



PGA
Gateway Section

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The Section's current and approved tournament regulations are to be considered a part of the Section's By-laws and for convenience, are printed separately.

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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, EFFECTIVE DATE

The Gateway Tournament Program shall exist to provide a quality arena of competition for its members. Its motives will be fellowship, sportsmanship and the opportunity to develop and test our playing skills. These Regulations became effective January 2019, and superseded all previous rules and regulations governing the conduct of Gateway PGA Tournaments.

II. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee is regulated under the operating By-laws, which are considered to be a part of the Constitution. The Tournament Committee may recommend amendments to tournament rules and regulations to the Section Board of Directors for ratification

III. CHAIRMAN

- A. The Chairperson of the Tournament Committee is appointed by the President of the Section and ratified by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of six (6) people. The Committee will be composed of a Tournament chairman, Director of Competitions, Executive Director, Assistants Chairman and those selected. Meetings will be called at the discretion of the chairman with notice given by e-mail or telephone, not less than five (5) days preceding the meeting.

- B. The Director of Competitions and/or a designated Section employee shall administer/officiate at the following tournaments and be responsible for the enforcement of these rules and regulations as outlined:

Players Championship	Pro-Opens
Pro-Assistant Pro	Assistants' Championship
Team Championship	Senior PPC Qualifying
PPC Qualifying	Pro-Superintendent
Junior/Senior	Pro Junior
Gateway Match Play Championship	Lake Team Event
Pro-Am's	Team Events
Sanctioned Charity Events	

NOTE: This list may be modified annually based on the tournament schedule.

- C. The Tournament Committee, Director of Competitions, Executive Director, or their Designated Representative shall have jurisdiction regarding the eligibility of contestants and interpretation of the rules of golf.

IV. SANCTIONED AND APPROVED EVENTS

- A. Eighteen (18) or more hole golf competitions played within the geographical boundaries of the Gateway Section in which 20 or more golf professionals participate, charging an entry fee and offering a purse as prize money must be sanctioned by the Section or its Designated Representative in order for Gateway members to participate as competitors. This includes, but is not limited to, any Pro-Am, Pro-Lady, Pro-Junior or similar event or any stroke play competition (excluding Pro-Member events held Tuesday through Sunday).
- B. Golf competitions played within the Section must be approved by the Tournament Committee or by its designated representative. Gateway members may then participate. Each of these events will be considered individually on its merits.
- C. Charity events will be sanctioned and approved per the agreement enclosed (Appendix I).

V. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYMENT

PGA Members and Associates that are employed in more than one profession shall be subject to the following:

The National Office shall determine if a professional is eligibly employed based on the documentation provided by the professional and the recommendation of the Section. Should the National Office and Section disagree, the matter shall be submitted to the Board of Control. The Board of Control's decision shall be binding by the Section and the National office.

Professionals are not determined to be eligibly employed until approval is obtained.

The following guidelines shall be used to determine eligible employment.

1. Professionals that satisfy the following are considered employed in the golf industry and eligible for an active classification regardless of other income or profession:
 - a. Employment must be an area required by their classification and must average at least 36 hours a week for the entire season. The length of the season is determined by the Section.
 - b. Employment must fulfill all national and state guidelines including wage and hour requirements, income tax reporting requirements and social security tax requirements.
 - c. Upon request individuals may be requested to provide to the Section or the Association applicable income and tax records where cause exists to assist in determining the proper classification. The failure of the

member/associate to provide the requested information by the deadline stated in the written request for information may result in a dismissal of the case with the inquiry/appeal denied summarily at the sole discretion of the body that requested the information.

2. Professionals must document to the Section and the National Office as often as quarterly basis (of another specified time period as agreed by the National Office and Section) that they are satisfying the eligible employment guidelines and the requirements of their classification.
3. On an individual basis, the Board of Control may modify the eligible employment requirements for extenuating circumstances such as adverse weather, injury, illness, etc.

VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

All Classifications must be in GOOD STANDING to participate in the following events. The Quad-Pro and Pro-Assistant are exempt from this chart.

Event	LMA, LM-MP	A1-2	A-3	A4-7	A-8	A-9	A-10	A11-14	A15-23	Assoc	PQ
Players Championship	Qualify through season long POY points. Top 25 Regular, Top 15 Seniors, Top 5 Assistants, Top 3 Super Seniors, and 2- Ladies POY will qualify.										
Scratch ProAm	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro-Opens	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Team Champ.	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Match Play	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S. Ill Open	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PPC/Section Champ	Limited to all Class "A" members who are actively employed at entry deadline and time of tournament										
Asst. Champ					X					X	X
Sr.Sec.Champ Sr. PPC	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Team (2 person)	Top 10 overall in Regular POY, Top 5 Seniors., and Top 5 Assistants points, may not team together. Exception Multi-Section Pro-Pro's NO RESTRICTIONS.										
Team (3-4 person)	No more than 2 players from the top 10 overall in Regular POY, Top 5 Seniors., and Top 5 Assistants points, may not team together										
Slice of Life	Player of the Year point list and Southern Illinois Health Care special invitees										
Pro-Ladies	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro-Asst Pro	X	X		X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X
Pro-Junior	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Team	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Las Vegas Pro Am	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

❖ A14 may play with an A6 in a Pro-Assistant format

The member has played in more than ten (10) combined Adams Golf Pro Tour (Pro Series and Winter Series), Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Champions TOUR, Dakotas Tour, eGolf Professional Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, Gateway Pro Tours (Arizona and California), Golfweek National Pro Tour (Gold Tour and Silver Tour), Hooters Tours (Carolina Summer and Winter Series) – NGA Pro Golf Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Futures Tour (Symetra Tour), LPGA Tour, LPGT, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latin-American, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and web.com TOUR tournaments in the previous 12 months from date of event. (The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Championship and PGA Seniors' Championship are not included in the ten (10)-tournament count.)

SECTION TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

All Members and registered Associates of the Gateway Section, must have attended the Fall meeting of the prior calendar year or the current Spring meeting, or forfeit the right to participate in the Section's tournament program of the current calendar year (per by-laws).

New Orientation Registrants (Prequalifies) – Effective January 1, 2012 eligibility in the Gateway PGA tournament program will be for the initial 6-month period of registration only. After the 6-month period has expired, any person still registered as a New Orientation Registrant will become ineligible for all Gateway PGA tournaments. Meeting requirements adjusted based on time of enrollment into the program. After completion of this level, participants have 30 days to register as an Associate to remain eligible for GPGA tournament play.

Registered Associates – Effective January 1, 2008 only associates in good standing will be eligible for Gateway PGA tournaments. Once you become current you will be reinstated in the tournament program.

VIII. RULES

- A. All play in Gateway sponsored or sanctioned events is governed by the current rules of golf of the USGA and, where applicable, the local rules and definitions listed in the Gateway Rules of Play, subject to change for particular tournaments by the Director of Competitions. The Executive Director, Director of Competitions, Tournament Chairmen (or Designated Representative of Tournament Committee) and Host Professional shall be present at each event and apply and interpret the rules and render any decisions. Appeals of rules decisions shall require a minimum of three votes.
- B. TIES: In all section point events, should two or more professionals or teams tie for first place, the tie will be resolved by a “Hole-by-Hole” Sudden-Death PLAY-OFF immediately following the conclusion of the event. The winner of any play-off shall be deemed to have placed first in the tournament and his prize money and/or points determined accordingly. The loser of any play-off involving two players shall be deemed to have placed second and shall be entitled to second place prize money and/or points. If a play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner shall be deemed to have tied for second place regardless of their scores in the play-off and their prize moneys and/or points shall be apportioned accordingly. Professionals tying for other positions will share equally with others posting the same score.

In Pro-Ams and the Quad-Pro, all ties shall be split.

IX. DISCONTINUATION OF PLAY/POSTPONEMENT (RULE 6-8, A & B)

- A. The Gateway PGA Director of Competitions, Executive Director, or the Designee 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. **(GATEWAY SECTION RAIN POLICY)**
- B. Suspension of Play: Reference Section: XVI. Rules of Play, A. note
Note: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time if they think lightning threatens them, even though no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard.
- C. In the event that a player must discontinue play, he/she should lift his/her ball after marking the spot on which it lay. In such a case he/she shall place a ball on the spot when play resumes.

Note: The Gateway PGA Section Tournament Staff is concerned about dangerous situations regarding weather. In most cases, suspension of play will be for a dangerous situation and shall be signaled with one prolonged blast.

X. RELEASES

Players may be released to play in a conflicting event within the Section with approval of the Executive Director or the Director of Competitions of the Gateway PGA.

XI. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. All details relating to entries, pairing, starting and the play of the game shall be handled by the Executive Director, Director of Competitions, PGA office staff, their Designee and the Host Professional
- B. The PGA Staff shall be responsible to see that the pairing and time published on the official pairing sheet are **strictly followed** in the starting of contestants.
- C. All professionals are responsible for knowing the Rules of Golf and local rules posted for an event. A current Rules of Golf booklet carried in your bag is advised.
- D. All professionals are held responsible to ensure that their scorecards have been marked correctly and properly attested before turning them in to the tournament scorer.
- E. In all Professional-Amateur events, each professional shall be held responsible for the validity and accuracy of the handicap of his/her amateur partner or partners. No checks shall be issued until completed.
- F. Personal Complaints: Criticism or complaints involving PGA, sponsors, host clubs, golf courses or players shall be made to the PGA staff's Tournament Advisory Board or Board of Directors in writing.
- G. Women Professionals will play from tees as specified by the Director of Competitions. PGA of America new tee regulations adopted 2003.
- H. You must register online at www.gatewaypga.org under the tournament section through Golf Genius.
NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SITE.
- I. Pairing and tee assignments for all events excluding the Section Championship, PPC Qualifying, Match Play and Pro-Ams will be made by random draw for the first round of each event. No re-pair on tee time events; exception is multi-round events, which will re-pair the next round. Scores will determine all pairings and tee assignments for subsequent rounds. In the event the last Section point event is not one in which pairings are assigned according to points, it shall be modified to do so.
- J. Starting times will be available between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the event.
- K. Players shall present neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. The Director of Competitions shall interpret this regulation in all individual cases. **New update to dress code for the Gateway Section. As of June 17, 2021, the Gateway Section board has approved that shorts are allowed at all section events. Unless the Host Club requires pants to be worn.**
- N. Entry/cancellation deadline for events is 12:00 Noon on Friday for all Monday events, and at noon the day preceding events on other days of the week. Entries received after that time will be placed on a waiting list and will be added to the field on an "as available" basis by the Director of Competitions. 54 players will constitute a full field. If the entry is accepted into the event, a \$40 late fee will be charged. Entry cancellations will be charged a \$10 fee for all events or may be transferred to another event for no charge.

O. **TEES:** All course yardages will be set up by the Director of Competitions at the direction of the Tournament Committee. Regular Division tees will be set at between 6800 and 7000 yards, wherever possible, depending on the host facility. Senior Tees (50-59) will be set at approximately 95% of the Regular yardage. Super Senior Tees (60-up) will be set at approximately 90% of the Regular yardage. Ladies Tees will be set at approximately 83%-85% of the Regular yardage. Playoffs will be played from the default tee, by gender, for that contest, regardless of multiple contest/division players.

P. **Alcohol Policy:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages during the play of POY Point Events is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in Disqualification.

NOTE: If Pro-Open events exceed 108 players, the event will go to tee times. Players will be notified of tee times after 3 p.m. Friday.

NOTE: These events are paired either by the current point list or Player rankings: Match Play, PPC, and the Players Championship.

XII. POINT SYSTEM

A. Points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “**Gateway Section Player of the Year**” and the members of the **Gateway Cup Match Team**. The following are point events:

Gateway Section Championship
Sr Match Play
PPC
Pro-Opens
Southern Illinois Open
National PPC

Gateway Match Play Championship
Players Championship
US Open Local Qualifying
US Open Sectional Qualifying
US Open

B. **Divisions:** The following Divisions will be in effect for the 2012 Gateway PGA Tournament Season. **Only PGA Members will earn points in these divisions.

**Regular Division – All players age 49 and under

**Senior Division – All players age 50 to 59

**Super Senior Division – All players age 60 and up

Ladies – All female competitors

Assistants – All competitors, regardless of age, with the classification of A-8 and all B classifications.

Place	Championship Section	Match Play	Section “B”	Section “C”
1 st	300	300	200	100
2 nd	250	250	170	85
3 rd	225	200	150	75
4 th	210	200	140	70
5 th	195	125	130	65
6 th	180	125	120	60
7 th	165	125	110	55
8 th	150	125	100	50
9 th	135	50	90	45
10 th	120	50	80	40
11 th	105	50	70	35
12 th	90	50	60	30
13 th	75	50	50	25

14th	60	50	40	20
15th	45	50	30	15
16th	42	50	28	14
17th	39	17-32 nd 20	26	13
18th	36	33 rd and up – 10	24	12
19th	33		22	11
20th	30		20	10
21st	27		18	9
22nd	24		16	8
23rd	21		14	7
24th	18		12	6
25th	15		10	5
26th and up	10		5	2

NOTE: The above point system applies to all divisions.

- ☞ Championship Section includes Section Championship and PPC.
- ❖ Section “B” includes Southern Illinois Open, Players Championship, and any event of 36 or more holes that is designated as POY point event.
- ❖ Section “C” includes 18 hole Pro-Opens.
- ❖ Outside Events for Regular & Senior Divisions will be awarded points as follows:
 - **Reg & Sr National PPC** - 50 points for qualifying, 25 points additional for making the cut, plus one (1) additional point per position above the cut line.
 - **Reg & Sr PGA Championships** - 25 points for qualifying, 25 points additional for making the cut, plus one (1) additional point per position above the cut line.
 - **U.S. Open** – 50 points for qualifying, 25 points additional for making the cut, plus one (1) additional point per position above the cut line.
 - **US Open Qualifying:**
 - Local Qualifier (Reg Division): 25 points to advance to Sectional Qualifying. 5 points for Alternates
 - Section Qualifier (Reg. & Sr. Divisions). 10 points for Alternates

Assistants Division

Points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Assistants Player of the Year.”

- Pro-Opens, So. IL Open, Match Play, Section Championship, the Assistants Championship, and the Players Championship.

Assistants Championship points will be equivalent to Section Championship points. Pro-Opens will be the same as the Regular Division points.

Senior/Super Senior Division

Points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Senior and Super Senior Players of the Year.”

- Pro-Opens, Southern Illinois Open, Senior PPC/Section Championship, and the Players Championship: US Senior Open Qualifying, US Senior Open, National Senior PPC, Senior PGA Championship will follow the same guidelines at the Regular Division.

Senior PPC/Section Championship points will be equivalent to Section Championship & Southern Illinois Open points will be the same as the Regular Division points.

Ladies Division

Points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “Ladies Division Player of the Year.”

- Pro-Opens, Section Championship, Southern Illinois Open, Match Play, US Women’s Open Qualifier & US Women’s Open, and PPC Qualifier.

XIII. SECTION TOURNAMENT POLICY

Each PGA of America Member or 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 for Section tournaments. Any Participant in a Section event 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 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.

A. 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 receipt of the notice, the Participant shall submit to the Section Director of Competitions 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 Director of Competitions, 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 the Section Board of Inquiry as set forth in Section E herein.

B. 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 event 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.

C. 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 events, 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 events 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/Associate for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Section golf tournaments and related events 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.

D. Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses

1. 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 tournament.

2. 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.

E. Appeals

1. MINOR PENALTIES

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 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 event that the Section determines that it would prefer that 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 procedure set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedure.

2. MAJOR PENALTIES

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 appeal 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 in effective date of any penalty, except suspension from the 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 event of an appeal, within (30) days from the decision rendered by the Board of Control in the event the Board of Control upholds the findings of the Tournament Committee Chair.

XIV. DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES, APPEALS, ETC.

Any player who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Golf Professional while participating in the Gateway Tournament Program or activities related thereto or who otherwise violates the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to fine or suspension from tournament play.

- A. **Conduct and Discipline:** Rules of conduct and schedules of fines for disciplinary action are in the Gateway PGA Tournament Regulations and will be enforced. We must always remember that we are guests at each of these clubs and have the PGA image to uphold.
- B. **Withdrawal Deadline:** Each player is responsible to notify the Section Office by 12:00 noon on Friday prior to the event. Failure to appear will result in loss of entry.
- C. **Penalties:** The Director of Competitions, at the direction of the Executive Director, shall be authorized to impose penalties consisting of a fine of up to \$100 for any of the following violations:
 1. Club throwing, club breaking
 2. Excessive profanity
 3. Damage to or littering course, equipment or property

4. Bad checks
5. Practice (more than one ball to a green)
6. Knowingly allowing amateurs to use incorrect handicaps
7. Other conduct deemed by the Director of Competitions to be unbecoming of a Golf Professional

Any sanction levied may be appealed to the Executive Board within ten (10) days, which shall consider the appeal within thirty (30) days and render a final decision. A player may appeal to the Executive Board from the imposition of disciplinary action taken by the Assistant to the Executive Director in accordance with the provisions above. Such appeal shall be in writing and may include defenses or mitigating circumstances, including written statement of witnesses.

Fines are due and payable within ten (10) days after notice of disciplinary action is given or prior to the next tournament, whichever comes first, unless a written appeal has been made. Should the appeal be denied, the fine would be due and payable within ten (10) days of such denial. The player will be ineligible for any PGA competition thereafter until such fine is paid.

XV. PACE OF PLAY PROCEDURE

The Rules of Golf require that a player shall at all times play without undue delay. The Rules Committee of the Gateway Section will handle the administration of pace of play.

1. **Rule 6-7 Undue Delay**
The player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.
2. Gateway PGA Officials will use discretion concerning Pace of Play of early groups. All groups will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace, i.e. groups of three – 14 minutes/hole: groups of two – 12 minutes/hole.
3. **Each group must maintain their starting interval.** Any group falling a hole (par 4 or par 5) behind is subject to being timed. You are deemed to be a hole behind when your group is on the tee and the hole is clear. If you are out of position, you will be notified that you are out of position and timed.
4. **SLOW PLAY TIMING PROCEDURES:** When a group or individual will be timed, all players in the group or the specific individual will be informed. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is clearly his/her turn to play and he/she can play without interference or distraction. A player will have a maximum of 40 seconds to complete his/her stroke. It is reasonable for a player to have a few extra seconds for trouble shots. The person who is to play first from a given area (ie: the teeing ground, approach shot, putting green) has an additional 10 seconds for preparation. Any player being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed as soon as practicable. Penalties for violation of slow play will be applied individually as follows:
 - FIRST OFFENSE: Warning.
 - SECOND OFFENSE: One stroke penalty and a \$50 fine.
 - THIRD OFFENSE: Disqualification and a \$50 fine.

NOTE: Timing of individuals will discontinue when their group is no longer out of position.
5. If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, he/she will then be cautioned that if he/she exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 2), he/she will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke, under rule 6-7. If the player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (total of 3), he/she will incur an additional two-stroke penalty. If a player exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times, the penalty is disqualification.

NOTE: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Time previously recorded that may have exceeded limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.

XVI. RULES OFFICIALS

Rules Official(s) shall be assigned to a Gateway PGA Event when the following criteria have been satisfied:

1. All Major Championships regardless of location.
2. All Pro-Opens in Metro St. Louis. Pro-Opens outside of Metro St. Louis (50 mile radius), including the Southern IL Open, will require a minimum of 50 players.
3. Any other event designated by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board.
4. Rules Officials will be paid a stipend of \$125 per day including meals as an independent contractor. Lodging and mileage for out of town, multiple day events, will be provided.

XVII. USGA/R&A Rules of Golf – 2016 PGA of America Rules of Play Hard Card

1. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION:** When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, **they must discontinue play immediately** and must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification

NOTE 1: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three intermittent siren or horn blasts. Resumption of play will be signaled by two intermittent siren or horn blasts.

NOTE 2: All practice areas will be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use.

2. **SPECIFICATIONS OF CLUBS AND THE BALL:**

a) Driver Heads: Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft that is named on the current “List of Conforming Driver Heads” issued by the USGA, which is available in the PGA of America Rules Office. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: See Appendix I

b) Grooves and/or Punch Marks: The player’s clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

NOTE: The exception to Decision 4-1/1 is NOT in effect; therefore clubs manufactured before March 31, 1990, that meet the criteria of USGA Decision USGA/4-1/100 such as the Ping Eye 2 irons are NOT permitted for play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: See Decision 4-1/1

c) Golf Balls: The ball the player plays must be named on the current “List of Conforming Golf Balls” issued by the USGA, which is posted in the locker room and at the starting tees.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification

3. **PACE OF PLAY:** (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) A player will be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. The pace of play guidelines which are in effect are posted in the locker room and at the starting tees.

4. **MEASURING CONDITION OF PUTTING GREENS:** Before or between rounds on any day of the competition or play-off, a player or his caddie must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is only permitted on practice days.

1. **PRACTICE AT PUTTING GREEN OF HOLE LAST PLAYED IS PROHIBITED:** Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke or roll a ball on or near the putting green of the hole last played.

2. **RETURNING SCORECARD:** For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6c, a competitor is considered to have returned his scorecard when he has first left the scoring area designated by ropes/stakes and/or the blue lines/dots or area stipulated by committee.

The Exception to Rule 6-6d is Modified as Follows:

Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In

such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition

3. **Close of Competition**

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.

4. **EMBEDDED BALL:** The “EMBEDDED BALL RULE” as written in Appendix I is in effect “in the general area”. We use the Local Rule as written on the Appendix I page 142-43

5. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level.

6. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:**

- a) Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are immovable obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair.
- b) Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.
- c) Secured mats and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

7. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:**

- a) Areas defined by white lines (except Dropping Zones), including those marked for gallery crosswalks.
- b) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- c) Sod covered trenching for temporary cables
- d) Relief is for lie of ball or area of intended swing only for the following (through the green only):
 - (i) Seams of cut turf – All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.
 - (ii) Painted yardage markings located in any closely mown area.

8. **RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS:** When located within water hazards or within and/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course.

9. **TREE WRAPPINGS, ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES:** Closely attached to trees: No relief. Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables, signs and lightning rods closely attached to trees are not obstructions. They are integral parts of the course.

10. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Appendix I is in effect and includes any temporary immovable obstruction installed for the competition.

11. **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

12. **WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS: RULE 26** Water hazards are defined by yellow lines and stakes. Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines and/or stakes

13. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distant-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a 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. The player would incur a penalty of two strokes for the first offense and disqualification for any subsequent offense.

14. **CASUAL WATER ON THE PUTTING GREEN:** If a temporary accumulation of casual water exists on the putting green, the following policy will operate when the ball lies on the putting green:

- a) The player may either take relief under the Rules of Golf (Rule 25 -1b(iii)); or the player may request the Committee to squeegee the line of putt including, if desired, an extension of such line beyond the hole.

- b) The Committee may squeegee the putting green at any time.
- c) The Committee may use any combination of a) or b) above.

15. **ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL OR BALL MARKER ON PUTTING GREEN:** Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

NOTE: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstance.

***PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

Match play or stroke play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Bogey and par competitions – See Note 1 to Rule [32-1a](#).

Stableford competitions – See Note 1 to Rule [32-1b](#).

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Disqualification.

Exception: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are permitted for play under the Rules of Golf, even in certain competitions when the Condition Requiring Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 is in effect. It is the player's responsibility to refer to the condition of competition posted for the specific competition in which the player is playing to ensure compliance with the above exception and to provide proof of the date on which the club was manufactured. If the player cannot provide such proof, the club must conform with specifications described in Appendix [II](#), 5c(i)." (Revised)

XVII. TOURNAMENT FORMATS

A. STROKE PLAYS

1. Prize money: The distribution of the prize money shall consist of entry fees less administration costs, rules official fees, opening and superintendent fees, cart fees, plus sponsor contributions. The purse will be determined by number of players and the prize breakdown will be posted prior to play.
2. Starting times: Shotgun start will be used for all Stroke Plays unless otherwise specified as a tee time event.
 - 18 hole Pro-Open – 10:00 AM Shotgun or Tee Times
 - 27/36 hole Events – 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM Shotguns
3. Scores: Scores shall be promptly posted upon completion of play.
4. Stroke Plays would be run with these divisions: Regular, Senior, and Super Senior with the following stipulations:
 - A. Players will be paired blindly regardless of division to allow for the integration between head professionals and assistants.
 - B. Participants must decide (upon tournament sign-up) in which division he/she is competing for prize money and pay the appropriate entry fee for that division. However, points will still be distributed for both appropriately to all eligible participants, regardless of which division they play in.
 - C. Sponsor dollars shall be divided between the Regular Senior and Super Senior divisions. This division of sponsor dollars shall be proportionate to the number of players in each division versus the total.

B. GATEWAY PGA SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline – same as Stroke Play regulations.
2. Competition – 54 holes, stroke play. 36 holes Day 1 & Final Round on Day 2.
3. Associate eligibility: must complete Level I.
4. Purse – to be determined.
5. Starting times – players will be notified.

C. MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline will be Thursday at NOON of the preceding week of the event.
2. Competition – Match Play 36 holes per day for three (3) consecutive days.
3. Purse – to be determined.
4. Starting times – players will be notified.
5. Other Rules – All eligible players may sign up to complete the field, if 32 players or less determine the field, players will be seeded with the defending champion seated 1 and the remainder of the field will be seated based on the following: The tournament committee will rank each player in the field with the use of the 2015 Points List, the Gateway Section Player Rankings and any additional information given by the Tournament Chairman. An average of the rankings will be taken from the lists supplied to determine the seeds.

D. PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

1. Entry – Entry forms will be sent out electronically in advance by PGA of America.
2. Starting times – players will be notified via email and times will be posted online.
3. Late registrations will not be allowed for this event.
4. Competition will be 36 holes of stroke play.

E. GATEWAY PGA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline – Same as Stroke Play regulations
2. Competition – 36 holes best ball two-man team event.
3. Purse – to be determined
4. Starting times – shotgun starts 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
5. Other rules:
 - A. GPGA Professional may select any eligible GPGA Professional as a partner or Amateur.
 - B. Scorecard must indicate which partner made the score that is counted on each hole.

F. SENIOR PPC/ SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry – Entry forms will be sent out electronically in advance by PGA of America. Local entries accepted for Sect. Championship portion of event. Any player not registering through the National Office will not be eligible to advance to the National Sr. PPC. Site Fee included in National Entry beginning in 2015.
2. Competition – 36 holes, stroke play.
3. Purse – to be determined.
4. Eligibility – PGA members/associates in good standing who are 50 years of age or older by the day of the tournament.

G. ASSISTANTS' CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry fee – \$30 to National, \$200 on site. Entry blanks will be electronically sent to all of the assistants by the PGA of America.
2. Competition – 36 holes, stroke play.
3. Purse – to be determined.
4. Starting times – shotgun starts 9:00AM and 2:00 PM.
5. Local entries may not advance to National Championship.

H. PRO-ASSISTANT PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry deadline – Same as Stroke Play regulations.
2. Competition – 18-hole best ball two-man team event.
3. Other rules – Head Professional may play with two or more assistants by paying corresponding team entry fee. Eligibility requirements are not in place for this event. Payout for teams with Non-PGA players will be paid only to the team member with eligible PGA status.

I. QUAD-PRO

1. Entry deadline – Same as Stroke Play regulations.
2. Competition – 18 Holes, first 9 half of team scramble added to other halves best ball. Second 9 is reversed of first 9 scoring.
3. Other Rules – Teams limited to 2 Top 10 Regular, 1 Top 5 Senior, and 1 Top 5 Assistant, from 2015 POY Standings. Eligibility requirements are not in place for this event. Payout for teams with Non-PGA players will be paid only to the team member with eligible PGA status.

I. LAKE TEAM EVENT

1. Entry deadline – Same as Stroke Play regulations.
2. Format – 54 Holes over 3 days

3. Open to Members of Gateway, Midwest, South Central, & Iowa Section Members, in good standing. One member may also be an amateur. One team member must be from District 7 or Iowa, other team member has no residency requirement, only PGA requirement.

K. PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Criteria:

The Top 25 in Regular POY Points, Top 15 in Senior POY Points, Top 5 in Assistant POY Points, Top 3 Super Sr POY Points, & Top 2- Ladies POY, will be eligible for the Championship. If any player does not accept the invitation to participate, there will be no substitutions from the respective POY point list.

XVII-A. PRO-AM REGULATIONS

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. All members of the Gateway PGA in good standing.
2. Amateurs at the discretion of the Member who has a verifiable handicap and active Amateur status.
3. If an amateur is a member of two (2) clubs, the lower handicap is used.
4. Amateurs will receive a % of their handicap based on format of the event.
5. Amateurs must present current handicap card or verification at registration.
6. Entry fee per team is TBD.
7. The format for the Gateway PGA Pro-Ams is TBD.

B. STARTING TIMES

1. Will be published prior to start of registration.

C. POSTING RESULTS

1. The Professional is responsible for insuring that his/her score and the team score is accurate, and an amateur member of the team verify the scorecard.
2. Scores of all teams shall be promptly posted upon completion of play.

D. SPECIAL FORMATS

1. Scratch Pro-Am: All Pro-Am regulations apply, except the following:
 - a. It is recommended but not required that the competition will be scored using two best balls of the foursome. Only gross scores will be used. However, the committee may change the format at their discretion.
 - b. It is recommended but not required that all amateurs must have established handicaps.
2. Pro-Ladies:
 - a. Entry fee deadline – same as regular Pro-Ams.
 - b. Handicap – 50% handicap Shamble, maximum of (20).
3. Pro-Junior:
 - a. Entry fee – \$75 per Junior includes carts, lunch, and prizes.
 - b. Entry deadline – 12:00 noon Tuesday preceding the event.
 - c. Starting times – To be determined.
 - d. Format will be Shamble with 50% handicap, maximum of (20). Gross & Net Divisions.
 - e. Eligibility – All Juniors who have not reached their 18th birthday by the date of the event.
 - f. Purse – Trophies awarded to first and second place teams in each division with scorecard playoffs for a tie.

For conduct unbecoming a golf professional during a PAT, an individual may be assessed a two stroke penalty. A second offense will result in disqualification. PAT participants are advised that actions determined by the PGA of America to be construed as conduct unbecoming a golf professional in any way connected with the PAT (without limitation unprofessional behavior displayed or unprofessional actions of any nature or description committed during practice rounds, the PAT test, or committed subsequent to the completion of a PAT) may result in the suspension of such an individual from participating in PATs for a period of two (2) years at the sole discretion of the PGA of America.

In order to preserve the integrity of the game and our PGA competitions, please be reminded that each player has the duty and responsibility to protect the rest of the field from questionable practices and Rules infractions. If you are doubtful as to the rights or procedure for either yourself or a fellow competitor, seek the counsel of the PAT Examiner.

The PAT schedule and deadlines are subject to revision. For an updated schedule call (888) 298-7391 or visit pga.org.

All deadlines are 5PM Eastern time. For any questions regarding PAT policies, contact the PGA Member Information Service Center at (800) 474-2776.

The following was originally published in the December issue of MISC Updates. Effective 1/1/2003, one of the following must be completed to register into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program:

- Pass the Players Ability Test or attempt the P.A.T. at least twice since 1/1/2003 and shoot one 18 hole score in a P.A.T. since 1/1/2003 that is equal to or less than the P.A.T. target score for 18 holes plus 5 strokes. (See the chart below)

36 Hole P.A.T. Target Score	18 Hole Target Score	Target Score to Register as an Associate
Course Rating for 36 holes + 15	(36 P.A.T. Score/2)	(36 P.A.T. Score/2) +5
151	75.5	80
152	76.0	81
153	76.5	81
154	77.0	82
155	77.5	82
156	78.0	83
157	78.5	83
158	79.0	84
159	79.5	84
160	80.0	85
161	80.5	85
162	81.0	86
163	81.5	86
164	82.0	87
165	82.5	87

Passing the P.A.T. is not an entrance requirement into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program, but the P.A.T. must be passed prior to an individual registering for the Level 3 Checkpoint. The P.A.T. remains valid during the Acceptable Progress period, and is considered valid if passed within two years prior to registration into the PGA Professional Golf Management Program. In order to be successful, an individual must achieve a 36-hole score within 15 shots of the course rating. For example, if the course rating is 72, the target score for the 36-holes would be 159 ($72 \times 2 = 144 + 15 = 159$). This competition is normally conducted in one day.

The P.A.T. is conducted from the middle tees of the golf course with the flagsticks set on a generally flat area of the green. Although this sounds relatively simple, less than 20% of those taking the test achieve a passing score. If an individual's game is marginal, it is highly recommended that they work diligently on improving prior to registering for the P.A.T. For the P.A.T. schedule and online registration use this link www.pga.org. To register by phone, please contact the Member Information Service Center (MISC) at 1-800-474-2776.

2016 PAT Schedule

DATE		SITE	NATL ENTRY	ON SITE FEE
April	13th	Eagle Springs GC	\$100	\$50
May	10th	Gateway National GL		\$100 \$50
July	12th	Gateway National Gl		\$100 \$50
August	31st	Eagle Springs GC	\$100	\$50

Site fee includes – 36 Holes /cart /lunch/range balls.

The PGA Professional Golf Management Program

Notice to Pre-Associates

To be able to register into Level 1 of the PGMP, you must have met the following requirements:

1. Have a high school diploma or be at least 18 years of age and have the equivalent of a high school diploma.
2. Review the information provided on PGA.ORG regarding the Professional Readiness Orientation (PRO) and PGMP policies and procedures: program content and format.
3. Have six months of eligible employment within the 12 months prior to registering into the PGMP and be eligibly employed at the time of registration.
4. Pass a PAT or attempt the PAT at least twice and shoot one 18 hole score in a PAT that is equal to or less than the PAT target score for 18 holes plus 5 strokes. PATs expire in two years

If you have met the above requirements, you are ready to register.

1. You must have Internet access. Go to PGA.ORG and click on "Professional Readiness Orientation". Read all the links entirely.
2. Click on "PGMP Application Form". You will need to download the form and print. The application cannot be completed on-line as yet.
3. Click on "Fees Calculator" to determine your total fees to send with your registration application.
4. Send your application and other required documents with your check or money order to The PGA of America. If you prefer, you may fax the application with your credit card information.
5. It will take several weeks for the National PGA to process your application. Once your application has been accepted, your Level 1 materials will be shipped to you.
6. You are a **Registered Associate** in The PGA of America after your Level I Kit has been purchased.

ASSOCIATES – Keep in mind to be eligible to register for any Checkpoint, Work Experience Kits must be pre-approved prior to registering for all checkpoints. Kits must be submitted to the PGA for approval at least **45 days prior to the registration deadline** of the checkpoint you wish to attend. Checkpoints will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Allow four to six weeks for your kit to be evaluated when attending a checkpoint. You may obtain your kit status by calling IRV automated response system at (877) 742-5464 or accessing PGA Links. You are responsible for bringing your kit to the checkpoint. If you have any questions, please contact MISC at (800) 474-2776.

For more information about the PGMP or the PRO, call the PGA Member Information Service Center at 1-800-4-PGA-PRO (800-474-2776)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GATEWAY PGA ASSOCIATES

Each year the Gateway PGA Associates must fulfill the following requirements:

Associates and Pre-Associates must attend one educational seminar prior to the start of the playing season to retain playing privileges for the current year. The Spring Meeting is the easiest way to do this.

FOR REVISED PROFESSIONAL GOLF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COURSES & COSTS – PLEASE REFER TO WWW.PGA.ORG FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF QUALIFYING WORK AND LEVEL ONE COURSES

Member Service Requirements MSR Requirements (Effective 6/16/2015) Credit requirements will consist of two categories:

(a) 54 Total Credits, (b) 36 of which must be from PGA Meeting/PGA Education and/or Golf 2.0/Player Development.

(a) Total Credits (54): A total of 54 credits must be earned, with at least 36 credits earned from the required category (PGA Meeting/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development), while the other means of obtaining credits toward the total requirement remain per the prior program. All credits for any category must be earned via activities that allow for automated crediting through PGA systems to streamline the administration of the Professional Development Program.

(b) PGA Meeting/PGA Education: The credit category for Meetings and PGA-delivered education (Chapter, Section, National) are now combined and all will be awarded one (1) credit per hour of participation. Other education provided by sources outside of The PGA will apply to the Total. This means that any gathering of members organized by a Section/Chapter or National, whether for governance, education, or both will be treated the same way. Therefore, a Section meeting that had three hours of business meeting and two hours of education that would have been credited six Meeting credits and two Education credits in the previous cycle will now be worth 5 PGA Meeting/PGA Education credits in the current proposal.

(b) Golf 2.0/Player Development: The credits for Golf 2.0/Player Development will be earned via the reporting of actual creation, activation and engagement of golfers into programming that supports Golf 2.0 initiatives and/or education and training on the strategic plan, its initiatives, and related program administration. Thus both green grass and non-green grass or executive level PGA members can meet the requirement by becoming knowledgeable about Golf 2.0, its strategic initiatives, and its programs.

Effective Date: June 16, 2015–June 15, 2018 Rules and Regulations for the Member Service Requirement (MSR), as defined by the Membership Committee:

1. One credit per hour of service or participation as defined by the chart below.
2. A Section may require that all Section and Chapter activities be approved in advance.
3. Based on previously approved activities, established guidelines and Section recommendations, the National Office will approve the credits to be awarded for a certain activity. The Board of Control will determine the number of credits in all disputes and the Board of Directors reserves the right to make modifications to the requirements.
4. A participant may receive compensation for an activity.
5. Fifty-four (54) credits are required for a three-year cycle; at least 36 from PGA Meeting/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development.
6. Members who have attained 25 years of active membership and are at least 65 years of age before the start of the Professional Development Program shall be required to earn 12 credits from the PGA Meeting/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development category only.