championship, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 until two weeks prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, Approved Tournament Entries will be restricted to Priority #1 & Priority #2 until one week prior to the entry deadline. After this deadline, registered teams in Priority #3 will be entered should space allow, based on registration date and time.

This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining teams in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new team registrations will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Teams who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the applicable Priority Entry Deadlines and entered into the tournament as stated above.

1st priority – Two Class A PGA Members.

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

3rd priority – Class A PGA Member and a Class B Associate from separate facilities, Two Class B Associates, Teams consisting of one or more PGA University Students

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

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 outlined in Article IV, Section 2.

This policy will be enforced for the following tournaments: Assistant Winter Classic, Pro-Pro Championship, Pro-Pro Am-Am, Pro-Pro Match Play, 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 should both Professionals be employed at the same facility.

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 (outlined in Article IV, Section 2) individuals must have reached their 50th 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 50th 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 information page, players will be added to a waitlist prioritized by the Priority Entry Deadline System.

Priority Entry Deadline: Tournaments with a Priority Entry Deadline will be restricted to Priority #1 Entries until one week prior to the deadline. After this deadline, registered players in any other Priority Category will be entered into the tournament based on priority and registration date until the event becomes full.

I.e., all Priority #2 Entries will be entered based on their registration date, then Priority #3 Entries will be entered based on their registration date. This process will be utilized until the event becomes full, at which time all remaining Entries in the Priority System will stay on the Waiting List. Any Entry that is received after the Priority Entry Deadline will be put at the bottom of the Waitlist and then prioritized by registration date.

If there are available spots in the field after the Priority Entry Process, these spots would be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, regardless of priority until the event reaches its maximum field size and new Entries will be added to a Waitlist prioritized by registration date.

Participants who do not fall into the Priority #1 may register prior to the Priority Entry Deadline, but they will be put on the Waitlist until after the Priority Entry Deadline and entered into the tournament as stated above.

The Priority Entry System will be listed for each specific event when applicable. National Qualifiers will not have a Priority Entry Deadline.

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.

Pro-Scratch Withdrawal and Waiting List Policy

Any professional may switch out their amateur at any time.

If a professional is unable to make it they along with their amateur will be cancelled from the event and their spot will be given to the next player on the waitlist. The STPGA will not hold spots in the event for amateurs if their professional cancels from the event.

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.

Section 6. Field Size

Field size for a specific event will be published on the corresponding Tournament information Page. Once the field size becomes full players will be put on the waitlist in accordance with the Priority Entry Deadline System for each event. Field size for each event is determined by host facility constraints, Daylight restrictions, and Starting Methods.

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

In STPGA Major Championships: Female Professionals in the Open Division will play from an overall yardage not exceeding 85% with each hole playing approximately 78%-92% of the Male Professional's yardage. In the Senior Division, Individuals who have reached his or her 65th birthday as of Round 1 of the applicable Championship will have the option to play from the Super Senior Tee. The Male Super Senior Tee will be played from the Open Division Female Professional Yardage as this yardage will be set to approximately 94% of the Male Senior Professional Yardage. A new Tee will be set for Female Professionals who elect to play from the Super Senior Tee. This yardage will be set to approximately 85% of the Male Super Senior Professional Yardage.

Note #1: In order to be eligible to receive Levy Cup Points, individuals competing in the Senior Division must play from the Senior Professional Championship Yardage. Individuals who elect to play from the Super Senior Tee will still receive Rolex Senior Player of the Year Points, but will not receive Levy Cup Points.

In STPGA Team Events: Individuals aged 50 to 64 as of Round 1 of the applicable Championship will play from the Male or Female Senior Professional Yardage, with the Male Senior Professional Yardage set to approximately 94% of the Male Professional Yardage and the Female Senior Professional Yardage set to approximately 85% of the Senior Male Professional Yardage. Individuals aged 65 and older as of Round 1 of the applicable Championship will play from the Male or Female Super Senior Professional Yardage. Male Professionals competing from the Super Senior Yardage will play from the Female Professional Tee as this yardage will be set to approximately 94% of the Male Senior Professional Yardage. A new Tee will be set for Female Professionals who elect to play

from the Super Senior Tee. This yardage will be set to approximately 85% of the Male Super Senior Professional Yardage.

The Senior and Super Senior 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

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

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

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

4th 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) however, The Southern Texas PGA reserves the right to require Players to utilize a golf car once a Pace of Play warning has been issued. No more than two golf cars are permitted per group. No more than two people may ride on a golf car at any time. Spectators and caddies are not permitted to ride in a golf car. Players who have completed their Round may spectate in their golf cars at the discretion of the host facility. During STPGA Championships at facilities that utilize a GPS system in their golf carts, players are not guaranteed to receive a golf cart that has a functioning GPS system. Every effort will be made to accommodate as many players as possible. If possible, the STPGA will request all GPS systems be turned off if all players are not able to receive a golf cart with a functioning GPS system, though this is not guaranteed. The Southern Texas PGA has the right to modify this transportation policy

NOTE: For the TEXAS SENIOR OPEN, during Round 3 (after the cut) when single rider golf cars are used, spectators and caddies are permitted to ride in the player's golf car. When a spectator is riding in the golf car, he/she is deemed to be the player's caddie.

Spectator Carts will be allowed in accordance with ADA. Caddies will not be allowed to ride under the ADA exemption, you must be a Spectator if you wish to use this ADA exemption.

Section 6. Mobile Scoring

During STPGA Championships (as defined below), One player in each group will be responsible for entering the hole-by-hole scores for all players in their group into the STPGA BlueGolf App. The person responsible for this will default to be the person in the single rider golf cart. If only two players are in the group, it will be randomly selected. Scores will be considered unofficial and all players in the group will still be given a traditional scorecard that will be signed and reviewed in scoring once the round is complete.

The STPGA Championships where Mobile Scoring will be in effect (including Senior Division) are; Pro-Pro Championship, Texas Team Championship, Spring Classic, Player's Cup, Tradition Championship, Memorial Championship, Southern Texas Assistant PGA Professional Championship, Southern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship, and Southern Texas PGA Section Championship.

Failure to enter hole by hole scores (with the exception of technology issues) will be treated as a Code of Conduct Violation and the following Penalty Structure will be put in place:

1st Violation – Official warning during play to enter scores during the round

2nd Violation – \$50 fine

3rd Violation - \$100 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 7. Mobile Scoring at Cup Matches

During the Joe Black and Levy Cup Matches, one player in each match will be responsible for entering the hole-by-hole scores for all players in their match into the STPGA BlueGolf App. The person responsible for this in each match will default to be the person representing the host section's team. Scores will be considered unofficial, and matches will be deemed final as defined in the Captains Agreement.

Failure to enter hole by hole scores (with the exception of technology issues) will be treated as a Code of Conduct Violation and the following Penalty Structure will be put in place:

1st Violation – Official warning during play to enter scores during the round

2nd Violation – \$50 fine

3rd Violation - \$100 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 8. Weather Policy

In an event contested at 36-holes, the following conditions will apply to shortening of the Competition

1. A minimum of 18-holes must be completed for a Championship to be considered complete and a purse paid out.
2. If 18-holes are not able to be completed, the Championship will be rescheduled for 36-holes at a later date, if possible.
3. If the event moves to only 18-holes, this will be considered the final round.

NOTE: For events with an Open and Senior Division, each Division will be considered a separate contest.

The following guidelines are for use by the Committee in case of inclement weather:

1. When unplayable or dangerous conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable or safe, play will 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 player to be

prepared to commence play as soon as the Committee deems the course playable or the situation safe. Players 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 cancelled if more than 66% of the field is unable to complete the final round. If more than 66% of the field completes the round, and conditions force a delay long enough to where the final round may not be completed on that day, play may be resumed the following day. Consideration of this procedure will depend upon availability of the golf course as well as the type of competition.
 - a. The total number of players needed to finish will be calculated based on the total number of players who tee off in the final round.
 - b. Withdraws and No Cards during the final round will be considered to have completed the round when the group they teed off with complete the round.
 - c. If the final round is unable to be completed the day following the originally scheduled round for any reason, the Championship will revert to the previously completed 18-holes.
 - d. In the event of a single-tee start, if 9-holes are completed by the entire field and the final round is unable to be completed as outlined above, the Championship will be considered final at 27-holes.
4. For the PGA Professional Championship qualifiers contested in Southern Texas, this policy will be in effect and the percentage of players required to complete the round will be based on the number of eligible players within the competition. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot or ranking alternate spots, these playoffs will be contested the Wednesday following the qualifier, based on course availability. If the playoffs are unable to be contested on the Wednesday following the event, all playoffs will be decided by lot.
5. In the event of a tie for the Overall Championship, if a playoff is unable to be completed on the day of the last scheduled round as outlined above, the players tied for first place will be declared Co-Champions.

NOTE: For events with an Open and Senior Division, each Division will be considered a separate contest.

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 at any time, 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.

NOTE: This policy is NOT in effect for the Pro-Pro Am-Am Events, The Las Vegas Pro-Am, Round 1-4 if the Pro-Pro Match Play, or the other new One-Day Events added to the schedule in 2024. One-Day Events where consumption is permitted do not include the 9/9/9, Pro-Junior, or Chapter Events.

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 Southern Texas PGA leadership team in concert with the Officers will review each Code of Conduct infraction individually and discern the proper penalty associated with the infraction after

reviewing the facts of the situation. The below penalties will be used as a general guideline for Code of Conduct violations, but the Board of Control has the right to modify them on a case-by-case basis.

- Official warning letter from Section Office
- \$100 fine
- \$300 fine + 6-month suspension from participation in STPGA Sponsored events
- Note: pending the severity of the infraction, the PGA Member of Associate accused may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges

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 Infraction – warning letter from the STPGA Office
 - 2nd Infraction - \$100 fine
 - 3rd Infraction - \$300 fine and forfeiture of playing privileges for 6-months
- *All infractions 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:

- Official warning letter from Section Office
- \$100 fine
- \$300 fine + 6-month suspension from participation in STPGA Sponsored events

Section 7. Fines Due Within 30 Days

All fines must be paid within 30 days of the conclusion of the process.

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. The STPGA Major Championships are outlined in Article IV, Section 2.

Points List Breakdowns

Open Division

Player's Cup, Spring Classic, Tradition, and Memorial Championships											
1st	5000	25th	1150	49th	850	73rd	685	97th	565	121st	445
2nd	4000	26th	1125	50th	840	74th	680	98th	560	122nd	440
3rd	3700	27th	1100	51st	833	75th	675	99th	555	123rd	435
4th	3400	28th	1075	52nd	826	76th	670	100th	550	124th	430
5th	3100	29th	1050	53rd	819	77th	665	101st	545	125th	425

6th	2900	30th	1040	54th	812	78th	660	102nd	540	126th	420
7th	2700	31st	1030	55th	805	79th	655	103rd	535	127th	415
8th	2500	32nd	1020	56th	798	80th	650	104th	530	128th	410
9th	2300	33rd	1010	57th	791	81st	645	105th	525	129th	405
10th	2100	34th	1000	58th	784	82nd	640	106th	520	130th	400
11th	2000	35th	990	59th	777	83rd	635	107th	515	131st	395
12th	1900	36th	980	60th	770	84th	630	108th	510	132nd	390
13th	1800	37th	970	61st	763	85th	625	109th	505	133rd	385
14th	1700	38th	960	62nd	756	86th	620	110th	500	134th	380
15th	1600	39th	950	63rd	749	87th	615	111th	495	135th	375
16th	1500	40th	940	64th	742	88th	610	112th	490	136th	370
17th	1450	41st	930	65th	735	89th	605	113th	485	137th	365
18th	1400	42nd	920	66th	728	90th	600	114th	480	138th	360
19th	1350	43rd	910	67th	721	91st	595	115th	475	139th	355
20th	1300	44th	900	68th	714	92nd	590	116th	470	140th	350
21st	1250	45th	890	69th	707	93rd	585	117th	465	141st	345
22nd	1225	46th	880	70th	700	94th	580	118th	460	142nd	340
23rd	1200	47th	870	71st	695	95th	575	119th	455	143rd	335
24th	1175	48th	860	72nd	690	96th	570	120th	450	144th	330

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

STPGA Assistant Professional Championship											
1st	6250	25th	1438	49th	1063	73rd	856	97th	706	121st	556
2nd	5000	26th	1406	50th	1050	74th	850	98th	700	122nd	550
3rd	4625	27th	1375	51st	1041	75th	844	99th	694	123rd	544
4th	4250	28th	1344	52nd	1033	76th	838	100th	688	124th	538
5th	3875	29th	1313	53rd	1024	77th	831	101st	681	125th	531
6th	3625	30th	1300	54th	1015	78th	825	102nd	675	126th	525
7th	3375	31st	1288	55th	1006	79th	819	103rd	669	127th	519
8th	3125	32nd	1275	56th	998	80th	813	104th	663	128th	513
9th	2875	33rd	1263	57th	989	81st	806	105th	656	129th	506
10th	2625	34th	1250	58th	980	82nd	800	106th	650	130th	500
11th	2500	35th	1238	59th	971	83rd	794	107th	644	131st	494
12th	2375	36th	1225	60th	963	84th	788	108th	638	132nd	488
13th	2250	37th	1213	61st	954	85th	781	109th	631	133rd	481
14th	2125	38th	1200	62nd	945	86th	775	110th	625	134th	475
15th	2000	39th	1188	63rd	936	87th	769	111th	619	135th	469
16th	1875	40th	1175	64th	928	88th	763	112th	613	136th	463
17th	1813	41st	1163	65th	919	89th	756	113th	606	137th	456
18th	1750	42nd	1150	66th	910	90th	750	114th	600	138th	450
19th	1688	43rd	1138	67th	901	91st	744	115th	594	139th	444
20th	1625	44th	1125	68th	893	92nd	738	116th	588	140th	438
21st	1563	45th	1113	69th	884	93rd	731	117th	581	141st	431
22nd	1531	46th	1100	70th	875	94th	725	118th	575	142nd	425
23rd	1500	47th	1088	71st	869	95th	719	119th	569	143rd	419
24th	1469	48th	1075	72nd	863	96th	713	120th	563	144th	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, and the Senior PGA Professional Championship. The STPGA Major Championships are outlined in Article IV, Section 2. *Note: Senior Division points are not awarded at the STPGA Section Championship.*

Senior Division

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

STPGA Senior Professional Championship											
1st	6250	25th	1438	49th	1063	73rd	856	97th	706	121st	556
2nd	5000	26th	1406	50th	1050	74th	850	98th	700	122nd	550
3rd	4625	27th	1375	51st	1041	75th	844	99th	694	123rd	544
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7th	3375	31st	1288	55th	1006	79th	819	103rd	669	127th	519
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Section 3. Player of the Year – Open and Senior Divisions, Women’s Player of the Year

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.

Women’s Player of the Year Points will be awarded based on performance in the Southern Texas PGA Major Tournaments (Open Division). The STPGA Major Championships are outlined in Article IV, Section 2. The Women’s Player of the Year Points will be in addition to the Open Division Player of the Year and will mirror the Points System used.

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 Section 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 any exemptions from Pre-Qualifying for Champions Tour events.

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 Section 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 Golf Professionals. 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 Section Championship (Assistants and Other Class A Members as defined below) and Memorial Championship (Seniors) the STPGA Team of 12 players will be determined as follows:

- ❑ The top four (4) 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 Section Championship or Assistants' Championship, whichever is contested last.
- ❑ The top four (4) employed class, A-2, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-12, A-14, A-15, A-16, A-17, A-18, A-19, A-20, A-21, A-22, A-23, or A-24 Southern Texas PGA Members determined by the STPGA Open Division Player of the Year Points list. Professional must be eligibly employed within the Section prior to the first round of the Section Championship
- ❑ The top four (4) Southern Texas PGA Members of any classification, that are classified in the Southern Texas PGA, and have reached their 50th birthday on or before the first round of competition at the Memorial 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.

Section 7. Tie in Final Cup Match Standing Position

In the event Two (2) or more individuals are tied on points for the final spot in the Joe Black Cup or Levy Cup Standings, the final qualifying spot would be determined by finishing position at the STPGA Section Championship (Joe Black Cup, Levy Cup Assistants, & Levy Cup Other Class A) or the Southern Texas Senior Professional Championship (Levy Cup Senior). In the event two (2) or more players remain tied by finishing position, the following order will be used to break the tie (Final Round Score Used). Total Score, Holes #18-#10, Holes #18-#13, Holes #18-#16, Hole #18.

ARTICLE IX

PRIZE MONEY

Section 1. Prize Money Breakdown

In the following events, 33% of the starting field will be paid: Player's Cup, Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Section 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.

The, 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 entered into the Final Round Day Money competition which will include a Purse of \$700. Entry is included in the Entry Fee and winnings will be paid out via the Purse. The competition will only take Round 2 scores into consideration and the top three finishers split the pool as follows: 50% for 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 first round of the major event. The STPGA Major Tournaments are outlined in Article IV, Section 2.

Section 4. Ace Club

The Southern Texas PGA is proud to have Texoma Golf presenting the STPGA Ace Club. The Ace Club is open for registration to all STPGA Members and Associates.

Registration: Professionals can register for the Ace Club for an annual fee of \$25. This fee is lasts the entire calendar year, and you only need to register once per year. If you registered for the Ace Club in 2024 or a previous year, you will need to re-register to be active for 2025.

Payouts: Ace Club members that make a hole-in-one during a designated STPGA tournament in 2025 will split the overall prize pool. Payouts will take place in December each year. Please note that you must join the Ace Club prior to making a hole-in-one for it to count towards the year-end split.

Eligible Events:

Pro-Pro Match Play + Finals
Pro-Pro Championship
Player's Cup
Spring Classic
Tradition Championship
9/9/9 Championship
Texas Team Championship (STPGA Members Only)
Southern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship
Memorial Championship
Southern Texas Assistant PGA Professional Championship
Southern Texas PGA Section Championship
Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro
Western Chapter Pro-Pro