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# **2019 Tournament Guidelines**

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The purpose of these guidelines is to clearly define the policies and procedures of the Nebraska PGA's tournaments. Knowledge of the following rules will be the Professional's responsibility. Professionals shall be held responsible for any deviation from these policies and guidelines and will be subject to disciplinary action for failure to abide by these regulations.

All Nebraska PGA tournaments will be conducted in accordance with this manual. Formats for tournaments are subject to change; however, they are included hereunder the present structure. Any deviations shall be posted and professionals will be notified of significant changes in advance.

Under Article VI, Section 1 of the PGA Constitution, the rights and privileges of membership states: **"It is a privilege rather than a right to play in golf tournaments and participate in Section programs."**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

**A.** All Class A PGA Members, Life Members Active, Life Members Retired of the Nebraska Section of the PGA with the following exceptions:

### **Inactive and Unemployed Class A PGA Members:**

Inactive PGA Members are not eligible to compete in Section tournaments. Any person who has been a Class A PGA Member for at least one year, and who is currently unemployed, is eligible to play in Section tournaments for one year from their last date of employment if the field is not full. Unemployed Members are not eligible to accumulate Player of the Year Points.

### **Life Member Century:**

All members with the classification of Life Member Century will not be allowed to play in Section Tournaments.

### **A-3 PGA Members:**

Are eligible to participate in only the following tournaments in the Nebraska Section: Opens and Pro-Members (when invited by host professional).

Note: In the case that a tournament has more Class A member entries before the deadline than the facility can accommodate, the members that have had greater participation will take precedent. Those professionals who have participated in the most section tournaments since January 1, 2017 will be placed in order from the most tournaments played to the fewest tournaments played. Class A members will still have priority over all PGA Associates.

**B.** If a tournament is not filled with Class A members, life members active or life members retired meeting the above requirements, all Retired Members who are in good standing with the PGA of America will be able to participate.

**C.** If a tournament is not filled with Class A members, life members active, life members retired or retired members meeting the above requirements, all Class B PGA Associates who are: in good standing with the PGA of America, completed the PGA Associate Playing Eligibility Program (or PGA Associate Orientation Program for new PGA Associates) and actively earning work experience credits would be allowed to play by order of status as follows:



1. Registered PGA Associate Head Professionals (B-1) who have completed PGM Program Level 2 Checkpoint.
2. PGA Associates who have completed PGM Program Level 2 Checkpoint or PGM Collegiate Program graduates who are transitioning into Level 3.
3. Registered PGA Associate Head Professionals (B-1) who have not completed PGM Program Level 2 Checkpoint (ranked according to PGM Program experience).
4. PGA Associates who have completed PGM Program Level 1 Checkpoint.
5. PGA Associates who have registered into the PGM Program but not completed Level 1 Checkpoint.

Note 1: If an PGA Associate is not actively earning work experience credits they will have a sixty (60) day period in which they will be allowed to participate in Section tournaments as long as they remain in good standing throughout these sixty days. The sixty day period will begin the day their employment ended. PGA of America drops PGA Associates from the program if they are not employed at the end of their fiscal year (June 30th).

Note 2: Each category tie breaker will be determined by the greatest amount of participation in Section tournaments since January 1, 2017.

D. The Executive Committee shall have the power to grant eligibility to any individual because of extenuating circumstances.

NOTE: Pre-PGA Associates (those who have passed the P.A.T. but have not yet registered into the PGM Program) are not eligible to compete in Section tournaments.

E. A Section Member or PGA Associate is not eligible to participate in Section Major Championship Tournaments, as defined in section guidelines (Pro Assts, Pro-Pro-Pro, Team Championship, Match Play, Section Championship, Sr. Championship, Nebraska Cup Series Championship, Assistants Championship) or other Section Tournaments if he/she has entered more than ten (10) combined tournaments of professional golf tours within the last year of a given Section tournament:

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make any decisions necessary regarding eligibility of professional golf tours being played and will have final say in determining if that player can compete in section events.

The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Championship, and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count. Tours/tournament names that may change names or tours/tournaments that are added by the PGA of America in the 10-tournament count that are not currently listed shall be included as the part of this list immediately. This shall be in effect from the twelve (12) months prior to the date of the tournament. A Section Member or PGA Associate that has played in more than 10 PGA Tour or related and similar tour tournaments may compete in Pro-Am tournaments upon invitation of the host Professional.

### **PGA ASSOCIATE ELIGIBILITY – Effective as of June 9, 2018**

A registered PGA Associate who is earning work experience credits and is meeting acceptable progress in the PGA PGM Program is eligible to compete in Section events as long as he/she remains in good standing with the PGA of America. If a PGA Associate fails to meet acceptable progress in the PGA PGM Program and eventually



gets dropped from the program, he/she will be ineligible to compete in Section events until successfully passing Level 1 knowledge tests and purchasing Level 2 online courses.

## **ENTRY PROCEDURES**

### **Tournament Registration & Entry Fees:**

All entry fees will be determined by the Tournament Director and approved by the Tournament Committee. All Pro-Am entry fees shall be established based on the history of the demand for that particular tournament. All Pro-Am entry fees are to be regarded as a team entry fee and not a per person entry fee unless otherwise stated by the tournament committee. All teams will pay the same entry fee regardless of the number of participants on that team unless.

You must register for the tournament prior to the deadline. If you wish to pay using a credit card you can do so online. If you wish to pay by cash or check please contact the Section office to sign up and bring a check with you on the day of the tournament. **The Nebraska PGA CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARD FOR PAYMENT ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

If you choose to bring a check the day of the tournament, you must pay the entry fee in one check from the professional or his/her facility.

If you miss the deadline, you may still be accepted into the tournament if there are spots available. Call or email the Section office to determine the entry availability of a tournament.

Typical Entry deadline for tournaments: 11:59 pm the Thursday prior to the tournament unless stated otherwise.

ALL AMATEUR INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY **FRIDAY - 5:00 PM**, PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT.

It is recommended that you record the confirmation number that is given to you upon the completion of your online registration.

### **Starting Times:**

Starting Times will be assigned by the Tournament Director according to eligibility requirements and any preferences submitted by the Golf Professional.

When determining starting times the following selection process will be utilized.

Host Professionals – Any host professionals playing in the tournament will have first say in when their starting is during the tournament.

Class A Members- Any class A member will have priority over any PGA Associate unless host professional is a registered B-1 or B-4 in good standing with the PGA of America.

Participation – Those professionals who have participated in the most section tournaments in the previous year combined with this year (2018+2019) will be placed in order from the most tournaments played to the fewest tournaments played. Class A members will still have priority over all PGA Associates.



Multiple Clubs – Of the remaining teams who's professional has not participated in any tournaments, those clubs who have multiple teams playing in the tournament will be placed in the next category.

Blind Draw – If the above criteria cannot determine the eligible professionals, a blind draw will be done with those remaining professionals.

Starting times will be posted on the Tournament Page at [www.nebraskapga.com](http://www.nebraskapga.com) at 1:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the tournament.

### **Cancellations & Refund Policy:**

Cancellation from a Pro-Am must be made by 5 PM on the FRIDAY prior to the Pro-Am.

If the tournament falls below 15 teams because of a cancellation after the deadline on Friday at 5 PM the tournament will not be cancelled.

Unless otherwise stated on the entry form, the following cancelation and refund policy applies to all Nebraska Section PGA events:

1. Cancellations or withdrawals prior to the tournament closing date:

- Full refund – Minus a \$10 admin fee

2. Withdrawal after closing date of the Section tournament:

- Refund request forms must be completely filled out and returned to the Section office to be reviewed by the Tournament Committee
  - NOTE: Refund request forms will be available on the member only side of the [www.nebraskapga.com](http://www.nebraskapga.com) website
- If a request form is not received at the Nebraska Section PGA office within 24 hours of the completion of the event for which the refund is being requested, all rights to a refund will be forfeited.
- After considerable discussion by the Tournament Committee if it is determined not to grant the refund request the following will occur:
  - The Section Member/PGA Associate will be required to pay 10% of the total team entry and the \$10 admin fee.
  - If this same Section Member/PGA Associate withdrawals for a second time after the closing date of a Section tournament and the Tournament Committee denies this refund request, he/she will be required to pay 15% of the total team entry and the \$10 admin fee.
  - If this same Section Member/PGA Associate withdrawals for a third time after the closing date of a Section tournament and the Tournament Committee denies the refund request, he/she will be required to pay 20% of the total team entry and the \$10 admin fee and be subject to a code of ethics violation.



- All rejected refund requests must be paid by the Section Member/PGA Associate prior to their next registered Section event.

NOTE: The PGA Professional (or his/her team) will NOT be eligible for a refund if:

- If the Section Member/PGA Associate (or his/her team) “no shows” at an event, AND fails to notify the Section office, host facility staff or on-site Section staff prior to his/her assigned starting time.

For refund of the tournament entry fee exceptions will be made in the case of medical emergency (upon Tournament Committee approval) or a death in the family. To receive a refund (minus administrative fee and any additional costs incurred by the Section for the tournament), withdrawals must be submitted via the refund request forms and sent to the Section office via fax 402-489-1785, Email ([nebraska@pgahq.com](mailto:nebraska@pgahq.com)), or by regular mail.

### **RESTRICTED LIST**

For all professional team events except the Pro-Assistant Championship and Team Championship, a Restricted List will be in effect for the choice of partners. In these events, players that are on the most current Restricted List may NOT be partners on the same team. Partners may be from the same club unless otherwise stated. For events that will be affected by this rule, the most current Restricted List will be posted one (1) week prior at [www.nebraskapga.com](http://www.nebraskapga.com) on the information page of that event. Individuals may also call the Section office to clarify who is currently on the Restricted List. The Restricted List will be in place for the following tournaments:

- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Players Club Pro/Pro/Pro
- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Iron Horse Pro/Pro
- August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Quail Run Pro/Pro

The Restricted List will be comprised of the following people:

- Top 10 on the most current Player of the Year and Tournament Players Points lists
- Top 2 on the most current Senior Player of the Year and Assistant Player of the Year lists
- Top 6 on the previous year’s Player of the Year and Tournament Players Points lists
- Top 2 on the previous year’s Senior Player of the Year and Assistant Player of the Year list

### **PURSE DISTRIBUTION**

33% of the starting field will be paid out in both the low pro and team portions of each tournament unless otherwise stated prior to the tournament. Any fractions in purse distribution will be rounded down.

**Percentage payouts for the number of places will be based on the following:**

	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
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%		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
%	1	33.3	30.5	28.6	27.0	25.6	24.4	23.3	22.4	21.5	20.7	19.7	18.9	18.3	17.7
%	2	23.4	21.4	20.2	19.0	18.0	17.2	16.4	15.7	15.1	14.6	14.1	13.6	13.1	12.7
%	3	18.3	17.0	16.0	15.0	14.3	13.6	13.0	12.5	12.0	11.5	11.0	10.5	10.1	9.7
%	4	13.8	12.8	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.4	9.9	9.5	9.1	8.7	8.3	8.2	8.1	7.9
%	5	11.2	10.4	9.8	9.0	8.6	8.2	7.8	7.5	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.3	6.0	5.8
%	6		7.9	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.7
%	7			6.0	6.0	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
%	8				5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9
%	9					5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8
%	10						4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7
%	11							4.4	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6
%	12								4.1	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5
%	13									3.9	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4
%	14										3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3
%	15											3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2
%	16												3.3	3.2	3.1
%	17													3.1	3.0
%	18														2.9

Minimum payout will be \$10. Any places where the payout is less than \$10 will be added to the pot the payout would have been in, i.e., payout in team pot that is less than \$10 would be added to all places in the team pot.

Amateur payouts will be in the form of credit or gift certificates at their home club. The host professional or facility will receive 20% of the entire team purse as a part of the compensation for loss of gift certificate revenue.

The host professional is to be compensated \$300 out of the purse for expenses when hosting the Section Championship, Senior Section Championship, and Assistants Section Championship. Host professionals will be compensated \$200 when hosting Professional only Team events (Spring Pro-Pro, Team Championship, Cup Series, Fall Pro-Pro-Pro). Professionals will be compensated \$100 when hosting Match Play Finals, and Assistant Match Play Finals.

### TOURNAMENTS/FORMATS

The Nebraska Section PGA will adopt the RULES and REGUALTIONS as set forth by the PGA of America for our Championships:

The conditions governing play and the purse distribution will be determined by the PGA of America and distributed by the appropriate PGA Section. The National Car Rental Section



Assistant PGA Professional Championship will be subject to the overall supervision of the Section.

Proper golfing attire must be worn at all times during play. The Tournament Director may prohibit play by those who do not conform to dress standards of the Section.

Any player who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Golf Professional while participating in the National Car Rental Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship or activities related there to (i.e., practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.), or who otherwise violates the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to fine or suspension from tournament play.

The Section Tournament Director shall be authorized to impose penalties consisting of a fine of \$100 for the first offense, a fine of \$150 for the second offense, and suspension from tournament play for the third offense for any of the following violations:

- Club throwing/club breaking
- Damage to course equipment or property
- Abuse, oral (profanity) or otherwise directed at rules officials, other competitors, spectators, sponsors, championship staff, volunteers, or others
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or marijuana (unless pre-approved as treatment for a medical condition) during championship rounds
- Any other conduct deemed by the Tournament Director to be unbecoming a PGA Golf Professional

In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the Championship, there will be a play-off as determined by the Section Tournament Committee.

## **NEW “LEGENDS” DIVISION**

Any golf professional 60 years of age or older will now have the CHOICE to participate in a separate Legends Division and play the course from approximately 90% of the yardage of the regular division professionals in all Pro-Ams and non-major, professional only events. Any professionals who choose to participate in this new division will still be eligible for the normal team purse as well as a separate Legends Division individual purse. However, they will not be eligible to win purse money from the regular division low pro purse nor will they be eligible to win Player of the Year points or Senior Player of the Year Points.

## **Nebraska PGA Professional Championship (Section Championship):**

The Nebraska PGA Professional Championship will be a 54-hole tournament for employed PGA Members in good standing. All eligible members may compete. This tournament will determine the members of our Section who qualify for the PGA Professional National Championship. The purse will consist of proceeds entry fees, PGA of America sponsorship funds, Tournament fund and PGA TOUR sponsorship funds.

It is recommended that the women's tees be set at 78% - 85% of the course yardage used for men.

Nebraska PGA Professionals will be able to request their own pairings except for the top 12 players in the Player of the Year race that are entered into the Championship as of Tuesday,





July 30, 2019. These players will be placed in the last four starting times off of hole #1 for Round 1.

**Pro-Assistant Championship:**

The Pro-Assistant Championship will be a 36-hole four-ball stroke play tournament played on the Tuesday after Memorial Day unless otherwise stated. All ties for 1st place will be decided with a sudden death play-off.

Players 50 years of age and older will play a different set of tees setup at 95% of the regular course yardage.

Open to all class A PGA members and registered PGA Associates.

Team from Green Grass Facilities:

Each team must consist of two eligible professionals that do not fall into the same tier listed below:

**Tier 1:**

- A-9\* (B-9\*\*)
- A-13 (B-13\*\*)
- A-4 (B-4\*\*)

**Tier 2:**

- A-1 (B-1)

**Tier 3:**

- A-14 (B-14)
- A-8 (B-8)
- A-6 (B-6)

\*A-9 (B-9) must directly oversee the property or properties in which they will represent in this tournament.

\*\*In order for a B-9/B-13/B-4 to participate in this event they will need to be paired with a class A PGA Member and send a letter to the tournament committee presenting their position with the facility and signify their managerial position. They will also need to provide information detailing that they manage a Tier 2 or Tier 3 person.

Non-Green Grass Facilities:

Professionals not at a green grass facility will be allowed to play in this championship as long as one person is in a managerial role of their partner. The facility will need to provide the tournament committee with a hierarchy chart of the staff at your facility and must be approved by the Tournament Chairman.

**Teams that compete in the pro assistant championship WILL be eligible to compete as teammates at the Team Championship.**

**Assistant Championship:**

Class A-8 PGA Members and all Registered PGA Associates (Class B's) may participate and are eligible to qualify for the National Assistant Championship.

**Senior Championship:**

Must be a Class A PGA Professional and eligibly employed (except A-3 are not eligible) or have Life Member status in one of the following classifications (LM, LMA, LMM or LMMA), at the time of entry. A person who is to turn a minimum of 50 years of age by the first round of the Senior PGA Professional National Championship will be eligible to participate for a qualifying spot and play for prize money in the Section Championship but to be recognized as the Section Senior Champion that competitor must be a minimum of 50 years of age by the first round of the Section Senior Championship.



An PGA Associate over the age of 50 can participate in the Senior Championship; however will not be eligible to qualify for Senior PGA Professional National Championship.

### **Team Championship:**

The Team Championship will be a 36-hole tournament that consists of 18 holes four-ball and 18 holes Scramble.

Players 50 years of age and older will play a different set of tees setup at 95% of the regular course yardage.

There will be a Scramble only purse that will reward the low scramble teams that do not finish in the money in the 36-hole championship.

Approximately 80% of the purse will go to the 36-hole championship tournament and approximately 20% of the purse will go to the Scramble only tournament.

**Partners may play together even if they played in the Pro/Assistant Championship together.**

### **Nebraska Cup Team:**

The team is comprised of twelve (12) players. The top five (5) on the 2018 Player of the Year Standings, the top (4) on the 2018 Senior Player of the Year standings, the 2018 Assistant Player of the Year (1) and two (2) captain's picks.

The previous years' Player of the Year will be the Captain of the Nebraska PGA Cup Match Team. Ryan Vermeer, PGA will serve as Captain in 2019.

All players must be in good standing on the date of the tournament to participate. The 2019 Cup Matches will be Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Wild Horse Golf Club.

## **HANDICAPS**

All amateurs competing in Pro-Ams **MUST** have an active handicap computed under USGA guidelines. The maximum USGA index is 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women amateurs. Handicaps will be sloped according to USGA guidelines and will be reduced in Pro-Ams according to USGA guidelines. The Tournament Director reserves the right to review violations and alter handicaps.

### **U.S.G.A. Handicap Rule 3-5:**

Handicap Rule 3-5 was implemented at the beginning of 2015. This is used when men and women are competing in the same event, or when multiple sets of tees are being used. Amateurs will be allowed to choose which set of tees they play from, applying rule 3-5 to their course handicap accordingly.

### **Handicap Verification in Pro-Ams:**

If a club is on the GHIN handicap system, the master NGA GHIN roster will be used. If the name is not listed, the amateur must play as a zero handicap unless proper handicap can be verified.



Any amateur that does not have an active handicap will only be allowed to play **one time** by submitting to the Section office five scores that are verified by a golf professional. This amateur will then play at **60%** of that handicap to protect the field. If an amateur wishes to play in another pro-am and still does not have an established handicap, they will play at **scratch**. These scores must be accompanied by corresponding slope and course ratings and that amateur must have the intention of signing up for an active handicap in the near future. The tournament director will then issue a handicap for that particular player utilizing a formula that has been approved by the tournament committee.

If a club is not on the NGA GHIN system, a copy of the current handicap posting sheet with the appropriate names must be furnished at registration. If this is not completed at registration, all prizes will be held until this is received. Verification must be received within one week or the team will be disqualified.

**Amateur Point System:**

The Tournament Committee voted to implement a new amateur handicap reduction policy for 2018. This policy will effectively reduce amateur handicaps more stringently. In addition, this new policy more fairly distributes the amateur points that lead to a reduction by considering the size of the field. In other words, an amateur that is on a winning team of a pro-am that has a field size of 36 teams will receive 4.25 points whereas an amateur that is on a winning team of a pro-am that only has 21 teams will only receive 3.00 points.

Points will be assigned to amateurs on the teams that finish high in Pro-Ams and will be used to adjust amateurs' handicaps in Pro-Ams. The following table will be used to assign these points.

Pro-3 Am Teams	21 & Under	22-32	33-43	Over 43
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	3.00	3.75	4.25	5.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	2.20	2.90	3.50	4.25
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	1.35	2.10	2.75	3.50
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	.50	1.30	2.00	2.75
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	.5	1.25	2.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	-	.50	1.25
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	-	-	-	.50

If a handicap has not lowered at least 20% when a total of 6 points are received by any amateur, his/her handicap will be lowered 20% from the original handicap when the first point is assigned. The new handicap will be used as the original handicap and he/she will start over with 0 points. At the start of a new year, the GHIN or home handicap will be used. If a player's handicap has been lowered by 20%, that handicap will be carried over for the Vegas Pro-Am the following year.



## NEBRASKA PGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR, SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR & ASSISTANT PLAYER OF YEAR

The following point break downs will be used for all Members & PGA Associates

### **Pro Ams & Tournament Player Points:**

The following points break down will be used for each of the POY, SPOY and APOY for all pro am's as well as the Tournament Player Points which are used to determine match play seeds.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	50	16	15
2	42	17	14
3	37	18	13
4	32	19	12
5	30	20	11
6	28	21	10
7	26	22	9
8	23	23	8
9	22	24	7
10	21	25	6
11	20	26	5
12	19	27	4
13	18	28	3
14	17	29	2
15	16	30	1.5

\*Everyone finishing 31<sup>st</sup> or higher will receive one point

### **Nebraska PGA Match Play Championship:**

The following point's breakdown will be used for The Nebraska PGA Match Play Championship. Points earned will go towards each player's particular point's race (Seniors will earn points for SPOY and Assistants can earn points for APOY). Places 1-4 will be determined at the Match Play Finals where the four semi-finalists will play the semi-final 18-Hole match in the morning followed by the 18-Hole Championship match as well as the 18-Hole 3<sup>rd</sup> place match will be competed in the afternoon. The Match Play Finals will be held at a facility located in the Lincoln or Omaha area annually.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	175	5-8	70
2	140	9-16	50
3	115	17-32	20



4	95	33+	5
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### **Assistant Match Play Championship:**

The following point's breakdown will be used for The Nebraska Assistant PGA Match Play Championship. Points earned will only go toward Assistant Player of the Year. In some cases there will be an exception to various classifications that are not an A-8 or registered PGA Associate. All exceptions have to be approved by the tournament committee and this event will be limited to 16 participants.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	175	5-8	70
2	140	9-16	50
3	115		
4	95		

### **Championship Tournaments:**

The following point breakdown will be use for the tournaments listed below;  
 Nebraska PGA Professional Championship  
 Nebraska PGA Senior Professional Championship  
 Nebraska PGA Assistant Professional Championship

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	250	23	36
2	210	24	34
3	190	25	32
4	170	26	30
5	150	27	28
6	140	28	26
7	130	29	24
8	120	30	22
9	110	31	20
10	100	32	18
11	90	33	16
12	85	34	14
13	80	35	12
14	75	36	10
15	70	37	9
16	65	38	8
17	60	39	7
18	55	40	6
19	50	41	5
20	45	42	4
21	40	43	3



22	38	44	2
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\*Everyone finishing 45<sup>th</sup> or higher will receive 1 point.

### **Nebraska Open:**

The following point's breakdown will be used for the Nebraska Open. Points will be awarded for placement in the overall field, not among section participants and points will ONLY be awarded toward the Regular Player of the Year race.

- Make Cut- 25 points plus:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	200	16	36
2	130	17	34
3	120	18	32
4	110	19	30
5	90	20	28
6	80	21	26
7	75	22	24
8	70	23	22
9	65	24	20
10	60	25	18
11	55	26	16
12	50	27	14
13	45	28	12
14	40	29	10
15	38	30	8

\*Anyone who makes the cut and finishes outside the top 30 will receive 5 points.

### **Other Major Tournaments:**

Professional National Championship

Senior PGA Professional National Championship

Assistant PGA Professional Championship

- Competes In – 50 Points
- Make 36 Hole Cut- additional 50 Points (100 total points)
- Qualify for PGA Championship or Sr. PGA Championship- additional 75 Points (175 total points)
- Top 15- additional 100 Points (275 total points)
- Win- additional 300 Points (575 total points)

PGA Championship

Senior PGA Championship

- Competes In – 50 Points
- Make Cut- additional 100 Points (150 total points)
- Win- additional 500 Points (650 total points)

PGA Tour Tournament

Web.Com Tour Tournament

PGA Tour Champions Tournaments

- Qualify in Section- 10 Points
- Make Cut- 100 Points (110 total points)
- Win- 500 Points (610 total points)

United States Open

United States Senior Open



- Qualify from Section qualifier- 10 Points
- Compete in- 75 Points (85 total points)
- Make Cut- 100 Points (185 total points)
- Win- 500 Points (685 total points)

### **Nebraska PGA Cup Series Championship:**

All tournaments and various Section activities allow you to earn points to compete in the Nebraska PGA Cup Series Championship. This tournament is to reward Section members not only for good performance in tournaments, but to reward Section members for participating in various Section sponsored tournaments. The top 28 in the Nebraska PGA Cup Series points list will receive an invitation to Quarry Oaks Golf Club on **Monday, October 7, 2019** for the Nebraska PGA Cup Series Championship presented by Vinnie Krikac State Farm Insurance Agency.

### **Conflicting Tournaments:**

Nebraska PGA Members & PGA Associates are expected to contribute to the success of Section tournaments by supporting their fellow Section Professionals and hosting facilities. This support allows The Nebraska PGA to fulfill its obligations to its sponsors, host facilities and golf professionals who in turn contribute to the overall success of The Section.

Any tournament involving Nebraska PGA Professionals held within the boundaries of The Section may not be played on days conflicting with sanctioned Nebraska PGA Tournaments.

During the Nebraska PGA golf season, defined as April 3 - October 16, any conflicting tournament held on a Monday (or Tuesday following a holiday) will not be included on the Nebraska PGA Calendar.

Facilities wishing to advertise any non-conflicting tournament must complete the Nebraska PGA advertising application and submit it, with payment before the tournament will be advertised through The Section.

Any Professional wishing to participate in a tournament that is scheduled during the play of a Nebraska PGA Sanctioned Tournament must submit an official tournament release form to The Section Office no later than 7 days prior to the tournament start date. The Tournament Committee will then review all requests and report back to the professional within 3 days. Release forms can be found on The Nebraska PGA website.

If a request is not submitted or is denied and a professional participates in a non-sanctioned tournament, that professional is subject to disciplinary actions from The Tournament Committee and/or Executive Committee that may include but is not limited to a fine or suspension.

#### Exceptions

Professionals hosting a non-sanctioned tournament are exempt from the above criteria and allowed to play in the tournament at their host facility.

If a Section Professional lives or works within 50 miles of the non-sanctioned tournament, but more than 50 miles away from the Section Tournament, he/she is exempt from the above criteria.



If The Section Tournament is full and a waiting list is formed, any professional on the waiting list is exempt from the above criteria.

## **DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES, AND APPEALS**

Each PGA of America Member or PGA Associate Participant (“Participant”) in a Section golf tournament acknowledges the right and authority of the Section to (i) fine and suspend from tournament play; and/or to (ii) fine and permanently bar the Participant from Section tournaments. Any Participant in a Section tournament hereby releases the PGA of America Section, the PGA of America, the PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., rules officials, each director, officer, member, employee, agent or representative of any of the foregoing jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, arising out of or in connection with any such decision or action by the Section, PGA of America or any appellate body.

Fines are due and payable within thirty (30) days unless the Participant has made a written appeal. Should the appeal be denied, the fine will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of such denial of appeal; and the Participant will be ineligible to participate in any Section tournament and any other PGA of America tournaments and the tournaments of any other PGA Section until said fine is paid in full.

### **Advance Notification of Proposed Disciplinary Action:**

Except for penalties under the Rules of Golf and for “Minor Penalties” (as hereafter defined), any Participant subject to disciplinary action or penalty defined as a “Major Penalty” shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the Participant by a tournament official. Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice, the Participant shall submit to the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director such facts or evidence of mitigating circumstances as may apply. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such information from the Participant, the Section Tournament Director or the Section Executive Director shall notify the Participant in writing of the imposition of the proposed disciplinary action or penalty, or that the proposed action has been dismissed. After the imposition of any penalty hereunder, the Participant shall have the right to appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry as set forth in Section E herein.

### **Rules of Golf:**

Any Participant in a Section tournament who breaches the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association or Local Rules in effect for the conduct of such tournament shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules as well as any other penalties imposed by the Section consistent with this policy. The decision of the Section Rules Officials/ and/or the Section Tournament Committee with respect to such Rules breach shall be final and conclusive.

### **Conduct Unbecoming a Professional:**

Any Participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a Section tournament or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality tournaments, etc.) shall be subject to fine, suspension and/or permanent disbarment from Section tournament play as provided in this policy. A fine of \$100 shall be levied for the first offense. A fine of \$150 shall be levied for the second offense, and a prohibition from participating in Section tournaments for one year shall be levied for the third offense. Any Participant that is found guilty of more than three offenses for conduct unbecoming a





professional charge may, at the sole discretion of the Section, be permanently prohibited from participating in all Section and PGA of America tournaments and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Section reserves the right to pursue Code of Ethics charges against any PGA Member/PGA Associate for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Section golf tournaments and related tournaments at the sole discretion of the Section in compliance with the procedures for Code of Ethics hearings as set forth in this Article II of the Bylaws.

## **Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses:**

### **MINOR PENALTIES:**

A Minor Penalty is a fine of not more than \$150 and/or suspension from tournament play for two or less tournaments. A Minor Penalty may be imposed by the Section tournament officials responsible for the conduct of the tournament.

### **MAJOR PENALTIES:**

A Major Penalty is a fine in excess of \$150, suspension from tournament play for more than three tournaments, and/or permanent disbarment from Section tournament play.

### **MINOR PENALTIES APPEALS:**

Appeals from Minor Penalties shall be to the Tournament Committee Chairperson (or his/her designee). Such appeal may be in writing or oral. Such appeal shall be received by the Tournament Committee Chair no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the infraction. The Tournament Committee Chair shall render the decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the Section Executive Director. The Section Executive Director shall submit this final report to the Association General Counsel. Such decision shall be final. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the tournament that the Section determines that it would prefer that a Minor Penalty shall be submitted to the Board of Control for a hearing in lieu of action by the Section, then the Section Board of Inquiry will follow the same procedures set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedures.

### **MAJOR PENALTIES APPEALS:**

Within thirty days from the date of notification of a Major Penalty, the Participant may submit a written appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry. Failure to file such an appeal shall be deemed conclusively to be an admission of the charges specified in the notification. Thereafter, the Section Board of Inquiry will prepare a report of the matter to the Board of Control and the matter will be set for a hearing before the Board of Control in accordance with all applicable procedures set forth herein for ethics appeals heard by the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall hear the appeal either at the next regularly scheduled Board of Control hearing or at an expedited meeting that may be held in person or via conference call at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Control. The decision of the Board of Control shall be final. An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from a Section tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation occurred, until after a final decision on the appeal.

All fines must be paid within thirty (30) days from the imposition of the fine, or in the tournament of an appeal, within (30) days from the decision rendered by the Board of Control in the tournament the Board of Control upholds the findings of the Tournament Committee Chair.

## **TOURNAMENT POLICIES**



### **Rules:**

The Rules of Golf shall govern play except where modified by local rules. For 2017, we made a couple modifications to our Nebraska Section PGA Hard Card:

### **Pace of Play:**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to set forth Pace of Play Guidelines (including any penalties) for each tournament. For tee time pro-am tournaments, the starting times will be divided into 4 waves. Each wave will have a set round time.

If a group receives a “bad round time” the professional in that group will be issued a warning letter from The Tournament Committee and will be moved back one wave until he receives a “good round time”. A bad round time will be defined as any group that does not play in the allotted time for their wave or finish within 15 minutes of the group in front of them.

The following wave breakdown will be used for all tee time tournaments;

Wave #1	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	4 hrs 15 mins
Wave #2	9:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	4 hrs 30 mins
Wave #3	11:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	4 hrs 45 mins
Wave #4	1:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	5 hrs 00 mins

### **Attire:**

Professionals are expected to maintain an image in their appearance that will reflect well on themselves and their Association. The Nebraska PGA Tournament Committee chooses not to dictate standards of attire, but it is felt that the appearance of any professional or amateur competing in a Section tournament may be detrimental to the Section; it is the prerogative of the Tournament Committee to take necessary actions.

Amateur dress code is expected to be communicated by all professionals prior to the tournament. All male amateurs are to wear a collared shirt with sleeves (mock neck shirts need at least a half inch banded collar), golf slacks or appropriate golf shorts. Golf shorts are to be appropriate length consistent with current industry fashion. Women may wear dresses, shirts, slacks, and golf shorts. **No denim pants or shorts will be allowed at any tournament for either men or women.**

Shorts may be worn by Section Professionals and are to be of appropriate length consistent with current industry fashion.

### **Conduct:**

With reference to the PGA Code of Ethics, conduct which is judged potentially injurious to the individual professional, the host professional, or the Association, shall be subject for review by the Tournament Committee and/or Executive Committee. Abuses shall include excessive displays of temper, damaging club property, excessive swearing, excessive alcohol consumption, failure to comply with club or tournament policy, actions which cause hardship or embarrassment to the employees of the host club or any other action brought to the attention of the Section in the form of a formal complaint. Players are not permitted to harm the image of sponsors.

### **Lateness:**



Professionals are responsible for themselves and amateur partners to be ready to participate in any Nebraska PGA competition at their appointed starting time. In “professional only” tournaments, the Rules of Golf shall govern policy. In Pro-Ams, an alternate time will be assigned if possible (or the team will be dropped to the end of the field) and if this policy is abused more than once, violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Scorecards:**

The Nebraska PGA upholds the Rules of Golf on the player’s responsibility for returning his/her scorecard to the scoring area promptly and properly signed. The scoring area is defined as an arm length away from the scoring table. Scorecards that are not properly attested will not be accepted and players will be disqualified. Players are responsible for seeing that hole-by-hole scores are correct (regardless of the accuracy of addition or the totals) and that the card is attested to. Unreasonable delay in returning cards or turning in incorrect cards will be subject to penalty and dealt with accordingly.

### **Distance-Measuring Devices:**

In all Nebraska PGA competitions, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If the player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

### **Rain, Inclement Weather or Course Unplayable:**

The Tournament Committee and/or the Tournament Director shall have the right and authority to postpone or cancel play when weather or course conditions tournament play. In the tournament of such an occurrence, every effort will be made to reschedule the canceled tournament. In Pro-Ams, either the Tournament Committee or its appointed representatives shall have the authority to postpone or cancel play. After a round has begun, USGA policy will dictate for professional tournaments. In Pro-Ams, if 50% of the field has completed play, the tournament shall be deemed official and prizes will be paid out in the usual manner. Those teams who are unable to complete play due to suspension or cancellation shall be entitled to refunds (however, they shall not be counted in calculation of teams entered). Once 9 holes have been played in any tournament and there is a cancellation, the entry fee shall be refunded for the full amount minus carts/range/facility fees of any team not completing play. If less than 50% of the field is unable to complete play then all teams will be entitled to refunds and tournament shall be canceled.

### **Shotgun Starts:**

Pro-Ams with one shotgun start shall not exceed 30 teams; those with two shotgun starts shall not exceed 54 teams, with a limit of 27 in the morning and 27 in the afternoon.

### **Starting Times:**

With the exception of tournaments that utilize three-somes, tee times will be scheduled at a minimum of ten minutes apart. The last tee time will not be later than six hours prior to estimated darkness. This is subject to change upon discretion of host professional and/or Tournament Committee.

### **Pro-Am Tees:**



In most Pro-Am tournaments, Professionals and amateurs will play from the same set of tees. Course yardage will be approximately 6,400-6,800 depending on course conditions, weather, and course difficulty.

Amateurs will have the option of moving up, utilizing Handicap Rule 3-5.

It is recommended that the women's tees be set at 78% - 85% of the course yardage used for men.

### **Host Facilities:**

At the time of scheduling all host facilities must have a PGA member or registered PGA Associate.

### **Darkness:**

In Pro-Am tournaments, teams who are unable to complete play, due to darkness and rescheduling, shall be entitled to refunds (except if 9 holes have been played, then the entry fee shall be refunded for the full amount minus carts/range/facility fees).

### **Metal Spikes:**

Metal spikes will NOT be allowed at any Nebraska PGA Section sanctioned tournament.

## **DUTIES OF HOST PROFESSIONAL**

- ✓ Provide a starter in communication with Tournament Official.
- ✓ Provide all sets of tees as in Tournament Guidelines.
- ✓ Communicate with Tournament Director the yardages the tee markers will be set on each hole for both the men and the women competitors.
- ✓ Provide blank course scorecards and pencils.
- ✓ Provide a registration area with a 6' - 8' table and 4 chairs.
- ✓ Provide cart for Tournament Director.
- ✓ Provide 2 copies per 4-some of the Standardized Pin Placement Sheets, Rules Sheets, and Pace of Play Guidelines that will be sent to host professional.
- ✓ Set up course to be moderate. Following the guidelines of 6 easy, 6 medium, and 6 difficult placements for hole locations is recommended. The Tournament Committee desires for all participants to have fun and for the pace of play to be reasonable.
- ✓ Provide tee times when called after 1 PM on Friday preceding the tournament.

## **DUTIES OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

- ✓ The Tournament Director is the Tournament Administrator and is responsible for conducting all tournaments in accordance with Tournament Guidelines. He/she has authority by the Tournament Committee to make rulings and assess penalties in accordance with USGA rules of golf and Nebraska Section Tournament guidelines as set by the Tournament Committee.
- ✓ Provide Standardized Pin Placement Sheet, Rules Sheet and Pace of Play Guidelines to host professional.
- ✓ Determine all starting times and send to host club by 1:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to tournament.
- ✓ Post starting times and results at [nebraskapga.com](http://nebraskapga.com) in a timely fashion.



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- ✓ Compute tournaments and mail checks three days after tournament.
- ✓ Notify the media of all scores.
- ✓ Provide Tournament Chairman with recommended changes in Tournament Guidelines no later than December 1 and a tournament schedule for the next calendar year no later than February 1 with confirmed dates, and includes type of tournament for all tournaments.
- ✓ Act as Handicap Chairman.
- ✓ Shall be in charge, with the host professional, of all tournaments and tournaments, including Section Seniors Championship.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

- ✓ Review and approve Tournament Guidelines no later than March 1 of each year.
- ✓ Approve tournament schedule for the next calendar year no later than March 1.
- ✓ The Tournament Chairman shall submit the Tournament Guidelines and tournament schedule to the Executive Committee for approval no later than March 1.
- ✓ Any changes to guidelines and the schedule must be approved by the Tournament Committee and then the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may change the type of tournaments, but not dates.
- ✓ The Tournament Committee shall be composed of the Section Tournament Chairman, Section Secretary/Treasurer, and additional persons the Chairman selects.