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**Tournament
Rules & Regulations**

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**COLORADO SECTION PGA
TOURNAMENT RULES AND
REGULATIONS**

ARTICLE I

Purpose

Section 1

It shall be the purpose of the Tournament Program to be a vehicle for maintaining and promoting the highest standards of competition, sportsmanship, fellowship, promotion of the game of golf, and public goodwill, as well as increase the value of the PGA of America Golf Professional, the Section, and PGA of America.

The Program will accomplish this by conducting various competitions that promote the full participation of all eligible Section members and the golfing public. Competitions shall be conducted and administered in a manner that will emphasize the professionalism of the PGA of America Golf Professional, the Section, and the Association and provide an avenue to highlight the PGA members' ability to promote the game, contribute to the good of the community, conduct high-quality golf events, and play at an accomplished level.

In achieving the stated purpose, the Section will provide benefit to the membership by elevating the value of each PGA of America Golf Professional through events conducted at a high standard, provide opportunities for fellowship, camaraderie, and networking, stimulate interest in the game, and offer the chance to test golf skills.

ARTICLE II

Proposing Rules and Regulations

Section 1

The Tournament Committee is responsible for proposing rules and regulations governing all competitions in the Section tournament program. Such rules and regulations must be approved and adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board shall ensure the publishing of such Rules and Regulations governing tournament events. The PGA representative assigned to represent the Section at any Colorado Section PGA event shall be responsible to the Executive Director for enforcing all rules and regulations. The current Rules of Golf approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A Limited govern all play, except as modified by the Colorado Section PGA Rules of Play Card and Local Rules. The Section Rules of Play Card shall be considered part of the Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations. Colorado Section PGA of America Golf Professionals is responsible for knowledge of the Rules of Golf and its Interpretations, as well as the rules, regulations, and policies of the Colorado Section PGA.

ARTICLE III

Schedule

Section 1

The Tournament Committee shall create, or cause to have made, an annual tournament schedule of events that will permit and encourage full participation by eligible members. Any such schedule of events must be submitted, approved, and adopted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Types of Events

Section 1 – Definitions

- A. Sponsored Event – A golf competition conducted by the Colorado Section PGA in which only PGA of America Golf Professionals, Associates, and amateurs participate. These events include, but are not limited to, Section, Chapter, and Assistant Association championships, pro-amateur events, special events, or similar stroke or match play events and are included within the Section's annual tournament schedule.
- B. Co-Sponsored Event - A golf competition conducted by any party other than Colorado Section PGA or its authorized representative, included in the Section annual tournament schedule and awarding points as part of the Section Player of the Year competition.

Section 2 – Sponsored Events

Colorado Section PGA Sponsored Events shall be hosted only at facilities that employ a PGA Member or PGA Associates Head Professional, Director of Golf, or General Manager and shall be classified within the following categories:

Major Championships

- o Colorado PGA Professional Championship
- o Colorado Senior PGA Professional Championship
- o National Car Rental Colorado PGA Assistant Championship
- o Colorado PGA Women's Championship

Championships

- o Pro-Pro-Pro Championship
- o Myran Craig Pro-Pro Championship
- o Pro-Assistant Championship
- o Pro-Scratch Championship
- o Four-Ball Match Play Championship
- o Match Play (Regular & Senior) Championship
- o West Chapter Championship
- o Tour Championship

Pro-Amateur Events

Section Special Events

- o Las Vegas Pro-Am
- o Spring Travel Pro-Am
- o Colorado Cup Matches
- o Taylor Cup Matches
- o Chapter and Assistant Association Events

Section 3 – Co-Sponsored Events

- A. Golf competitions desiring Co-Sponsor status from the Section should submit such a request in writing to the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days before the event.
- B. Each request will be considered separately on its own merits
- C. Events granted Co-Sponsor status shall sign and return the Colorado Section PGA Tournament Agreement with a \$250.00 Co-Sponsor Event fee to the Section office no later than thirty (30) days before the start of the event
- D. Events granted Co-Sponsor status are to be included in the annual Colorado Section PGA Tournament Schedule upon execution of the Tournament Agreement
- E. Player of the Year Points will be awarded based on finish versus the entire field should at least eighteen (18) professionals participate.

- F. The Tournament Committee shall determine the level of Player of the Year Points to be awarded.
- G. Full-field professional results shall be submitted to the Section office within fifteen (15) days of the completion of the event.

Section 4 – Conflicting Event Policy

To fulfill the objective of the Section Tournament Program, Colorado Section PGA Members and Associates shall not participate in any tournament competition conducted within the Section that conflicts with any Section-sponsored event. A conflict is defined as scheduled on the same day for this policy. A tournament competition is an event where the professional may win prizes. Individuals may request an exception from this policy in writing to the Executive Director at least thirty (30) days before the anticipated conflict. Exceptions will be separately based on individual merits. Only the Tournament Committee has the authority, via majority vote, to approve such requests.

ARTICLE V Rules of Conduct

Section 1 – Policy

PGA Members and Associates should always be aware of conducting themselves in a manner befitting professionals and influencing amateur partners to abide by the same standards. The player agrees to comply with the prescribed Rules of Conduct by registering and verbally committing to compete. Comments and complaints concerning the tournament program shall be made in writing to the Tournament Committee.

Section 2 – Violations

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

- A. Displaying disrespect for the Tournament Committee
- B. Showing disrespect for the PGA staff
- C. Showing disrespect for the traditional etiquette of golf
- D. Displaying conduct unbecoming of a professional
- E. Making public complaints or criticisms involving the Section, the Section staff, sponsors, host clubs, or tournament format
- F. Using loud, profane and abusive language in public
- G. Throwing or breaking a club in anger or disgust
- H. Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages or any use of illegal substances while participating in and attending an event
- I. Dressing in a manner that is not in keeping with the traditions of the game. No shorts, cutoffs, or denim are permitted for men. No halters, midribs, tank tops, short shorts, running shorts or denim are permitted for women. Shoes must be appropriate golf shoes with non-metal spikes or flat rubber-soled. The Section staff or Tournament Committee reserves the right to prohibit a competitor from play should the competitor be deemed dressed inappropriately
 - a. NOTE: The Board of Directors may designate Pro-Am events during the months of June, July, and August as shorts eligible events, during which PGA Professionals may wear shorts. Additionally, Match Play Championship, Four-Ball Match Play Championship, Senior Match Play Championship, and Assistant Match Play Championship will be shorts eligible with approval of the host facility. Shorts must be hemmed, not more than 2" above the knee, and professional-looking in appearance.
- J. Failing to appear for any round of a Section Sponsored Event for which the player enters and is accepted. If a competitor decides to withdraw from tournament play, he/she MUST notify either the Section official in charge and/or on-site or the Section office prior to the designated starting time

- K. Failing to return a scorecard for himself or, in the team competition, for his team, even if the scorecard is marked "no card"
- L. Verifying an incorrect handicap for an amateur
- M. Participating in a conflicting event as defined in Article IV, Section 4 of the *Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations* without proper documentation from the Section

Section 3 – Disciplinary Action

PGA Members and Associates who violate the Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules of Conduct as defined in Article V, Section 2, of the *Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations*, shall be subject to disciplinary action by a two-thirds majority of the Section Tournament Committee present and voting at a committee meeting. Such disciplinary action may include one or more of the following:

- A. Imposition of fines not to exceed \$1,000.00
- B. Suspension of Section Sponsored Event participation privileges for a period not to exceed one year
- C. Such other reasonable actions as may be determined by the Tournament Committee

PGA Members and Associates accused of tournament violations shall have the right to present evidence, have witnesses appear on their behalf, and appear at all hearings conducted by the Tournament Committee or Section Board of Inquiry.

Procedures for Tournament Rules of Conduct Violations:

Individuals accused of violating the Tournament Rules of Conduct shall be provided written notification of the charges and the time and place of any meetings of the Tournament Committee or Board of Inquiry in which the case may be heard by personal delivery or via certified mail. The notification shall be provided no less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting so that the accused may respond to the alleged violation prior to any hearings or meeting being held. All decisions shall be provided to the accused in writing either by personal delivery or via certified mail.

Section 4 – Appeals of Disciplinary Action

PGA Members and Associates accused of disciplinary violations may appeal decisions of the Tournament Committee to the Section Board of Inquiry, which may uphold or overrule the action, as well as impose stricter penalties than those imposed by the Tournament Committee by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Inquiry members present and voting at the meeting. The decision of the Section Board of Inquiry shall be final.

Procedures for Appeals of Disciplinary Action:

Appeals of disciplinary action must be filed with the Section office within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of the decision of the Tournament Committee. An appeal is filed by posting or hand delivery of written notice of the intent to appeal to the Secretary or Executive Director of the Section. During any appeal hearing, no new evidence may be introduced and appeals are to be based solely of the record of the initial hearing before the Tournament Committee. All disciplinary actions shall be held in abeyance during any appeal pending a final decision.

Section 5 – Referral to Board of Inquiry

The Tournament Committee may refer a case directly to the Section Board of Inquiry for Code of Ethics review as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

Eligible Professionals

Section 1 – Classifications

The privilege of participating in the Colorado Section PGA Tournament Program will be extended to any Colorado Section PGA Member or Associates in good standing.

Section 2 – Exceptions

- A. Inactive and Class F Members are ineligible for all Section events
- B. A-3 Members of the Colorado Section are ineligible to participate in all Section events except Pro-Amateur Events
- C. PGA Members and Associates of the Colorado Section are ineligible to participate in all Section events except Pro-Amateur events if he/she has played in more than four (4) PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, LPGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Canadian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, JPGA Tour, The Sunshine Tour (South Africa), The Asian Tour, The Safari Tour, The PGA Challenge Tour, National Senior Tour, European Seniors Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, WPGT Tour, JLPGA Tour, Grey Goose Gateway Tour, Hooter's Tour, and SBC Futures Tour tournaments in the twelve months preceding the first round of said event
- D. Additional eligible requirements may be imposed for specific events by the PGA of America and/or the Tournament Committee and Section Board of Directors

ARTICLE VII

Major Championships

Section 1 – Major Championships

The following events are considered Colorado Section PGA Major Championships:

- 1. Colorado PGA Professional Championship/Section Championship (Open to all Colorado PGA members as determined by the PGA of America)
- 2. Colorado Senior PGA Professional Championship (Open to all eligible Colorado PGA members 50 years of age or older as of the date of the entry deadline and who meet the requirements as determined by the PGA of America)
- 3. Colorado PGA Assistant Championship (Open to Assistant Colorado PGA members (A-8) and associates (All Class Bs) as determined by the PGA of America)
- 4. Colorado PGA Women's Championship (Open to all female Colorado PGA and LPGA members and associates in good standing who reside or work within the Colorado PGA Section boundaries)

NOTE: The Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors shall have the authority to conduct one or more of these championships concurrently.

Section 2 – Entry Requirements

- A. All Major Championship entries must be received by the stated deadline. Entries that are complete or have the proper entry fee payment will be accepted.
- B. By entering an event, the individual agrees to abide by the *Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations*, its defined Rules of Conduct, and the USGA Rules of Golf.
- C. All entries are subject to approval by the Colorado Section PGA and PGA of America. Competitors must be eligible at the time of the stated entry deadline and at the date of the championship.

Section 3 – Entry Fees and Refunds

- A. The entry fee amount shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The entry fee shall include an administration fee equal to 15%-20% of the total entry

fee, which the Section shall retain. All course fees for the championship will be included in the entry fee.

- B. Refunds will be granted in the total amount of the entry fee for any cancellation made before the stated entry deadline.
- C. Refunds will be granted in the amount of the entry fee minus a \$25.00 administration fee for any cancellation made following the stated entry deadline and seventy-two (72) hours before the start of the event. The event's start is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- D. No refunds will be granted for any cancellation made within seventy-two (72) hours before the start of the event. The event's start is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- E. Cancellations shall be submitted in writing to the Section office and the Section official in charge of the event.
- F. In cases of emergency, written requests for full refunds may be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five (5) business days of the event's start. These requests will be considered separately on their own merits.

For events conducted with the PGA of America, PGA of America cancellation and refund policies supersede those of the Colorado Section PGA.

Section 4 – Starting Field

The starting field in all Colorado Section PGA Major Championships shall be limited to 144 competitors. Should eligible entry applications exceed 144 at the time of the stated deadline, the following entry priority shall take effect:

- A. The defending champion provided that the entry is received before the stated entry deadline and he is otherwise eligible.
- B. Those included within the top 71 of the current year's Player of the Year Points List provided that the entry was received prior to the stated entry deadline and the individual was otherwise eligible.
- C. All other eligible professionals whose entries are received before the stated entry deadline and otherwise eligible on the basis of earliest receipt up to the maximum field size of 144;
- D. Entry applications received beyond the maximum field size shall be placed on an alternate list on the basis of earliest receipt.

Section 5 – Arrangement of Groupings

The starting field at the Section Championship and Colorado PGA Professional Championship shall be arranged as follows:

- 1. Groupings for rounds one and two shall be assigned in groups of three (3) on a blind draw basis from two (2) categories:
 - A. Category A - a player group totaling thirty (30) players maximum for a single tee start or thirty-six (36) for a two tee start. These competitors shall be comprised of the following groups, in the order as listed, until the 30 or 36 player maximum is reached:
 - i. The current top 20 Player of the Year point leaders as of (14) days prior to the first round;
 - ii. The preceding calendar year final top 20 Player of the Year point leaders;
 - iii. The preceding calendar year top 15 from Section Championship
 - iv. Past champions within the previous ten (10) years;
 - v. Current Senior Section Champion;
 - vi. Current Assistant Professional Champion;
 - vii. Senior Player of the Year from the preceding calendar year;
 - viii. Current year Player of the Year point leaders beginning with position 21.
 - B. Category B – a player group including all other championship entries.
- 2. Starting times for the groupings will be determined as follows:
 - A. The total field shall be divided equally into two (2) waves;

- B. Groupings from Category A shall be divided equally between the two (2) waves, based on the Dow Finsterwald Player of the Year points list two weeks prior to the Championship, and assigned starting times within the middle of each wave, based on the Dow Finsterwald Player of the Year points list.
 - C. Groupings from Category B shall be divided equally between the two (2) waves, on a blind draw basis, filling the remainder of the starting times within the wave;
 - D. For major championship conducted over three or more rounds, groupings for round two shall remain the same and in the same sequence with the exception that the waves shall be reversed (i.e. early wave to late and vice versa).
3. Starting times and groupings for all subsequent rounds shall be assigned in groups of three (3) and determined by score using the following method:
- A. Single Tee Start – The highest scores first with the lowest scores last (should a group(s) of two (2) be required, this group(s) shall be first off with the highest scores).
 - B. Double Tee Start – The lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and the highest scores last on the tenth tee (should a group(s) of two (2) be required, this group(s) shall be last off the tenth tee with the highest scores).

The starting field at the Colorado Senior PGA Professional Championship shall be arranged as follows:

1. Groupings for round one shall be assigned in groups of three on a blind draw basis from two (2) categories based on **Field Size**:
 - A. Field Size of 45 and Under
 - a. Category A – a player group totaling 15 players maximum. These competitors shall be comprised of the following groups, in the order as listed, until the 15-player maximum is reached:
 - i. The current Top 10 Senior Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - ii. The preceding calendar year final Top 10 Player of the Year point leaders;
 - iii. Past champions within the previous five (5) years;
 - iv. Current Senior Professional Champion;
 - v. Current year Senior Player of the Year point leaders beginning with position 11.
 - b. Category B – A player group including all other championship entries.
 - B. Field Size of 46 and Over
 - a. Category A - a player group totaling 21 players maximum. These competitors shall be comprised of the following groups, in the order as listed, until the 21-player maximum is reached:
 - i. The current Top 10 Senior Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - ii. The preceding calendar year final Top 10 Player of the Year point leaders;
 - iii. Past champions within the previous five (5) years;
 - iv. Current Senior Professional Champion;
 - v. Current year Senior Player of the Year point leaders beginning with position 11.
 - b. Category B – a player group including all other championship entries
2. Starting times for the groupings will be determined on a blind draw basis as follows:
 - A. Groupings from Category A shall be assigned starting times within the middle of field, based on the Senior Player of the Year list two weeks prior to the Championship;
 - B. Groupings from Category B shall fill the remainder of the starting times within the field, on a blind draw basis.
3. Starting times and groupings for all subsequent rounds shall be assigned in groups of three (3) and

determined by score using the following method:

- A. Single Tee Start – The highest scores first with the lowest scores last (should a group(s) of two (2) be required, this group(s) shall be first off with the highest scores).
- B. Double Tee Start – The lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and the highest scores last on the tenth tee (should a group(s) of two (2) be required, this group(s) shall be last off the tenth tee with the highest scores).

The starting field at the National Car Rental Colorado Assistant Professional Championship shall be arranged as follows:

- 1. Groupings for round one shall be assigned in groups of three on a blind draw basis from two (2) categories based on **Field Size**:
 - A. Field Size of 45 and Under
 - a. Category A - a player group totaling 15 players maximum. These competitors shall be comprised of the following groups, in the order as listed, until the 15-player maximum is reached:
 - i. The current top 10 Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - ii. The current year top 10 Associate Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - iii. The current year top 10 Senior Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - iv. Past champions within the previous five (5) years;
 - v. Current year Associate Player of the Year point leaders beginning with position 11.
 - b. Category B – a player group including all other championship entries
 - B. Field Size of 46 and Over
 - a. Category A - a player group totaling 21 players maximum. These competitors shall be comprised of the following groups, in the order as listed, until the 21-player maximum is reached:
 - vi. The current top 10 Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - vii. The current year top 10 Associate Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - viii. The current year top 10 Senior Player of the Year point leaders as of fourteen (14) days prior to the first round;
 - ix. Past champions within the previous five (5) years;
 - x. Current year Associate Player of the Year point leaders beginning with position 11.
 - b. Category B – a player group including all other championship entries
- 2. Starting times for the groupings will be determined on a blind draw basis as follows:
 - A. Groupings from Category A shall be assigned starting times within the middle of field;
 - B. Groupings from Category B shall fill the remainder of the starting times within the field.
- 3. Starting times and groupings for all subsequent rounds shall be assigned in groups of three (3) and determined by score using the following method:
 - A. Single Tee Start – The highest scores first with the lowest scores last (should a group(s) of two (2) be required, this group(s) shall be first off with the highest scores).
 - B. Double Tee Start – The lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and the highest scores last on the tenth tee (should a group(s) of two (2) be required, this group(s) shall be last off the tenth tee with the highest scores).

Section 6 – Reduction of Field (36-hole Cut)

The scheduled number of holes to determine a championship shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. For those events in which the championship is scheduled for 54 holes, the field shall be reduced to the low 50% of the starting field, scores, and ties following the play of 36 holes.

Section 7 – Discontinuance of Play

- A. The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Golf. The PGA representative in charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation.
- NOTE: When serving on the Committee, no member may be a competitor in the event.
- B. The following guidelines are for use by the PGA representative in charge in case of bad weather:
- When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round.
 - Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled
 - In the event of a suspension during the final round, the round shall be cancelled if more than half the field is unable to complete the round. If more than half the field completes the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. In the event of a postponement as outlined in item 1, the PGA representative in charge may reduce the size of the field to the low 30% and ties. In addition, he shall have discretionary power to further reduce the number of players as conditions warrant.
- C. In Major Championships contested at 54-holes, the following round cancellation procedure will apply:
- One round canceled – The championship will be contested at 36 holes with the entire purse paid
 - Two rounds cancelled – The championship shall be rescheduled at 36 holes at a later date
- D. In Major Championship contested at 36-holes, should a round be canceled and not completed, the championship will be contested at 18 holes with the entire purse paid. Should both rounds be canceled, the championship shall be rescheduled at 18 holes at a later date.
- E. Under no circumstances will play continue past the last scheduled day of the competition.
- F. Under no circumstance will scores from completed rounds be carried over to a rescheduled championship.

Section 8 – Policy Regarding Ties

In all Major Championships, should two or more competitors tie for the first position, the tie shall be resolved by a sudden-death playoff. If more than two players tie, all players other than the winner will be declared joint winners of second place and share equally in the purse to be distributed. Competitors tying for other positions will share equally with others posting the same score.

- A. In Major Championship competitions where the final round has been rained-out and the event shortened to 36-holes if there is a tie for first place, every effort to conduct a sudden-death playoff should be made. In reference to Line E of Section 7, if the committee deems a sudden-death playoff impracticable to be held on the day of the final round, the two competitors tied for the first position will be declared joint winners of the Championship.
- B. In Major Championship competitions where qualifying spots for a National Championship are to be decided and the final round has been rained-out and the event shortened to 36-holes, the following policy will apply in awarding qualifying positions:
- If every effort to complete the final round has been made and in reference to Line E. of Section 7, the qualifying spots will be awarded based on the 36-hole total score. If ties exist for

qualifying spots, the Tournament Director should make every effort possible to conduct a sudden-death playoff to decide the qualifiers.

If it is deemed impossible to host a sudden-death playoff the position(s) of those tied will be resolved by a match of cards, based on the current recommended USGA Method:

The best total score of the second round is followed by the best total score of the first round. If still tied the last nine holes (#10-#18) of the second round, if still tied the last six holes (#13-#18) of the second round; if still tied the last 3 holes (#16-#18) of the second round; and finally if still tied the last hole (#18) of the second round. If still tied the last nine holes (#10-#18) of the first round, if still tied the last six holes (#13-#18) of the first round; if still tied the last 3 holes (#16-#18) of the first round; and finally if still tied the last hole (#18) of the first round.

Section 9 – Prize Fund Distribution

- A. The total prize fund for distribution shall total all entry fees, plus the added sponsorship money, less the administration fee and other incidental expenses directly related to the championship as determined by the Tournament Committee and/or staff.
- B. In 36-hole championships, the prize fund shall be distributed to no less than 33% of the starting field. Each finishing position will be assigned a specific percentage of the total prize fund based on Appendix I. If not covered by Appendix I, the Tournament Committee shall approve the purse.
- C. In 54-hole championships, the prize fund shall be distributed to all those surviving the 36-hole cut with each finishing position assigned a specific percentage of the total prize fund based on Appendix I. If not covered by Appendix I, the Tournament Committee shall approve the purse.
 - a. ## Board of Directors Decision (November 2008): Each PGA Section may only pay out prize money for its Colorado PGA Professional Championship in accordance with its standard and customary individual stroke-play prize money breakdown, but in no instance may any section pay more than 50% of its entire starting field.
 - b. Appendix I may be modified and approved at the discretion of the Colorado PGA Board of Directors
- D. In Colorado Section PGA Major Championships, women shall compete for the same purse as men. A separate set of tees shall be provided for women professionals set at no more than 88% and no less than 85% of the total men's tee yardage.

ARTICLE VII Championships

Section 1 – Championships

The following events are considered Colorado Section PGA Championships:

- o Pro-Pro-Pro Championship
- o Myran Craig Pro-Pro Championship
- o Pro-Assistant Championship
- o Pro-Scratch Championship
- o Four-Ball Match Play Championship
- o Match Play (Regular & Senior) Championship
- o West Chapter Championship
- o Tour Championship

Section 2 – Entry Requirements

- A. All Championship entries must be received by the stated deadline. Entries that are incomplete or without proper entry fee payment will be rejected.

- B. By simply entering an event, the individual agrees to abide by the *Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations*, its defined Rules of Conduct, and the USGA Rules of Golf.
- C. All entries are subject to approval by the Colorado Section PGA. Competitors must be eligible at the time of the stated entry deadline, as well as at the date of the championship.
- D. Additional eligibility requirements for Section Championship events may be established by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Entry Fees and Refunds

- A. The amount of the entry fee shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The entry fee shall include an administration fee equal to 15%-20% of the total entry fee, which shall be retained by the Section. All course fees for the championship will be included in the entry fee.
- B. The entry fee for Chapter tournaments will not have the 15% administration fee withheld. Rather, there will be a one-time annual West Chapter Dues fee of \$50 to be eligible to participate in Chapter events.
- C. Refunds will be granted in the full amount of the entry fee for any cancellation made prior to the stated entry deadline.
- D. Refunds will be granted in the amount of the entry fee less a \$25.00 administration fee for any cancellation made following the stated entry deadline and seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the event. The start of the event is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- E. No refunds will be granted for any cancellation made within seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the event. The start of the event is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- F. Cancellations shall be submitted in writing to the Section office and/or the Section official in charge of the event.
- G. In cases of emergency, written requests for full refunds may be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five (5) business days of the start of the event. These requests will be considered separately on their own merits.

Section 4 – Starting Field

The starting field in all Colorado Section PGA Championships shall be set by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Should eligible entry applications exceed the defined maximum starting field at the time of the stated entry deadline, the following entry priority shall take effect:

- 1. All eligible entry applications received prior to the stated entry deadline and otherwise eligible on the basis of the earliest received up to the maximum field size:
- 2. Entry applications received beyond the maximum field size shall be placed on an alternate list on the basis of earliest receipt.

Section 5 – Arrangement of Groupings

- A. The starting field at all Championship events, except the Match Play and Points Championship, shall be arranged at lot for round one. Should a championship be contested over two or more rounds, the groupings shall be determined by score for all subsequent round(s).
- B. For the West Chapter Championship, the current Player of the Year Points List shall determine groupings.

For the Match Play Championship, in the Regular Division, seeding number one shall be awarded to the defending champion. For seeds two through sixty-four; a stroke play qualifying round will be played in conjunction with a Pro-Only Stroke Play. In the event the stroke play round gets cancelled, a sub-committee approved by the tournament committee will determine the seeding using Player of the Year points and committee discretion. In the Senior Division, seeding number one shall be awarded to the defending champion. Seeding numbers two through sixteen shall be determined by standing on the previous year's

Senior Player of the Year points list. Seeding numbers seventeen through thirty-two shall be determined by lot with any byes being awarded to the highest seeded positions.

Section 6 – Discontinuance of Play

- A. The policy for discontinuance of play will follow Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Golf.
- B. The PGA representative in charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation.
NOTE: When serving on the Committee, no member may be a competitor in the event.
- C. The following guidelines are for use by the PGA representative in charge if play is discontinued before the field has completed play:
 - a. For one round events, if 75% or more of the field has completed play, and it is unfeasible for others to do so on that day, the tournament payout shall be re-figured on the basis of the number completing play. Those participants unable to complete play shall be deemed non-competitors and will be refunded the portion of the entry fee designated into the prize fund and administration fee. If less than 75% of the field has completed play, the event shall be postponed, cancelled and/or rescheduled. A one round event shall not be reduced to less than 18 holes if play is not completed.
 - b. For two round events, the purse payout shall be paid in full based on 18 hole scores. In the event that the full field is unable to complete a minimum of 18 holes, the event shall be postponed, cancelled and/or rescheduled.
 - c. Under no circumstances will play continue past the last scheduled day of the competition.

Section 7 – Match Play – Match Scheduling and Completion

- A. The Tournament Committee will establish the beginning and end date for the season long Match Play Championships (Match Play Championship, Four-Ball Match Play Championship, and Senior Match Play Championship).
- B. The Tournament Committee will establish the deadline as to which each round of the Championship must be completed. The dates and times will be published prior to the start of each Championship.
 - a. Prior to the stated deadline, a competitor may petition the Tournament Committee for an extension of no longer than one week. Such extension will only be granted to a competitor once during a season long Championship.
 - b. No extension to a match will be made, regardless of circumstances, if the match is not finished at the stated deadline.
 - c. If the match has not been completed by the day of the stated deadline, a starting time will be assigned by the Section Staff for that day.
 - i. Note: If only one competitor is present at the appointed starting time, they will be deemed the winner of the match.
- C. Any match not completed prior to the deadline set by the committee will be decided by lot.

Section 8 – Pro-Assistant – Team Eligibility

- A. Both team members must be employed by the same facility. If the facility has a hierarchy in place, they are eligible to compete with one another. For example, A-4 with A-1; A-4 with A-14; A-1 with A-8 or B-8; A-1 with B-6; A-14 with A-6 or B-6; etc. NOTE: If a facility employs a B-8 but they are currently suspended, you cannot enter under this priority. Employees are only allowed to “wheel” with one member of the facility.

Section 9 – Policy Regarding Ties

In Championships, should two or more competitors tie for first position, the tie shall be resolved on an event by event basis. The method to resolve the tie will be officially posted prior to the state of play.

If more than two players tie, all players other than the winner will be declared joint winners of second place and share equally in the purse to be distributed. Competitors tying for other positions will share equally with other posting the same score.

Note: Competitors tying for the Championship must be present to compete in the Sudden Death Playoff. If a player/team is not present or does not compete in the Sudden Death Playoff, they will be declared joint winners of second place and will share equally in the purse to be distributed.

Section 10 – Prize Fund Distribution

- A. The total prize fund for distribution shall total all entry fees, plus the added sponsorship money, less the administration fee and other incidental expenses directly related to the championship as determined by the Tournament Committee and/or staff.
- B. The prize fund shall be distributed to no less than 33% of the starting field. Each finishing position will be assigned a specific percentage of the total prize fund based on Appendix I. If not covered by Appendix I, the Tournament Committee shall approve the purse.
 - a. Appendix I may be modified and approved at the discretion of the Colorado PGA Board of Directors
- C. Women professionals shall compete for the same purse as men. A separate set of tees shall be provided for women professionals set at no more than 88% and no less than 85% of the total men's tee yardage.
- D. Senior professionals (those age 50 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) shall compete for the same purse as men and women. A separate set of tees shall be provided for Senior professionals (those age 50 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) set at 95% of the location being used for the regular men's field. A Professional may move forward; whichever tee is selected, they must play that tee for the entire competition.
- E. Senior Professionals (those age 70 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) shall compete for the same purse as men and women. A separate set of tees shall be provided for Senior Professionals (those age 70 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) set at no more than 88% and no less than 85% of the total regular men's yardage. A Professional may move forward; whichever tee is selected, they must play that tee for the entire competition.

ARTICLE VIII

Pro-Amateur Events

Section 1 – Entry Requirements

- A. All Pro-Amateur entries must be received by the stated deadline. Entries that are incomplete or without proper entry fee payment will be rejected.
- B. By simply entering an event, the individuals agree to abide by the *Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations*, its defined Rules of Conduct, and the USGA Rules of Golf.
- C. All entries are subject to approval by the Colorado Section PGA. Competitors must be eligible at the time of the stated entry deadline, as well as the date of the event.
- D. Amateur participants must have a current USGA handicap certified and/or verified by a regional golf association. Without such verification, the amateur participant shall play at scratch.

Section 2 – Entry Fees and Refunds

- A. The entry fee amount shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Currently, the standard team entry fee is \$500 per team (\$135/amateur, \$95/professional), which shall include an administration fee equal to \$110.00 per team, which the Section shall retain. All course fees for pro-amateur events will be included in the entry fee.
- B. Pro-amateur entries posted through the Colorado Section PGA website using a credit card for payment will be charged an entry fee deposit of \$90.00 at the time of registration, with the remainder of the entry fee charged to the designated credit card no more than 96 hours and no less than 72 hours before the first scheduled starting time for the event. Any entry not paid in full 72 hours prior to the first scheduled starting time shall be rejected and placed on an alternate list with the lowest priority.
- C. Refunds will be granted in the full amount of the entry fee for any cancellation made prior to the stated entry deadline.
- D. Refunds will be granted in the amount of the entry fee, less a \$90.00 administration fee for any cancellation made following the stated entry deadline and prior to seventy-two (72) hours to the start of the event. The start of the event is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- E. No refund will be granted for any cancellation made within seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the event. The start of the event is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- F. Cancellations shall be submitted to the Section office and/or the Section official in charge of the event.
In cases of emergency, written requests for full refunds may be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five (5) business days of the start of the event. These requests will be considered separately on their own merits.

Section 3 – Starting Field

The starting field in all Colorado Section PGA Pro-Amateur events shall be set by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Should eligible entry applications exceed the defined maximum starting field at the time of the stated entry deadline, the following entry priority shall take effect:

- 1. All eligible entry applications received prior to the stated entry deadline and otherwise eligible on the basis of the earliest received up to the maximum field size;
- 2. Entry applications received beyond the maximum field size shall be placed on an alternate list on the basis of earliest receipt.

Section 4 – Arrangement of Groupings

The starting field at all Pro-Amateur events shall be arranged at lot. Entry applications posted via the Section website will from time-to-time have the opportunity to select a preferred starting hole for shotgun starts.

Section 5 – Discontinuance of Play

- A. The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Golf.
- B. The PGA representative in charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation.
NOTE: When serving on the Committee, no member may be a competitor in the event.
- C. The following guidelines are for use by the PGA representative in charge if play is discontinued before the field has completed play:
 - a. For one round events, if 50% or more of the field has completed play, and it is unfeasible for others to do so on that day, the tournament payout shall be re-figured on the basis of the number completing play. Those participants unable to complete play shall be deemed non-competitors and will be refunded the portion of the entry fee designated into the prize fund and administration fee. If less than 50% of the field has completed play, the event shall be postponed, cancelled and/or rescheduled. A one round event shall not be reduced to less than 18 holes if play is not completed.
 - b. Under no circumstances will play continue past the last scheduled day of the competition.

Section 6 – Policy Regarding Ties

- A. In Pro-Amateur events, should two or more professionals/teams tie for any position, including first place, those posting the same score shall share equally in the total purse allotted for the number of tied positions.
- B. If more professionals/teams were tied for a position so that an equal distribution would result in a payout of less than \$10.00, a match of cards would resolve the positions of those tied until all tied positions are so determined. The match of cards procedure will be consistent with the USGA preferred procedure (holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, hole-by-hole starting at hole 1).
EXAMPLE: If six tie for ninth position in an event where 10 places are to be paid, and adding ninth and tenth place money together and dividing by six, the payout will result in awards of \$8.50 each (which is less than the \$10.00 minimum), a match of cards among those six would determine which two were winners, and they would share equally ninth and tenth place money.
- C. If more professionals/teams were tied for a position so that an equal distribution would result in a payout that pays more than 40% of professionals/teams, a match of cards would resolve the positions of those tied until all tied positions are so determined. The match of cards procedure will be consistent with the USGA preferred procedure (holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, hole-by-hole starting at hole 1).
EXAMPLE: If six tie for ninth position in an event where 10 places are to be paid, a scorecard playoff will be instituted to award two professionals/teams prize money, equaling a total of 40% of the professional/team field being paid.

Section 7 – Prize Fund Distribution

- A. The total prize fund for distribution shall be equal to \$250.00 per team entered plus added sponsor money.
- B. The total prize fund shall be distributed in two divisions respectfully, Low Professional and Low Team.
- C. The Low Professional prize fund shall be equal to \$110.00 per professional entered plus 50% of the added sponsor money.
- D. The Low Team prize fund shall be equal to \$140.00 per team entered plus 50% of the added sponsor money.
- E. The prize fund in each division shall be distributed to no less than 40% of the starting field in each division. Each finishing position will be assigned a specific percentage of the division prize fund based on Appendix I. If not covered by Appendix I, the Tournament Committee shall approve the purse.

- F. Women professionals shall compete for the same purse as men. A separate set of tees shall be provided for women professionals set at no more than 88% and no less than 85% of the total men's tee yardage.
- G. Senior Professionals (those age 50 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) shall compete for the same purse as men and women. A separate set of tees shall be provided for Senior Professionals (those age 50 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) set at 95% of the location being used for the regular men's field. A Professional may move forward; whichever tee is selected, they must play that tee for the entire competition.
 - a. All males will play the same tee for all Match Play Championships
- H. Senior Professionals (those age 70 and over as of the date of the first round on the event) shall compete for the same purse as men and women. A separate set of tees shall be provided for Senior Professionals (those age 70 and over as of the date of the first round on the event) set at no more than 88% and no less than 85% of the total regular men's yardage. A Professional may move forward; whichever tee is selected, they must play that tee for the entire competition.
 - a. All males will play the same tee for all Match Play Championships

Section 8 – Host Professional Responsibilities

- A. Sign and return the Colorado PGA Tournament Agreement prior to March 1.
- B. Arrange to have the use of the course reserved for tournament players only during the competition.
- C. Define all boundaries, penalty areas and ground under repair. White stakes should define boundaries no more than 30 yards apart and with a clear line of sight at ground level between stake to stake. Penalty areas should be defined with the appropriate color paint on the ground and supplemented with appropriate color stakes for identification.
- D. Prepare a Rules of Play sheet and provide it to the PGA official in charge at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled event date.
- E. Set-up course for the competition to include the placement of tee markers and location of holes. Amateur competitors should play from a USGA Rated Tee Markers. Hole locations should provide a challenging test with playability, fairness, and enjoyment top priorities (locations should be generally flat in an area twenty-four (24) inches around the desired location).
- F. Ensure availability of an adequate number of golf cars to accommodate two (2) cars per grouping with two (2) additional for use by the Rules Committee.
- G. Maintain a list of amateur winners, as all amateur prizes will be paid to the host facility.
- H. Provide at minimum of one staff member to assist the CPGA official in charge with the administration of the event.

Section 9 – Amateur Handicaps

- A. Amateur participants must have a current certified handicap and/or any handicap that is certified and/or verified. Without such verification, the amateur participant shall play at scratch. If a player possesses a "plus" handicap index that player will play to a "plus" index. The Handicap Index of an amateur participant will be as of 72 hours prior to the event unless otherwise stated.
- B. Due to seasonal Handicap revision cycles, amateurs may use the verified handicap in effect at the end of the previous season until May 1.
 - Following May 1, handicaps must be current or the amateur shall play at scratch.
- C. In Pro-Amateur events, amateur handicaps shall be reduced to 80% of value with a maximum allowance of 24 strokes for males and 36 for females.
 - a. Exception: In shamle events, amateur handicaps shall be reduced to 50% of value with a maximum allowance of 24 strokes for males and 36 for females.

- D. The Colorado PGA has adopted the Modified Knuth Tournament Points System. See Modified Knuth Tournament Points System appendix.

Section 10 – Scorecard Requirements

- A. The professional contestant is responsible for maintaining the scorecard for the team. He shall enter the gross score of each amateur. The scorecard shall be signed by the professional and attested by one of the amateur team members. Penalties for violations shall be consistent with other scoring violations as determined by the Rules of Golf. Changes or corrections to the scorecard should be initialed by the professional and attested by an amateur partner.
- B. It is the competing professional's responsibility to examine the official scorecard for accuracy prior to the round. Any inaccuracies, including the allotment of handicap strokes, shall be reported to the CPGA official in charge.

Section 11 – Pace of Play - NEW PACE OF PLAY POLICY REVISION

The Colorado PGA (COPGA) is committed to providing an enjoyable and efficient playing experience for all competitors. This Pace of Play Policy is designed to promote timely play, preserve the integrity of competition, and allow for reasonable discretion by COPGA Rules Officials.

- A. Expected Pace
 - a. The target pace of play for a round is 4 hours and 30 minutes unless otherwise specified by the Committee.
 - b. Groups are expected to always maintain their position on the golf course.
 - c. "Position" is defined as being directly behind the group in front, without an open hole.
- B. Out of Position
 - a. A group is considered "out of position" when:
 - i. The group has one clear open hole ahead, and
 - ii. The group is not within the allotted pace of play.
 - iii. Both conditions must exist for a group to be deemed out of position.
- C. Monitoring and Timing Procedures
 - a. Pace may only be officially monitored by COPGA staff and Rules Officials.
 - b. When a group is identified as out of position, the group will receive an official warning and may be placed "on the clock."
- D. Warning
 - a. Each group will receive one (1) official warning per round, even if they have regained their position after their warning.
 - b. The warning will include a notification that the group is out of position and may be timed.
- E. Penalties
 - a. Following the initial warning:
 - i. First Breach (While on the Clock) - If the group fails to improve position and/or pace within a reasonable timeframe, the Committee may assess a penalty. The penalty may be applied to an individual player(s) identified as contributing to the delay, based on observed or recorded times.
 - ii. Subsequent Breach - If the group continues to fail to regain position or improve pace, the Committee may impose penalties on all players in the group.
- F. Penalty Structure
 - a. First penalty: Warning
 - b. Second penalty: One-stroke penalty
 - c. Third penalty: Additional one-stroke penalty
 - d. Continued non-compliance may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Committee
- G. Pro-Am Specific Guidance

- a. In Pro-Am events, all players are expected to contribute to maintaining pace.
 - b. If an amateur player is unable to assist the team score on a hole and is contributing to the delay, they may be required to pick up their ball at the direction of a COPGA official.
- H. Player Responsibility
 - a. All players share responsibility for maintaining the pace of play, including:
 - i. Being prepared to play when it is their turn
 - ii. Keeping up with the group ahead
 - iii. Limiting practice swings and pre-shot routines
 - iv. Assisting in locating balls when appropriate
- I. Spirit of the Policy - This policy is intended to ensure fairness and enjoyment for the entire field. Players are expected to act in good faith to maintain pace and respect fellow competitors.
- J. Season-Long Pace of Play Accountability - To reinforce the importance of pace of play across all COPGA competitions, the following season long accountability standards will apply. This will apply to events during a calendar year and will reset every tournament season.
 - a. An offense occurs when a player is part of a group that fails to complete a round within the maximum time established by the committee, and where the Committee determines that the player contributed to the delay.
 - b. First Offense - The player will receive a formal written warning from the COPGA committee
 - c. Second Offense - The player will receive direct communication from a COPGA committee member to review pace of play expectations and responsibilities.
 - d. Third Offense - The player will be required to meet with a COPGA committee representative. Following this meeting, disciplinary action may be imposed, including possible suspension from COPGA competitions, at the discretion of the committee.
 - e. Committee Discretion - The committee reserves the right to consider mitigating factors, including but not limited to group dynamics, course layout, course conditions, weather, and prior pace of play history.

ARTICLE IX

Section Special Events

Section 1 – Las Vegas Pro-Am

All tournament policies for the Las Vegas Pro-Am shall be set by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. All such policies shall be communicated to the membership via the event entry, Section website, newsletter, and e-newsletter.

Section 2 – Spring Travel Pro-Am

All tournament policies for the Spring Travel Pro-Am shall be set by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. All such policies shall be communicated to the membership via the event entry, Section website, newsletter, and e-newsletter.

Section 3 – Colorado PGA REACH Invitational

Due to the unique nature of the Colorado PGA REACH Invitational, the Tournament Committee shall coordinate with the Colorado PGA REACH Board of Trustees regarding the policies and procedures for the event. All such policies and procedures shall be communicated to the membership via the event entry, section website, newsletter, and e-newsletter.

Section 4 – Colorado Cup Matches

On a biennial basis (held during odd-numbered years) the Colorado Section PGA, Colorado Golf Association, and Colorado Women's Golf Association shall sponsor a challenge match between the organizations. The Section team shall be comprised of twenty (20) players in three (3) divisions, Regular, Senior and Women. The Regular and Senior divisions shall consist of eight (8) members and the Women's Cup Team shall be made up of four (4) members.

Eligibility for Regular and Senior Cup divisions shall be limited to Class A Members, Master Professionals and Life Members and shall be determined by a rolling points list beginning on the date with the event immediately following the Season Championship of the year of the previous matches and ending July 1st of the of the year of the matches, with the exception that the Section Champion, Senior Section Champion, Assistant Section Champion and West Chapter Champion of the previous year shall automatically qualify (each champion must be a Class A Member, Master Professional or Life Member.)

Eligibility for the Women's Cup Team shall include Class A Members, Master Professionals, Life Members and Class B Members and shall be determined by the previous Player of the Year points lists and by invitation as approved by the Tournament Committee.

Individuals may compete on only one (1) division; Open, Senior or Women's.

Section 4 – Taylor Cup Matches

On a biennial basis (held during even-numbered years), the Colorado Section PGA and the Sun Country Section PGA shall sponsor a challenge match between the organizations. The Cup team shall be comprised of twelve (12) players: eight (8) regular members and four (4) senior members.

Eligibility for Cup Team shall be limited to Class A Members, Master Professionals and Life Members and shall be determined by a rolling two-year points list beginning on the date with the event immediately following the Section Championship of the year of the previous matches and ending with the Section Championship of the year prior to the matches, with the exception that the Section Champion and Senior Section Champion of the previous year shall automatically qualify.

Section 5 – Colorado Open Exemptions

Exemptions for the Colorado Open, Colorado Senior Open, and the Colorado Women's Open are as follows:

Colorado Open: The Top 15 from the Dow Finsterwald POY Point List; #16 & #17 on the Dow Finsterwald POY Point List will be Alternate #1 & Alternate #2 should any player inside the Top 15 decline their exemption.

Colorado Senior Open: The Top 17 from the Senior POY Point List will earn exemptions.

Colorado Women's Open: The Top 5 from the Women's POY Point List will earn exemptions.

ARTICLE X

Chapter and Assistant Association Events

Section 1 – Rules and Regulations

Chapter and Assistant Association events shall be governed by rules and regulations adopted by the respective group and reviewed by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Section Board of Directors. Such rules and regulations shall not be in direct conflict with any policy of the Section, as well as those policies of the Internal Revenue Service regarding the compliance of stated tax law for tax-exempt organizations like the Section.

Annual event schedules shall be submitted to the Tournament Committee for review and shall be approved by the Section Board of Directors. It shall be known that the Tournament Committee and Section Board of

Directors will not approve any Chapter or Assistant Association event that is scheduled in direct conflict with a Section Major Championship, Championship or Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE XI

Playing Performance Points

Section 1 – Purpose

The Tournament Committee shall maintain or cause to maintain an annual listing of Colorado Section PGA members based on their playing performance to determine the players of the year. The system shall include listings in four (4) divisions including Regular, Senior, Women and Associate and shall determine players of the year in each of the divisions.

Section 2 – Player of the Year Awards

Player of the Year Awards shall be awarded, based on the playing performance lists, in three divisions:

Dow Finsterwald Colorado PGA Player of the Year – Awarded to the individual with the highest cumulative total from the Regular playing performance points list. Individuals must be Class A members, Master Professionals or Life Members to be awarded playing performance points in this division.

Note: Members must elect to play the Colorado PGA White tees at individual tournaments to be eligible for Dow Finsterwald Colorado PGA Player of the Year playing performance points.

Note: A-3's are not eligible to earn points in the Player of the Year Awards

Colorado PGA Senior Player of the Year – Awarded to the individual with the highest cumulative total from the Senior playing performance points list. Individuals must be Class A members, Master Professionals, or Life Members over the age of 50 (as of the start of an event) to be awarded playing performance points in this division.

Note: A-3's are not eligible to earn points in the Player of the Year Awards

Colorado PGA Women's Player of the Year – Awarded to the individual with the highest cumulative total from the Women's playing performance points list. Individuals must be female Class A members, Master Professionals or Life Members to be awarded playing performance points in this division

Note: Members must elect to play the Colorado PGA Green tees at individual tournaments to be eligible for Colorado PGA Women's Player of the Year playing performance points.

Colorado PGA Associate Player of the Year – Awarded to the individual with the highest cumulative total from the Associates playing performance points lists. Individuals must be Class B (Associate) member and must have passed their Playing Ability Test to be awarded playing performance points in this division.

Should two or more individuals tie for the first position for any Player of the Year Award, the individuals shall be declared as joint winners of the award.

Section 3 – Event Eligibility

Playing performance points shall be awarded to participants in all Major Championships, Championships and Pro-Am Events. In addition, events that are granted co-sponsored status as defined by the Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations shall award playing performance points. The Tournament Committee may determine the qualification of other such events as eligible for playing performance points. Events declared as eligible for playing performance points shall be communicated to the membership via the event entry, section website, newsletter and e-newsletter.

Section 4 – Points Distribution

The Tournament Committee shall determine the Category level (see Appendix II) in which each event shall distribute playing performance points.

Should two or more individuals tie for any position awarding playing performance points, those posting the same score shall share equally in the total points allotted for the number of tied positions.

Playing performance points shall be distributed based on finish versus the entire field.

Exception: POY Points will be awarded based on finish relative to Colorado PGA Professionals only for the Colorado Open and Colorado Senior Open Championships.

Any event in which the full field does not complete a minimum of 18 holes, the event shall not distribute playing performance points.

During team events, the following partnership restrictions are in effect:

Dow Finsterwald Player of the Year – Top 10 of Previous Year

Senior Player of the Year – Top 10 of Previous Year

Women's Player of the Year – Top 3 of Previous Year

Associate Player of the Year – Top 5 of Previous Year

Point Distribution for the Women's Player of the Year is as follows:

- A. If one Female PGA Professional participate in a section event (excluding team events) the points will be determined by the Tournament Rules & Regulations Points Distribution Schedule and awarded based on finish vs. Male PGA Professionals and Associates
- B. If two or more Female PGA Professionals participate in a section event (excluding team events) the points will be awarded based on participation using the following scale:
 - a. 2-3 = 100 points
 - b. 4-5 = 200 points
 - c. 6-7 = 300 points
 - d. 8-9 = 400 points
 - e. 10-13 = 500 pints
 - f. 14+ = 600 points

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A. 200 Points

Co-Sponsored Events

Sinclair Rocky Mountain Open—Senior Division

Wyoming Open—Senior Division

Westminster Open

Co-Sponsored Events (per round)

Note: Player of the Year Points will be awarded based on finish versus the entire field should a minimum of eighteen (18) professionals participate.

B. 400 Points

US Open Local Qualifying

US Senior Open Local Qualifying

US Women's Open Qualifying

US Senior Women's Open Qualifying

Colorado PGA Women's Championship

C. Pro-Am and Stroke Play Event (18-Hole) Points

Pro-Am & Stroke Play Points Distribution

600 points	50 or more teams/players
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500 points	41-49 teams/players
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400 points	32-40 teams/players
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300 points	24-31 teams/players
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200 points	17-23 teams/players
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100 points	10-16 teams/players
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Participation only	Fewer than 10 teams/players
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D. 800 Points

Navajo Trail Open

Sinclair Rocky Mountain Open

US Open Sectional Qualifying

US Senior Open Sectional Qualifying

Wyoming Open

Laramie Open

Colorado Open

Colorado Senior Open

Colorado Women's Open

E. 1,200 Points

West Chapter Championship

Individual Match Play

Senior Individual Match Play

Assistants Individual Match Play

F. 1,600 Points

PGA Assistant Professional Championship

PGA Championship

Senior PGA Championship

PGA Professional National Championship

PGA Senior Professional National Championship

Colorado Senior PGA Professional Championship
Colorado PGA Assistant Professional Championship
US Open
US Senior Open
Korn Ferry Tour – The Blue Championship at TPC Colorado
Colorado PGA Tour Championship

G. 2,400 Points

Colorado PGA Professional Championship

H. 50 Points

Colorado Cup
Four-Ball Match Play Championship* (50 points participation and per match win)
Myran Craig Pro-Pro Championship
Pro-Assistant Championship
Pro-Pro-Pro Championship
Pro-Scratch Championship
Las Vegas Pro-Am

Bonus Points

Playing in Colorado PGA Professional Championship	200 points
Making cut in Colorado PGA Professional Championship	200 points
Winning match in Four-Ball Match Play Championship	50 points
Playing in National PGA Professional Championship	200 points
Making 1 st cut in National PGA Professional Championship	100 points
Making 2 nd cut in National PGA Professional Championship	200 points
Playing in National Senior PGA Professional Championship	200 points
Making 1 st cut in National Senior PGA Professional Champ	100 points
Making 2 nd cut in National Senior PGA Professional Champ	200 points
Playing in National Assistants PGA Professional Champ	200 points
Making cut in National Assistants PGA Professional Champ	100 points
Playing in PGA Championship	400 points
Making cut in PGA Championship	400 points
Playing in Senior PGA Championship	400 points
Making cut in Senior PGA Championship	400 points
Winner of any of the Colorado Open Championships	400 points
Making cut in any of the Colorado Open Championships	200 points
Top 25 in any of the Colorado Open Championships	100 points
Top 10 in any of the Colorado Open Championships	200 points
Playing in KFT – The Ascendant presented by Blue at TPC Colorado	200 points
<i>Note: Must qualify for championship, sponsor exemptions not eligible for bonus points</i>	
Making cut in KFT – The Ascendant presented by Blue at TPC Colorado	200 points
The top 10 on the Regular Points List are on partnership restriction	

Appendix II- Playing Performance Points

	Cat. C (10- 17)	Category A (Cat. C 18-25)	Cat. C (26- 33)	Cat. C (34 or more)	Cat. C (41- 49)	Category C (50+)	Categor y D	Categor y E	Categor y F	Categor y G
1	100	200	300	400	500	600	800	1200	1600	2400
2	75	150	225	300	375	450	600	900	1200	1800
3	63	125	188	250	313	375	500	750	1000	1500
4	50	100	150	200	250	300	400	600	800	1200
5	40	80	120	160	200	240	320	480	640	960
6	38	75	113	150	188	225	300	450	600	900
7	35	70	105	140	175	210	280	420	560	840
8	33	65	98	130	163	195	260	390	520	780
9	30	60	90	120	150	180	240	360	480	720
10	28	55	83	110	138	165	220	330	440	660
11	27	54	81	108	135	162	216	324	432	648
12	27	53	80	106	133	159	212	318	424	636
13	26	52	78	104	130	156	208	312	416	624
14	26	51	77	102	128	153	204	306	408	612
15	25	50	75	100	125	150	200	300	400	600
16	25	49	74	98	123	147	196	294	392	588
17	24	48	72	96	120	144	192	288	384	576
18	24	47	71	94	118	141	188	282	376	564
19	23	46	69	92	115	138	184	276	368	552
20	23	45	68	90	113	135	180	270	360	540
21	22	44	66	88	110	132	176	264	352	528
22	22	43	65	86	108	129	172	258	344	516
23	21	42	63	84	105	126	168	252	336	504
24	21	41	62	82	103	123	164	246	328	492
25	20	40	60	80	100	120	160	240	320	480
26	20	39	59	78	98	117	156	234	312	468
27	19	38	57	76	95	114	152	228	304	456
28	19	37	56	74	93	111	148	222	296	444
29	18	36	54	72	90	108	144	216	288	432
30	18	35	53	70	88	105	140	210	280	420
31	17	34	51	68	85	102	136	204	272	408
32	17	33	50	66	83	99	132	198	264	396
33	16	32	48	64	80	96	128	192	256	384
34	16	31	47	62	78	93	124	186	248	372
35	15	30	45	60	75	90	120	180	240	360
36	15	29	44	58	73	87	116	174	232	348
37	14	28	42	56	70	84	112	168	224	336
38	14	27	41	54	68	81	108	162	216	324
39	13	26	39	52	65	78	104	156	208	312
40	13	25	38	50	63	75	100	150	200	300
41	12	24	36	48	60	72	96	144	192	288
42	12	23	35	46	58	69	92	138	184	276
43	11	22	33	44	55	66	88	132	176	264

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45	10	20	30	40	50	60	80	120	160	240
46	10	19	29	38	48	57	76	114	152	228
47	9	18	27	36	45	54	72	108	144	216
48	9	17	26	34	43	51	68	102	136	204
49	8	16	24	32	40	48	64	96	128	192
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51	7	14	21	28	35	42	56	84	112	168
52	7	13	20	26	33	39	52	78	104	156
53	6	12	18	24	30	36	48	72	96	144
54	6	11	17	22	28	33	44	66	88	132
55	5	10	15	20	25	30	40	60	80	120
56	5	9	14	18	23	27	36	54	72	108
57	4	8	12	16	20	24	32	48	64	96
58	4	7	11	14	18	21	28	42	56	84
59	3	6	9	12	15	18	24	36	48	72
60	3	5	8	10	13	15	20	30	40	60
61- 64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	40

ARTICLE XII

Chapter Pro-Amateur Events

Section 1 – Entry Requirements

- A. All Pro-Amateur entries must be received at the Section Office by the stated deadline. Entries that are incomplete or without proper entry fee payment will be rejected.
- B. By simply entering an event, the individuals agree to abide by the Colorado Section PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations, its defined Rules of Conduct, and the USGA Rules of Golf.
- C. All entries are subject to approval by the Colorado Section PGA. Competitors must be eligible at the time of the stated entry deadline, as well as the date of the event.
Amateur participants must have a current USGA handicap certified and/or verified by a regional golf association. Without such verification, the amateur participant shall play at scratch.

Section 2 – Entry Fees and Refunds

- A. The amount of the entry fee shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Currently, Chapter Pro-Am entry fees vary from event to event. Specific information will be published on the Colorado Section PGA website. All course fees for pro-amateur events will be included in the entry fee. The Section will not collect the customary 15% administrative Fee. Each West Chapter Section Member will be charged a one-time annual West Chapter Fee of \$50 fee to participate in Chapter events. Additionally, Each Team will pay a \$5 fee per event to cover the Registration fees the Section incurs for Blue Golf.
- B. Pro-amateur entries posted through the Colorado Section PGA website using a credit card for payment will be charged an entry fee deposit \$90 at the time of registration, with the remainder of the entry fee charged to the designated credit card no more than 96 hours and no less than 72 hours prior to the first scheduled starting time for the event. Any entry not paid in full 72 hours prior to the first scheduled starting time shall be rejected and placed on an alternate list with the lowest priority.
- C. Refunds will be granted in the full amount of the entry fee for any cancellation made prior to the stated entry deadline.
- D. Refunds will be granted in the amount of the entry fee, less a \$90.00 administration fee for any cancellation made following the stated entry deadline and prior to seventy-two (72) hours from the start of the event. The start of the event is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- E. No refund will be granted for any cancellation made within seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the event. The start of the event is defined as the time of the event's first scheduled starting time.
- F. Cancellations shall be submitted to the Section office and/or the Section official in charge of the event.

In cases of emergency, written requests for full refunds may be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five (5) business days of the start of the event. These requests will be considered separately on their own merits.

Section 3 – Starting Field

The starting field in all Colorado Section PGA Pro-Amateur events shall be set by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Should eligible entry applications exceed the defined maximum starting field at the time of the stated entry deadline, the following entry priority shall take effect:

1. All eligible entry applications received prior to the stated entry deadline and otherwise eligible on the basis of the earliest received up to the maximum field size;
2. Entry applications received beyond the maximum field size shall be placed on an alternate list on the basis of earliest receipt.

Section 4 – Arrangement of Groupings

The starting field at all Pro-Amateur events shall be arranged at lot. Entry applications posted via the Section website will from time-to-time have the opportunity to select a preferred starting hole for shotgun starts.

Section 5 – Discontinuance of Play

- A. The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 5.7 of the Rules of Golf.
- B. The PGA representative in charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation. NOTE: When serving on the Committee, no member may be a competitor in the event.
- C. The following guidelines are for use by the PGA representative in charge if play is discontinued before the field has completed play:
 - i. For one round events, if 50% or more of the field has completed play, and it is unfeasible for others to do so on that day, the tournament payout shall be re-figured on the basis of the number completing play. Those participants unable to complete play shall be deemed non-competitors and will be refunded the portion of the entry fee designated into the prize fund and administration fee. If less than 50% of the field has completed play, the event shall be postponed, cancelled and/or rescheduled. A one round event shall not be reduced to less than 18 holes if play is not completed.
 - ii. Under no circumstances will play continue past the last scheduled day of the competition.

Section 6 – Policy Regarding Ties

- A. In Pro-Amateur events, should two or more professionals/teams tie for any position, including first place, those posting the same score shall share equally in the total purse allotted for the number of tied positions.
- B. If more professionals/teams were tied for a position so that an equal distribution would result in a payout of less than \$10.00, a match of cards would resolve the positions of those tied until all tied positions are so determined. The match of cards procedure will be consistent with the USGA preferred procedure (holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, hole-by-hole starting at hole 1). EXAMPLE: If six tie for ninth position in an event where 10 places are to be paid, and adding ninth and tenth place money together and dividing by six, the payout will result in awards of \$8.50 each (which is less than the \$10.00 minimum), a match of cards among those six would determine which two were winners, and they would share equally ninth and tenth place money.
- C. If more professionals/teams were tied for a position so that an equal distribution would result in a payout that pays more than 40% of professionals/teams, a match of cards would resolve the positions of those tied until all tied positions are so determined. The match of cards procedure will be consistent with the USGA preferred procedure (holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, hole 18, hole-by-hole starting at hole 1). EXAMPLE: If six tie for ninth position in an event where 10 places are to be paid, a scorecard playoff will be instituted to award two professionals/teams prize money, equaling a total of 40% of the professional/team field being paid.

Section 7 – Prize Fund Distribution

- A. The total prize fund for distribution shall be equal to \$225.00 per team entered plus added sponsor money.
- B. The total prize fund shall be distributed in two divisions respectfully, Low Professional and Low Team.

- C. The Low Professional prize fund shall be equal to \$110.00 per professional entered plus 50% of the added sponsor money.
- D. The Low Team prize fund shall be equal to \$145.00 per team entered plus 50% of the added sponsor money.
- E. The prize fund in each division shall be distributed to no less than 40% of the starting field in each division. Each finishing position will be assigned a specific percentage of the division prize fund based on Appendix I. If not covered by Appendix I, the Tournament Committee shall approve the purse.
- F. Women professionals shall compete for the same purse as men. A separate set of tees shall be provided for women professionals set at no more than 85% and no less than 70% of the total men's tee yardage.
- G. Senior Professionals (those age 50 and over as of the date of the first round of the event) shall compete for the same purse as men and women. A separate set of tees shall be provided for Senior Professionals (those age 50 and over as of the date of the first round on the event) set at 92 % of the location being used for the regular men's field. A Professional may move forward; whichever tee is selected, they must play that tee for the entire competition.
- H. Senior Professionals (those age 70 and over as of the date of the first round on the event) shall compete for the same purse as men and women. A separate set of tees shall be provided for Senior Professionals (those age 70 and over as of the date of the first round on the event) set at no more than 85% and no less than 70% of the total regular men's yardage. A Professional may move forward; whichever tee is selected, they must play that tee for the entire competition.

Section 8 – Host Professional Responsibilities

- A. Sign and return the Colorado PGA Tournament Agreement prior to March 1.
- B. Arrange to have the use of the course reserved for tournament players only during the competition.
- C. Define all boundaries, penalty areas and ground under repair. White stakes should define boundaries no more than 30 yards apart and with a clear line of sight at ground level between stake to stake. Penalty areas should be defined with the appropriate color paint on the ground and supplemented with appropriate color stakes for identification.
- D. Prepare a Rules of Play sheet and provide it to the PGA official in charge at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled event date.
- E. Set-up course for the competition to include the placement of tee markers and location of holes. Amateur competitors should play from a USGA
- F. Rated Tee Markers. Hole locations should provide a challenging test with playability, fairness, and enjoyment top priorities (locations should be generally flat in an area twenty-four (24) inches around the desired location).
- G. Ensure availability of an adequate number of golf cars to accommodate two (2) cars per grouping with two (2) additional for use by the Rules Committee.
- H. Maintain a list of amateur winners, as all amateur prizes will be paid to the host facility.
- I. Provide at minimum of one staff member to assist the CPGA official in charge with the administration of the event.
- J. Prepare an invoice for course fees and other tournament related fees for approval by the Chapter Tournament Director and submission to the Section Office for payment.

Section 9 – Amateur Handicaps

- A. Amateur participants must have a current certified handicap and/or any handicap that is certified and/or verified. Without such verification, the amateur participant shall play at scratch. If a player possesses a "plus" handicap index that player will play to a "plus" index. The

Handicap Index of an amateur participant will be as of 72 hours prior to the event unless otherwise stated.

- B. Due to seasonal Handicap revision cycles, amateurs may use the verified handicap in effect at the end of the previous season until May 1. Following May 1, handicaps must be current or the amateur shall play at scratch.
- C. In Pro-Amateur events, amateur handicaps shall be reduced to 70% of value with a maximum allowance of 24 strokes for men and 36 for ladies.

Section 10 – Scorecard Requirements

- A. The professional contestant is responsible for maintaining the scorecard for the team. He shall enter the gross score of each amateur. The scorecard shall be signed by the professional and attested by one of the amateur team members. Penalties for violations shall be consistent with other scoring violations as determined by the Rules of Golf. Changes or corrections to the scorecard should be initialed by the professional and attested by an amateur partner.
- B. It is the competing professional's responsibility to examine the official scorecard for accuracy prior to the round. Any inaccuracies, including the allotment of handicap strokes, shall be reported to the CPGA official in charge.

Section 11 – Pace of Play - NEW PACE OF PLAY REVISION

The Colorado PGA (COPGA) is committed to providing an enjoyable and efficient playing experience for all competitors. This Pace of Play Policy is designed to promote timely play, preserve the integrity of competition, and allow for reasonable discretion by COPGA Rules Officials.

- D. Expected Pace
 - a. The target pace of play for a round is 4 hours and 30 minutes unless otherwise specified by the Committee.
 - b. Groups are expected to always maintain their position on the golf course.
 - c. "Position" is defined as being directly behind the group in front, without an open hole.
- E. Out of Position
 - a. A group is considered "out of position" when:
 - i. The group has one clear open hole ahead, and
 - ii. The group is not within the allotted pace of play.
 - iii. Both conditions must exist for a group to be deemed out of position.
- F. Monitoring and Timing Procedures
 - f. Pace may only be officially monitored by COPGA staff and Rules Officials.
 - g. When a group is identified as out of position, the group will receive an official warning and may be placed "on the clock."
- K. Warning
 - a. Each group will receive one (1) official warning per round, even if they have regained their position after their warning.
 - b. The warning will include a notification that the group is out of position and may be timed.
- L. Penalties
 - a. Following the initial warning:
 - i. First Breach (While on the Clock) - If the group fails to improve position and/or pace within a reasonable timeframe, the Committee may assess a penalty. The penalty may be applied to an individual player(s) identified as contributing to the delay, based on observed or recorded times.
 - ii. Subsequent Breach - If the group continues to fail to regain position or improve pace, the Committee may impose penalties on all players in the group.
- M. Penalty Structure
 - a. First penalty: Warning

- b. Second penalty: One-stroke penalty
 - c. Third penalty: Additional one-stroke penalty
 - d. Continued non-compliance may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Committee
- N. Pro-Am Specific Guidance
 - a. In Pro-Am events, all players are expected to contribute to maintaining pace.
 - b. If an amateur player is unable to assist the team score on a hole and is contributing to the delay, they may be required to pick up their ball at the direction of a COPGA official.
- O. Player Responsibility
 - a. All players share responsibility for maintaining the pace of play, including:
 - i. Being prepared to play when it is their turn
 - ii. Keeping up with the group ahead
 - iii. Limiting practice swings and pre-shot routines
 - iv. Assisting in locating balls when appropriate
- P. Spirit of the Policy - This policy is intended to ensure fairness and enjoyment for the entire field. Players are expected to act in good faith to maintain pace and respect fellow competitors.
- Q. Season-Long Pace of Play Accountability - To reinforce the importance of pace of play across all COPGA competitions, the following season long accountability standards will apply. This will apply to events during a calendar year and will reset every tournament season.
 - a. An offense occurs when a player is part of a group that fails to complete a round within the maximum time established by the committee, and where the Committee determines that the player contributed to the delay.
 - b. First Offense - The player will receive a formal written warning from the COPGA committee
 - c. Second Offense - The player will receive direct communication from a COPGA committee member to review pace of play expectations and responsibilities.
 - d. Third Offense - The player will be required to meet with a COPGA committee representative. Following this meeting, disciplinary action may be imposed, including possible suspension from COPGA competitions, at the discretion of the committee.
 - e. Committee Discretion - The committee reserves the right to consider mitigating factors, including but not limited to group dynamics, course layout, course conditions, weather, and prior pace of play history.