



PGA
Gateway Section

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

As of May 2022

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 These Regulations became effective February 2022, and superseded all previous rules and regulations governing the conduct of Gateway PGA Tournaments.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-Assistant Pro
Team Championship
PPC Qualifying
Junior/Senior
Gateway Match Play Championship
Pro-Am's
Sanctioned Charity Events

Stoke Play Events
Assistants' Championship
Senior PPC Qualifying
Pro-Superintendent
Pro Junior
Lake Team Event
Team 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).

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	A15-2 3	B-8	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- womens POY will qualify.												
Scratch ProAm	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro-Opens	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Team Champ.	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Match Play	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
S. Ill Open	X	X	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			
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 HealthCare special invitees												
Pro-womens	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro-Asst Pro	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X
Pro-Junior	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Team	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Las Vegas Pro Am	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

Must not have played in more than eight (8) combined Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian Tour, Dakotas Tour, Epson Tour (formerly Symetra Tour- LPGA), European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, GPro Tour (beginning 1/1/2022), JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR-Canada (including the Forme Tour), PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR-China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour and The Sunshine Tour tournaments. The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship are not included in the 8-tournament count.

PGA of America reserves the right to determine whether any player meets eligibility and to reject any player who does not meet these requirements. A PGA member will not be eligible to participate if:

- a) the member is serving a suspension from membership;
- b) the member is suspended from tournament participation for national tournaments; or
- c) the member is classified as Class F, Reserve, A-3, LM, LMM, LMA, LMMA, LMC, or HM.

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) – 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 – 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 into 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 a 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 Thursday for all Monday events, 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. Womens Tees 49 under will be set at approximately 83%-85% of the Regular yardage. Senior Womens tee will be approximately 83-85% of Senior Mens tees. Senior 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 **Shogren Cup Matches**. The following are point events:

Gateway Section Championship/PPC
Sr Match Play
PPC
Stroke Play Events
Southern Illinois Open/36 Hole stroke play
National PPC

Gateway Match Play Championship
Players Championship
US Open Local Qualifying
US Open Sectional Qualifying
US Open
PGA/ Sr PGA Championships

- B. **Divisions:** The following Divisions will be in effect for the 2022 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

**Womens – only Class A members will receive points for POY .

All women apprentices will compete for POY in their respective divisions , Regular , Senior or Assistant.

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”
1st	300	300	200	100
2nd	250	250	170	85
3rd	225	200	150	75
4th	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
14 th	60	50	40	20
15 th	45	50	30	15
16 th	42	50	28	14
17 th	39	17-32 nd 20	26	13
18 th	36	33 rd and up – 10	24	12
19 th	33		22	11
20 th	30		20	10
21 st	27		18	9
22 nd	24		16	8
23 rd	21		14	7
24 th	18		12	6
25 th	15		10	5
26 th 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 Stroke Play Events,

❖ 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. Stroke Play Events 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.”

- Stroke Play , Southern Illinois(18 Holes) Open, Senior PPC/Section Championship, and the Players Championship 36 Hole Stroke Play events Sr / Super Sr will receive point for the first 18 holes all ties both money and points will be split : 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 Championship Points.

So. Illinois Open or 36 Hole Stroke play events where Sr & Super Sr play 18 Holes will receive points from section C.

Women's Division

Points will be awarded in the events listed below. Points will determine the “women's Division Player of the Year.” Only Class A members will be eligible to win player of the year points

- Stroke Play, Section Championship, 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 Proposal 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, of 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. 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 the 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 for Purse considerations 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 – Set by the Section -the Wednesday before the Competition at 5 Pm
2. Competition – 36 holes, stroke play. 18 holes Day 1 & Final Round on Day 2.
3. Class A members
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 previous years 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. PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

1. Entry –**New for 2022** - All entries will be through the section and Golf Genius
2. **New for 2022-** LMA and LMMA classifications are no longer eligible classifications for the PGA Professional Championship. This makes the Championship solely for PGA Professionals in an actively working classification (LMA and LMMA will still be eligible classifications for the Senior PGA Professional Championship).
3. Starting times – players will be notified via email and times will be posted online.
4. Late registrations will not be allowed for this event.
5. 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. If an amateur is playing with a member the amateur must be a mid-am age of 25 or older.
 - B. Scorecard must indicate which partner made the score that is counted on each hole.

F. SENIOR PPC/ SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Entry – **New for 2022** - All entries will be through the section and Golf Genius
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. **New for 2022** - All entries will be through the section and Golf Genius

2. **NCR Assistant Professional Championship Eligibility** - Only A-8 and B-8 classifications are eligible.
3. Competition – 36 holes, stroke play.
4. Purse – to be determined.
5. Starting times – shotgun starts 9:00AM and 2:00 PM.
6. Local entries may not advance to the 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 or full time employees 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 the reverse 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, another 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- womens 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 the format of the event.
5. Amateurs must present a 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 the start of registration.

C. POSTING RESULTS

1. The Professional is responsible for ensuring that his/her score and the team score is accurate, and an amateur member of the team verifies 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-womens:
 - 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.

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