

Tournament Rules & Regulations



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION PGA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

Purpose & Member Benefit Statement

Section 1 Purpose

The Tournament Program of the Rocky Mountain PGA shall be a vehicle for maintaining and promoting the highest standards of competition, sportsmanship, fellowship, promotion of the game of golf, and public goodwill.

Section 2 Program Statement

The Tournament Program of the Rocky Mountain Section shall be conducted in a manner to elevate the value of the Rocky Mountain Section and the Rocky Mountain Section PGA members through events conducted at a high standard. Additionally the Tournament Program of the Rocky Mountain Section provides opportunities to test golf skills, as well as for fellowship, camaraderie and networking.

ARTICLE II

Proposing Rules and Regulations

Section 1

The Rocky Mountain PGA Tournament Committee has the responsibility of proposing rules and regulations governing all competition in the Section tournament program. Such rules and regulations must be approved and adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have published the Rules and Regulations governing tournament events. The Rocky Mountain PGA representative, assigned by the Section at a Section Sponsored/Sanctioned event, is responsible to the Executive Director and/or Tournament Committee for the enforcement of all rules and regulations. The Rules of Golf and its Decisions shall govern all play except as modified by the Rocky Mountain PGA Rules of Play Card and Local Rules. The Rules of Play Card shall be considered part of this document. Professionals are responsible for the knowledge of the Rules of Golf and of the rules, policies and regulations of the Rocky Mountain Section.

ARTICLE III

Schedule

Section 1

The Tournament Committee shall formulate an annual tournament schedule of events which will permit full participation by eligible members, and which must be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Sponsored and Approved Events

Section 1 Definitions

- A. Sponsored/Sanctioned Events - A golf competition played within the geographical territory embracing the Rocky Mountain Section, in which only PGA golf professionals and/or amateurs participate, and conducted by the Rocky Mountain PGA or assigned representative. These events include, but are not limited to, Section, Chapter, and Section Senior Championships, Pro-Amateur events, PGA TOUR sponsored event qualifying tournaments, Section Special Event Championships, similar events, or stroke play competitions.
 - B. Approved Event – A golf competition played within the geographical territory embracing the Rocky Mountain Section, in which all PGA professionals and/or amateurs are eligible to participate. The tournament's sponsor is responsible for the administration and conduct of the event.
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Section 2 Policy

- A. Any golf competition played within the geographical territory embracing the Rocky Mountain PGA Section, in which more than eight RMSPGA golf professionals participate, charging an entry fee and/or offering a purse as prize money must be sponsored/sanctioned or approved by the Tournament Committee or the Executive Director in order for Rocky Mountain Section members or apprentices to participate as competitors. This includes, but is not limited to any pro-amateur or similar event or any stroke or match play competition.
- B. Requests for sponsor/sanction or approval status must be made in writing and should be received by the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. Each reasonable request will be considered separately on its own merits.
- C. Each sponsored/sanctioned and/or approved event will be required to pay a stipulated fee. The stipulated fee payment becomes due 48 hours following the completion of the event. EXCEPTIONS: The Yellowstone County Scratch Team-Up and The Saltwater Classic are exempt because of their existence prior to the advent of the stipulated fee(s).
- D. For an event to be sponsored/sanctioned or approved, the club serving as the host site must have a PGA Class A-1, or A-13 Member employed.
- E. Sponsored/sanctioned events will have priority placement on the Section's tournament schedule.

Section 3 Exceptions

PGA TOUR and/or LPGA Tour sponsored events are exempt from the above policy.

Section 4 Fees

- A. For a Sponsored/Sanctioned event, the fees will be as follows:
 - One-day events – \$10.00 per player
 - Two-day events - \$15.00 per player
- B. For an Approved event, the fees shall be consistent with sponsored/sanctioned events.

ARTICLE V Rules of Conduct

Section 1 Policy

PGA members and apprentices should be aware at all times to conduct themselves in a manner befitting professionals and to influence amateur partners to abide by the same standards. By signing an official entry form and/or verbally committing to compete, the player agrees to abide by the prescribed Rules of Conduct. Comments or complaints concerning the tournament program shall be made in writing to the Tournament Committee.

Section 2 Violations

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

- A. Displaying disrespect for the Tournament Committee;
 - B. Displaying disrespect for the PGA staff;
 - C. Displaying disrespect for the traditional etiquette of golf;
 - D. Displaying conduct unbecoming of a professional;
 - E. Making public comments or criticisms involving the PGA, the PGA staff, sponsors, host clubs, golf course, or the tournament format;
 - F. Using loud, profane, and/or abusive language in public;
 - G. Throwing or breaking a club in anger or disgust;
 - H. Dispensing or consuming any alcoholic beverages on the golf course during a tournament round or official practice round. (NOTE: On the golf course is defined as from the starting time until the scorecard is turned in upon completion of the round.);
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- I. Dressing in a manner that is not in keeping with the traditions of the game. Men shall be well groomed and wear slacks with shirttails tucked in their slacks. No shorts or tank tops. Women shall be well groomed and wear slacks, skirts or appropriate walking shorts. Caddies shall be well groomed and wear slacks or walking shorts with flat-soled walking shoes. Caddies should not wear golf shoes. The dress code applies to all tournament and official practice rounds (NOTE: The Rocky Mountain PGA and Tournament Committee, and host professional reserve the right to prohibit a competitor from playing should the competitor be deemed dressed inappropriately.)

Exception: The RMSPGA Section/Professional Championship; Senior Section/Senior Professional Championship and Assistant Professional Championship shall allow shorts for the official practice round only. The policy below shall apply to both players and caddies in these events.

PLAYER DRESS CODE

Male Players: May wear shorts during the official practice round, however, slacks must be worn during Championship rounds. Shorts must be hemmed, not more than 2" above the knee, and professional looking in appearance. Shirttails must be tucked in.

Female Players: May wear slacks, walking shorts, skorts, or golf skirts/dresses when on club property. All attire must be hemmed appropriately for a Major Section professional golf Championship.

Appearance: All PGA contestants are required to present a neat appearance, appropriate to a Major Section professional golf Championship.

(NOTE: The Rocky Mountain Section PGA, Tournament Committee and host professional reserve the right to prohibit a competitor from playing should the competitor be deemed dressed inappropriately.)

CADDIE DRESS CODE

Male Caddies: May wear shorts or slacks during ALL rounds of competition. Shorts must be hemmed, not more than 2" above the knee, and professional looking in appearance. Caddies are allowed to wear matching apparel to their players.

Female Caddies: May wear shorts, skorts, golf skirts/dresses or slacks during ALL rounds of competition. All attire must be hemmed appropriately as befits a Major Section professional golf Championship. Caddies are allowed to wear matching apparel to their players.

Appearance: All Caddies are required to present a neat appearance, appropriate to a Major Section or Chapter professional golf Championship.

EXCEPTION(S): The above shorts policy is subject to change if either an event host facility or sponsor forbids or objects to males wearing shorts on their property.

- J. Competing in an event that is not Section sponsored/sanctioned or approved. Each member or apprentice is personally responsible for knowing the sponsored/sanctioned or approved status of an event;
- K. Knowingly entering a Rocky Mountain PGA event for which the member or apprentice is not eligible;
- L. Failing to notify the Rocky Mountain Section office of a leave of absence by any eligible professional employed at the facility;
- M. Participation by owning or sharing a ticket or receiving financial benefit from a ticket in a Calcutta event held in connection with a sponsored/sanctioned event;
- N. Bringing less than the number of amateurs to a pro-am competition than previously committed;
- O. Failing to appear for any round of a Rocky Mountain Section sponsored event, for which a player enters and is accepted. (NOTE: If a competitor decides to withdraw from tournament play, he must notify either RMSPGA headquarters, the RMSPGA official on-site, or the host professional as applicable);
- P. As a Pro-Amateur host professional, failing to fulfill all responsibilities as outlined for a host professional;
- Q. Failing to return a scorecard for himself or in team competition, for his team, even if the scorecard is marked "no card";
- R. Verifying an incorrect handicap for an amateur.
- S. Bringing any amateur to a pro-am series event that does not have a current, active and verifiable USGA Handicap Index.

The foregoing list is not all-inclusive. As determined by the Tournament Committee and/or Board of Directors, additional actions, not listed above, may be deemed to have violated the Rules of Conduct. The Tournament Committee and/or Board of Directors reserve the right to modify and/or update the foregoing list of violations as deemed necessary.

Section 3 Discipline, Penalties and Appeals

Each PGA of America Member or Apprentice Participant ("Participant") in a Rocky Mountain Section golf tournament acknowledges the right and authority of the Section to (i) fine and suspend from tournament play; and/or to (ii) fine and permanently bar the Participant from Section tournaments. Any Participant in a Rocky Mountain Section event hereby releases the Rocky Mountain Section PGA, 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 Rocky Mountain Section, PGA of America or any appellate body.

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

Advance Notification of Proposed Disciplinary Action

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

Rules of Golf

Any Participant in a Rocky Mountain Section tournament who breaches the Rules of Golf 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 Rocky Mountain Section Rules Officials and/or the Section Tournament Committee with the respect to such Rules breach shall be final and conclusive.

Conduct Unbecoming a Professional

Any Participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a Rocky Mountain Section tournament or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice round, hospitality events, etc.) shall be subject to fine, suspension and/or permanent disbarment from Rocky Mountain 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 Rocky Mountain 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 Rocky Mountain Section, be permanently prohibited from participating in all Rocky Mountain Section and PGA of America tournaments and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Rocky Mountain Section reserves the right to pursue Code of Ethics charges against any PGA Member/Apprentice for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Rocky Mountain 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.

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 Rocky Mountain Section tournament officials responsible for the conduct of the tournament.

2. **MAJOR PENALTIES**

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

Appeals

1. MINOR PENALTIES

Appeals regarding 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 Rocky Mountain Section Executive Director. The Rocky Mountain Section Executive Director shall submit this final report to the Association General Counsel. Such decision shall be final.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Rocky Mountain Section determines that it would prefer a Minor Penalty shall be submitted to the Board of Control for a hearing in lieu of action by the Section, then the Section Board of Inquiry will follow the same procedures set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedures.

2. MAJOR PENALTIES

Within thirty (30) days from the dates of notification of a Major Penalty, the Participant may submit a written appeal to the Section Board of Inquiry. Failure to file such an appeal shall be deemed conclusively to be an admission of the charges specified in the notification.

Thereafter, the Section Board of Inquiry will prepare a report of the matter to the Board of Control and the matter will be set for a hearing before the Board of Control in accordance with all applicable procedures set forth herein for ethics appeals heard by the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall hear the appeal either at the next regularly scheduled Board of Control hearing or at an expedited meeting that may be held in person or via conference call at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Control. The decision of the Board of Control shall be final. An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from the Section tournament then in progress of 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 thirty (30) days from the decision rendered by the Board of Control in the event the Board of Control upholds the finding of the Tournament Committee Chair.

ARTICLE VI

Eligible Professionals

Section 1 Classifications

The privilege of participating in the Rocky Mountain PGA Section Tournament Program will be extended to any Rocky Mountain PGA Member or Apprentice who is primarily employed full-time in the area required by their classification within the geographic territory of the Rocky Mountain Section, in good standing and otherwise eligible, and who meet the requirements listed in Article V, Section 1, of the *PGA of America Constitution, By-laws, and Regulations*. Eligible Classifications are as follows:

A-1, A-2, A-4 to A-24

Master Professional

Life Member Active

Life Member Retired

Registered Apprentices (Apprentices registered in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program) – provided the following has been completed:

- Accumulated four (4) education points. This requirement may be waived provided it is the Apprentice's initial year in the Section. Requests shall be made in writing to the Executive Director;
 - Paid the Section Player Fee; and
 - Completed the Section Apprentice Orientation
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Section 2 Exceptions

- A. A-3 Members of the Rocky Mountain PGA (Professionals with exempt status on the PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Web.com Tour, or LPGA Tour) are ineligible to participate in Pro-Am, Section, Chapter or Section Senior Championship events. A-3 Members are ineligible to participate in Rocky Mountain PGA Closed Qualifying for PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Web.com Tour, or LPGA Tour events. A-3 Members shall be ineligible for the Rocky Mountain PGA Player of the Year or Senior Player of the Year award.
- B. A Rocky Mountain PGA Section Member or Apprentice is not eligible to participate in Section, Chapter or Section Senior Championship events if he has entered more than ten (10) combined Adams Golf Pro Tour (Pro Series and Winter Series), Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Canadian 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, The Safari Tour, Sunshine Tour, and Web.com TOUR tournaments in the twelve months preceding the date of the entry deadline. The PGA Championship, Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Open, and U.S. Senior Open are not included in the 10-tournament count.
- C. Inactive Members of the Rocky Mountain PGA are ineligible to participate in Section and Chapter Championships, Rocky Mountain PGA Pro-Amateur events, PGA Tour Closed Qualifying events, and Special Event Championships. Inactive Members shall be ineligible for the Rocky Mountain PGA Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year awards.
- D. A Rocky Mountain PGA Class A Member may request a 60-day extension of his playing privileges from the date he becomes unemployed. Request shall be made in writing to the Executive Director.
- E. Additional 60-day playing extensions may be granted to Members who have held Class A status in the Rocky Mountain Section for a minimum of five (5) years. Requests for these additional extensions must be made in writing to the Executive Director. Participation is limited to four (4) events per each additional extension.
- F. A PGA Member or Apprentice of a section other than the Rocky Mountain Section may be invited by the host professional to participate in a pro-am event. Non-Rocky Mountain PGA Members may be invited only after the RMSPGA Member and Apprentice call-in dates have passed. Not more than four (4) non-Rocky Mountain PGA members may be invited to an event, unless, approval for an additional number is granted by the Tournament Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Section and Chapter Championships

Section 1 Section Championships

The following events are considered Rocky Mountain PGA Section Championships:

- 1. Section PC/Section Championship – Rocky Mountain PGA members as determined by the PC eligibility rules supplied by the PGA of America
- 2. Pro-Pro Shootout – Rocky Mountain PGA members and apprentices
- 3. Assistant Professional Championship – Rocky Mountain PGA members (Class A) and apprentices (Class B)
- 4. Fall Pro-Pro - Rocky Mountain PGA members and apprentices
- 5. Idaho Open – Rocky Mountain PGA members, Rocky Mountain PGA apprentices, other Section PGA members, other Section PGA apprentices and the amateur partner for each of the preceding types

Section 2 Snake River Chapter Championships

The following events are considered Snake River Chapter Championships:

- 1. SRC Facility Championship – SRC members and apprentices
- 2. SRC Match Play Championship – SRC members and apprentices

Section 3 Yellowstone Chapter Championships

The following events are considered Yellowstone Chapter Championships:

- 1. YC Pro-Pro – YC members and apprentices
 - 2. YC Chapter Championship – YC members and apprentices
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Section 4 Entry Requirements

- A. All championship entries must be received at the Section Headquarters by the stated deadline date. Entries received after the entry deadline will be placed on an alternate list for the applicable event. Faxed entries with a valid credit card account number will be accepted. Forms that are incomplete or without proper advance entry fee or an invalid credit card account number will be returned and the entry rejected.
- B. By entering a Sponsored/Sanctioned or Approved event, competitors agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Rocky Mountain PGA, The Rules of Golf, and the Rocky Mountain PGA Rules of Conduct.
- C. All entries are subject to approval by the Rocky Mountain PGA Tournament Committee. Competitors must be eligible on the date of the first scheduled round of the tournament.
- D. A Senior Division will be provided at all Section and Chapter Championships, excluding the Section PC/Section Championship, Assistant Professional Championship and Yellowstone Chapter Championships, for contestants age 50 and over on the first scheduled day of competition. Contestants age 50 and over must designate the division they wish to compete, regular or senior, and may not compete in both. A minimum of 3 contestants/teams must be entered in the Senior Division in order to compete.

Section 5 Entry Priority – Non Qualifying Events

- A. The defending champion in any Section or Chapter championship is automatically entered in this event if his/her entry is received prior to the entry deadline, and he/she is otherwise eligible.
- B. All entries must be registered on the date of receipt at the Section office. In events with a limited field, all eligible professionals whose entries in Section or Chapter championships are received prior to the stated deadline will be accepted into the field on the basis of earliest receipt up to the stated maximum size of the field.
- C. For the SRC Facility championship, entries will be accepted on a priority basis as follows: Teams of two Class A members from the same facility; then teams of one Class A and an Apprentice from the same facility and then teams of two Apprentices from the same facility.
- D. For the Pro-Pro Shootout and the Fall Pro-Pro, entries will be accepted on a priority basis as follows: Teams of two Class A members, then teams of one Class A member and an Apprentice, then teams of two Apprentices.
- E. For the Idaho Open, entries will be accepted, allowing for the exemptions below, on a priority basis as follows: Teams of one RMSPGA member and an amateur; then teams of one RMSPGA apprentice and an amateur; then teams of one other section PGA member and an amateur; and then teams of one other section PGA apprentice and an amateur.
The field for the Idaho Open will be determined as follows:
 - 1. Past Idaho Open Champions (RMSPGA members only)
 - 2. Past RMSPGA Section Champions
 - 3. Past RMSPGA Senior Section Champions
 - 4. Top 15 RMSPGA members and apprentices and ties from the previous year's event.
 - 5. Top 10 and ties from the previous year's Rocky Mountain PGA Player of the Year Points standings.
 - 6. Top 10 and ties from the current year's Rocky Mountain PGA Player of the Year Points standings.
 - 7. Top 5 and ties from the previous year's Rocky Mountain PGA Senior Player of the Points standings.
 - 8. Top 5 and ties from the current year's Rocky Mountain PGA Senior Player of the Year Points standings

Section 6 Entry Fees/Refunds

- A. The amount of entry fees shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Minimum entry fees shall be as follows:
 - 1. Section Championships - \$100.00
 - 2. Chapter Championships - \$75.00The minimum entry fee shall include a range fee for the championship.
 - B. No refunds will be granted after 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the official practice round. In cases of emergency, written requests for refunds can be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five (5) business days of the first round of the tournament. These requests for refunds will be considered separately on their own merits. EXCEPTION: Any Section member who has entered a Section event and then successfully qualifies for a national or international event may withdraw up to the beginning of first round play and receive an entry refund.
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Section 7 Maximum Size of Field – Non Qualifying Events

In Section and Chapter Championships, maximum fields will be determined on an event basis by the Tournament Committee with no starting field exceeding 144 competitors.

Section 8 Arrangement of Groupings

- A. Starting times and groupings for Section individual championships will be done on a blind draw basis from two (2) categories:
 - 1. For non-qualifying events, professionals who were in the top 15 point leaders from the preceding calendar year, the current top 15 point leaders, all past champions from the event.
For events in which there is qualifying, all exempt players for that event.
 - 2. All other professionals and amateurs.
- B. For 36-hole events using a single tee start, the field will be regrouped by score after each round with the highest scores off first.
- C. For 36-hole events using a double tee single wave start, the field will be regrouped by score with the lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and the highest scores off last on the tenth tee. Any groupings of two will be off last on the tenth tee.
- D. For 54-hole events over 3 days, groupings will be set for the first and second rounds prior to play. The field will be split with AM and PM times. AM times for round one will be moved to PM times for round two and vice versa. The field will be regrouped by score for the final round.
- E. For 54-hole events with or without a cut, the field for the final round will be regrouped by score using the double tee wave (reverse horseshoe) with the lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and the highest scores off last on the tenth tee. Any groupings of two will be off last on the tenth tee. Should a single tee start be used, the field will be regrouped using the single tee start outlined in (b).
- F. For events in which 36 holes are played in one day, the field may be regrouped on a blind draw basis for the second round.
- G. Every effort will be made to group contestants within the division they are competing.
- H. Except for match play, the standard grouping size for all Section and Chapter Championships will be three players.

Section 9 Scorecard Requirements

The player's scorecard responsibilities shall be consistent with Rule 6-6 of The Rules of Golf.

Section 10 Pace of Play

The policy for pace of play in effect for Section and Chapter championships will be consistent with Rule 6-7 of The Rules of Golf. A pace of play notice shall be posted at all championship sites.

Section 11 Discontinuance of Play

- A. The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 6-8 of The Rules of Golf. The Rocky Mountain PGA official in charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation. Should a member of the Committee be a competitor in the event, he/she may not participate in the consultation.
 - B. In Section and Chapter Championships, the following procedure will apply:
 - 1. 54-hole championships – One day/round washed out, the event will be contested at 36 holes with the entire purse paid. Two days/rounds washed out; the event may be rescheduled at 36 holes at a later date or canceled altogether by decision of the Tournament Committee.
 - 2. 36-hole championships – One day/round washed out, the event will be contested at 18 holes with the entire purse paid. Two days/rounds washed out; the event may be rescheduled at 18 holes at a later date or canceled altogether by decision of the Tournament Committee.
 - C. The following guidelines are for use by the Rocky Mountain PGA Official and Committee in case of bad weather.
 - 1. When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round.
 - 2. Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled.
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3. In case of a suspension during the final round, the round shall be canceled if more than half the field is unable to complete the round. If more than half the field completes the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. Consideration of this procedure would depend upon availability of the golf course. In case of a postponement as outlined in item 1, the Rocky Mountain PGA Official in charge may reduce the size of the field to 40 players and ties. He shall have discretionary power to further reduce the number of players as conditions warrant.

Section 12 Policy Regarding Ties

- A. In all Section and Chapter championships, should two or more competitors tie for first position, the tie will be settled by a sudden-death playoff. If more than two tie, all players other than the winner will be declared joint winners of second place and share equally in the purse to be distributed. Professionals tying for other positions will share equally with others posting the same score.
- B. Tie-Breaking Method for Unusual Circumstances in National Qualifying Events. A scorecard playoff will be used, if a sudden-death playoff is not practicable, to determine the alternate positions only. The USGA recommendation (Rules of Golf, Appendix 1, letter (c)), will be used. In any case where a physical playoff is possible and only one of the players tied is present, that player will be the first alternate. Such playoffs have no bearing on purse distribution and are for the alternate order only.

Section 13 Prize Fund Distribution

- A. The prize fund distribution shall be the total of all entry fees, plus sponsorship funds, less the Rocky Mountain PGA Sponsor/Sanction Fee and other incidental expenses related to the championship as determined by the Tournament Committee and Staff.
- B. For all Section and Chapter Championships, except the Idaho Open, the prize fund shall be distributed to no less than 1/3 (33%) of the anticipated starting field following the entry deadline. In the Idaho Open, the prize fund shall be distributed to all players surviving the 36-hole cut. Should there not be a cut in the Idaho Open, the purse shall be distributed to no less than 1/3 (33%) of the starting field. Each finishing position, for all Section and Chapter stroke play events, will be assigned a specific percentage of the total purse as outlined in the pay-out matrix. The rounding of the prize fund distribution may be done at the discretion of the Tournament Director, Executive Director, and/or Tournament Committee.
- C. Distribution of the amateur portion shall be arranged on a descending percentage basis with a maximum for the low amateur as provided by the USGA. Amateur awards will be given only to those who make the 36-hole cut and/or return a scorecard on the final round.
- D. In case less than the allotted number of professionals or amateurs survive the cut (if there is one), the prizes apportioned to each division will be adjusted.
- E. In events with a Senior Division, the prize fund shall be the total of all entry fees of those entered into the Senior Division, plus sponsor funds, pro-rated per player in the total field, less the RMSPGA Sponsor/Sanction Fee and other incidental expenses related to the championship as determined by the Tournament Committee and staff. The prize fund shall be distributed as outlined in (b) of this Section.
- F. In the Section Championship, Idaho Open, Pro-Pro Shootout, Fall Pro-Pro, Assistant Professional Championship, Rocky Mountain PGA Professional Championship, and Chapter championships, a separate set of tees shall be provided set at no more than 90% and no less than 80% of the total men's tee yardage (For the Section Professional Championship, PGA of America guidelines will be followed.) In these events, women shall compete for the same purse as men.

Section 14 Caddies

Contestants in Section and Chapter championships may employ a caddie for any tournament round. Caddies must comply with the Rocky Mountain PGA Rules of Conduct as set forth by the Tournament Rules and Regulations, Article V.

At all Section and Chapter Championships, a player and his/her caddie will notice and abide by posted transportation rules made available in advance either on the entry, a notice to competitors and/or posted on site prior to the first competition round.

The player is responsible for all actions of the caddie during a competition, including but not limited to Rocky Mountain PGA Rules and/or The Rules of Golf infractions.

Section 15 Senior Division Course Set-up

In events in which a Senior Division is established, a separate set of tee markers, forward of the championship markers, may be used for the Senior Division to compete from.

ARTICLE VIII

PGA TOUR Event Qualifying and Exemptions

Section 1 Exemptions

- A. Exemptions granted the Rocky Mountain PGA Section members for PGA TOUR sponsored events held within the Section shall be guided by current PGA TOUR policy.
- B. The current Rocky Mountain PGA Section Champion is exempt into the tournament proper provided he is otherwise eligible under Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 of the Rocky Mountain PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations. Should he not be able to participate the exempt position shall revert as follows:
 1. To the current Section Player of the Year;
 2. If unable to participate or should the same person hold both titles, the exempt position will revert to the Closed Qualifying Event.

Section 2 Section "Open" Qualifying

The Section will conduct qualifying to determine "open" positions in PGA TOUR sponsored events as determined by current PGA TOUR policy. "Open" qualifying events will be open to all professionals, including Rocky Mountain PGA Members and Apprentices, and amateurs with a handicap index that when applied to the qualifying course slope will generate a handicap of 2 or less.

ARTICLE IX

Rocky Mountain PGA Section Special Event Championships

Section 1 Rocky Mountain PGA Section Special Event Championships

The following (if conducted) are considered Rocky Mountain PGA Section Special Event Championships:

- Pro-Junior Championships
- Pro-Official Championships
- Scholarship Pro-Am events

Section 2 Policy

Due to their special nature, Rocky Mountain PGA Section Special Event Championships may be exempt from Section Sponsor and/or Approval fees. Specific requirements for these events will be considered on an individual case basis each year. The requirements for Rocky Mountain PGA Section Special Event Championships will be dictated by the tournament sponsor and/or the Tournament Committee. Eligibility for Rocky Mountain PGA Section Special Event Championships shall be consistent with Article VI, Section 1 and 2.

ARTICLE X

Section Senior Championships

Section 1 Section Senior Championships

The following events are considered Rocky Mountain PGA Section Senior Championships:

1. Section Senior Championship – Rocky Mountain PGA members and registered apprentices.

Section 2 Entry Requirements

- A. All competitors in Rocky Mountain PGA Senior Championship events must be age 50 or over on the first day of the event. NOTE: Should the Section Senior Championship also serve as qualifying for the PGA Senior PC, the age requirement shall be adjusted to coincide with the PGA Senior PC age requirement.
 - B. All entries must be received by the stated deadline date. Entries received after the entry deadline will be placed on an alternate list for the applicable event. Incomplete or invalid entries will be rejected.
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- C. By entering a Section Senior Championship, competitors agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Rocky Mountain PGA, The Rules of Golf, and the Rocky Mountain PGA Rules of Conduct.
 - D. All entries are subject to approval by the Rocky Mountain PGA Tournament Committee. Competitors must be eligible on the date of the first scheduled tournament round.

Section 3 Entry Priority

All entries must be registered on the date of receipt at Section Headquarters. In events with a limited field, all eligible entries received prior to the stated deadline will be accepted into the field on a priority basis as follows: Rocky Mountain Section professionals, then Rocky Mountain Section Senior Associate members, then other PGA professionals, then other amateurs.

Section 4 Entry Fees

- A. The amount of entry fees shall be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Minimum entry fee shall be \$75.
- B. No refunds will be granted after 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the official practice round. In cases of emergency, written requests for refunds can be submitted to the Tournament Committee within five (5) business days of the first round of the tournament. These requests for refunds will be considered separately on their own merits.

Section 5 Maximum Size of Field

In Rocky Mountain PGA Senior Tournament Series events, maximum fields will be determined on an event basis by the Tournament Committee with no starting field exceeding 144 competitors. Should an event utilize a shotgun start for any round, the starting field shall not exceed 128 competitors.

Section 6 Scorecard Requirements

The player's scorecard responsibilities shall be consistent with Rule 6-6 of The Rules of Golf.

Section 7 Pace of Play

The policy for pace of play in effect for Senior Tournament Series events will be consistent with Rule 6-7 of The Rules of Golf. A pace of play notice shall be posted at all championship sites.

Section 8 Discontinuance of Play

- A. The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 6-8 of The Rules of Golf. The Rocky Mountain PGA official in charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation. Should a member of the Committee be a competitor in the event, he/she may not participate in the consultation.
 - B. In Section Senior Championship events, the following procedure will apply:
One day/round washed out; the event will be contested at 18 holes with the entire purse paid. Two days/rounds washed out; the event may be rescheduled at 18 holes at a later date or canceled altogether by decision of the Tournament Committee.
 - C. The following guidelines are for use by the Rocky Mountain PGA Official and Committee in case of bad weather.
 1. When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round.
 2. Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled.
 3. In case of a suspension during the final round, the round shall be canceled if more than half the field is unable to complete the round. If more than half the field completes the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. Consideration of this procedure would depend upon availability of the golf course.
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Section 9 Policy Regarding Ties

- A. In Senior Tournament Series events, should two or more competitors tie for first overall position, the tie will be settled by a sudden-death playoff. All other ties shall share equally.
- B. Tie-Breaking Method for Unusual Circumstances in National Qualifying Events. A scorecard playoff will be used, if a sudden-death playoff is not practicable, to determine the alternate positions only. The USGA recommendation (Rules of Golf, Appendix 1, letter (c)), will be used. In any case where a physical playoff is possible and only one of the players tied is present, that player will be the first alternate. Such playoffs have no bearing on purse distribution and are for the alternate order only.

Section 10 Prize Fund Distribution

- A. The prize fund distribution shall be the total of all entry fees, plus sponsorship funds, less the Rocky Mountain PGA Sponsor Fee and other incidental expenses related to the event as determined by the Tournament Committee and Staff.
- B. The prize fund shall be distributed in two (2) divisions, professional and amateur.
- C. A minimum special purse of \$1000 shall be set aside for the Low Overall Winner of the event. Should the Low Overall Winner be an amateur the special purse shall be split with the amateur being awarded \$500 and the Low Professional the remainder. The Low Overall Winner shall not be eligible for age division prizes.
- D. The prize fund shall be distributed in the following age groups in the professional division: 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over.
- E. The prize fund shall be distributed in the following age groups in the amateur division: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70 and over.

Section 11 Caddies

Contestants in Senior Series events may employ a caddie for any tournament round. Caddies must comply with the Rocky Mountain PGA Rules of Conduct as set forth by the Tournament Rules and Regulations, Article V.

At all Section Senior Championships, a player and his/her caddie will notice and abide by posted transportation rules made available in advance either on the entry, a notice to competitors and/or posted on site prior to the first competition round.

The player is responsible for all actions of the caddie during a competition, including but not limited to Rocky Mountain PGA Rules and/or The Rules of Golf infractions.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION PGA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPENDIX 1 Rocky Mountain Section Player of the Year Award

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA will present a Player of the Year Award to the Section member compiling the most points, in a calendar year, based on the following table:

<u>Section Championship</u>	<u>YC Championship</u> (If Senior, points earned in both Sr. & Reg. Divisions)	<u>Pro-Am Money List YC</u> <u>Pro-Am Money List SRC</u> <u>Individual Sweeps Only</u>
1st - 1 point for each player you beat + 25 points for winning	1st - 45	1st - 10
2nd thru the rest of the field - 1 point for each player you beat	2nd - 25	2nd - 8
	3rd - 20	3rd - 6
	4th - 15	4th - 4
	5th - 11	5th - 2
	6th - 8	
	7th - 6	
	8th - 5	
	(8 places - 135 total points)	
<u>Idaho Open & Gallatin Valley Open</u>	<u>SRC Match Play Champ.</u>	<u>PGA TOUR / Web.com Tour</u> <u>PNC</u>
1st - 1 point for each player you beat + 10 points for winning	Champion - 45	Win - 250
	Runner Up - 25	Top 5 - 100
	Semi Losers - 17.5	Top 10 - 75
2nd thru the rest of the field - 1 point for each player you beat	Qtr. Losers - 7.5	Top 25 - 50
	(8 places - 135 total points)	Top 50 - 40
		Make a check - 25
		Monday Qualify - 20

NOTE: Any senior player playing in the regular division earns points for both the regular and senior Player of the Year award.

NOTE: Invitational Pro-Ams do not earn Player of the Year points.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION PGA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPENDIX 2 Rocky Mountain Section Senior Player of the Year Award

The Rocky Mountain Section PGA will present a Senior Player of the Year Award to the Section member compiling the most points, in a calendar year, based on the following table (points are awarded in the Senior Division only):

<u>Senior Section Championship</u> 1st - 1 point for each player you beat + 25 points for winning 2nd thru the rest of the field - 1 point for each player you beat	<u>YC Championship</u> (If Senior, points earned in both Sr. & Reg. Divisions) 1st - 45 2nd - 25 3rd - 20 4th - 15 5th - 11 6th - 8 7th - 6 8th - 5 (8 places - 135 total points)	<u>Pro-Am Money List YC</u> <u>Pro-Am Money List SRC</u> <u>Individual Sweeps Only</u> 1st - 10 2nd - 8 3rd - 6 4th - 4 5th - 2
<u>Idaho Open & Gallatin Valley Open</u> 1st - 1 point for each player you beat + 10 points for winning 2nd thru the rest of the field - 1 point for each player you beat	<u>SRC Sr. Match Play Champ.</u> Champion - 45 Runner Up - 25 Semi Losers - 17.5 Qtr. Losers - 7.5 (8 places - 135 total points)	<u>PGA TOUR / Web.com Tour</u> <u>Senior PNC</u> Win - 250 Top 5 - 100 Top 10 - 75 Top 25 - 50 Top 50 - 40 Make a check - 25 Monday Qualify - 20

NOTE: Any senior player playing in the regular division earns points for both the regular and senior Player of the Year award.

NOTE: Invitational Pro-Ams do not earn Player of the Year points.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION PGA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPENDIX 3 – Chapter Player Points Lists

Each Chapter shall maintain a Chapter Player Points list in both a Regular and Senior Division. Points will be awarded as follows:

Snake River Chapter PGA Pro-Am Series (Regular Division), Yellowstone Chapter Pro-Am Series and Section and Chapter Championships – One (1) point will be awarded for each \$10 won in the Professional Sweeps at any Pro-Am Series event. In addition, one (1) point will be awarded for each \$10 won in any Section and Chapter Championship excluding team events (i.e. pro-pro events). Money, in the Snake River Chapter, won in the Regular Division shall accumulate for points in the Regular Division only and money won in the Senior Division shall accumulate for points in the Senior Division only.

Note specific to the Snake River Chapter: When awarding points the senior and super-senior divisions will be treated as one division. Points will be awarded by score from the matrix. For example: If there are 20 Senior and Super-Senior competitors in an event points would be awarded by score as follows: First Low Score – 5 points; Second Low Score – 4 points; Third Low Score – 3 points; Fourth Low Score – 2 points; and Fifth Low Score – 1 point. Ties would split the points as follows: if player A and B both shot 65; and that was the lowest score then they would split the points. Thus, both would receive 4.5 points.

Note specific to the Yellowstone Chapter: When awarding points the regular and senior divisions will be treated as one division. In events with a senior division points will be awarded by combining the regular and senior division scores with one (1) point awarded for each \$10 won in the combined Professional Sweeps at any Pro-Am Series event. For example: If there are 15 Regular and 5 Senior competitors in an event points would be awarded based off the combined scores as if there were only one division in the event. A separate senior points list for the Yellowstone Chapter will not be maintained. The method of determining points will not change the purse distribution.

Section Player of the Year Points – Any points accumulated through the Section Player of the Year in either the Regular or Senior Division (as outlined in Appendix 1 and 2), shall also be accounted for on the Chapter Points List. Points won shall be accounted for in their respected division only.

Individuals will be placed on a Chapter Points List based on the individual's place of employment (i.e. employer based in SRC, individual on SRC Points List). Points accumulated shall not be transferred should an individual change employment.

NOTE: Any dollars earned in Invitational events will not earn Chapter Player Points.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION PGA TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPENDIX 4 Chapter Cup Team Player Selection

Each Chapter shall select representatives for their Cup Teams based on the respective Chapter Points List. Following is an outline of the respective Chapter Cup Teams.

Snake River Chapter – Carter Cup Matches (10 members)

Selection shall be based on points accumulated in a 24-month period from July 1 (even year) to June 30 (even year), and individuals must be eligible as prescribed by the RMSPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations.

Top nine (9) available from the SRC Regular Division Points List.

Top one (1) available from the SRC Senior Division Points List.

Nine (9) of the players must be Snake River Chapter PGA Members. One (1) of the ten players may be an apprentice.

Yellowstone Chapter – Montana Cup Matches (6 members)

Selection shall be based on points accumulated in a 12-month period from July 1 to June 30 each year, and individuals must be eligible as prescribed by the RMSPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations. Top six (6) available from the YC Regular Division Points List.
