



PGA

Southern Ohio Section

Tournament Handbook **•2010 Edition•**

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Southern Ohio PGA Tournament Mission Statements

As an Association of Members, the Southern Ohio PGA tournament program exists as a member benefit and is not intended to be a primary source of income for our professionals. All events are considered Southern Ohio PGA events. However, the schedule will be broken down into "Championships" & "Pro-Ams".

"Championship" events are primarily those of superior competition and quality. The list of "Championship" events shall include, but are not limited to the following: The Southern Ohio PGA Professional Championship, Senior SOPGA Professional Championship, SOPGA Lady Professional Championship, SOPGA Assistants' Championship, SOPGA Open, Spring & Fall Pro-Pro Championships, Pro-3 Junior Championship, Legacy, Springfield Classic, Players Series # 1, 2 & 3, SOPGA Classic, & Ohio Cup.

"Pro-Am" events are primarily local, fraternal competitions providing collegial, professional playing opportunities. The "Pro-Am" schedule shall be planned around "Championship" events. The Southern Ohio PGA shall schedule an appropriate mix of "Championship" & "Pro-Am" events to provide maximum opportunities to benefit the entire Membership.

The Section will also support & promote selected tournaments conducted by allied associations and charities that enhance playing opportunities and/or financial benefits for our membership.

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2010 Southern Ohio PGA Tournament Committee

Ken Kaiser, Chairman, Coldstream CC
Sam Arnold, The Vineyard GC
Sean Arthur, Pipestone GC
Chris Black, Valley View GC
Joe Moore, Beaver creek GC
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Kevin Stanton, Staff Liason, SOPGA Section Office

2009 Tournament Champions

Player of the Year

Sam Arnold, The Vineyard GC

Senior Player of the Year

Tim Walton, Rollandia GC

Apprentice Player of the Year

Tyler Baughman, Jaycee GC

SOPGA Professional Championship

Sean Kenily, All Seasons GC

SOPGA Lady Professional Championship

Melissa Yeazell, Meadow Links & GA

Senior SOPGA Professional Championship

Ken Corliss, Cook's Creek

Spring Pro-Pro Championship

Event Cancelled

Pro-Junior Championship

Larry R. King, Etter's Custom Golf & DR

Springfield Classic

Sean English, Kenwood CC

SOPGA Team Match Play

Sam Arnold, The Vineyard GC &
Mike Thomas, The Vineyard GC

Players Series #1

Dave Bahr, Maketewah CC

Player's Series #2

Gil Gusweiler, Kenwood CC

Player's Series #3

Brian A. Jones, Hamilton Elks GC

Legacy Championship

Kyle Voska, Sharon Woods GC

SOPGA Classic

Kyle Voska, Sharon Woods GC

Assistants' Championship

Kyle Voska, Sharon Woods GC

Chapter Stroke Play Champions

Sam Arnold-Cincinnati
Cory George-Columbus
Zack Fink-Dayton

Chapter Match Play Champions

Kyle Voska-Cincinnati
Jeff Olson-Columbus
Steve Jurick-Dayton

Fall Pro-Pro Championship

Mike Kaido, Zanesville CC &
Chris Black, Valley View GC

Player's Series Championship

Gil Gusweiler, Kenwood CC

Southern Ohio PGA Tournament Policies & Rules

General

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and, where applicable, by the Local Rules and Definitions as outlined herein, subject to change for particular tournaments by the Tournament Committee.

Players Fee

This Mandatory fee shall be paid in full if you wish to participate in "Section" and/or "Chapter" events.

Exceptions: Events held in conjunction with a Section of Chapter Meeting do not require payment of the Player's Fee. Also, the Player's Fee is not required for individuals registering for the SOPGA Professional Championship, Senior SOPGA Professional Championship, and SOPGA Assistant Professional Championship through PGA of America Headquarters (National Qualifier Registrations).

\$125.00 billed by Section in the spring. \$55.00 is used for Section administration. The remaining \$70.00 goes directly back to fund Professional Purses at "Chapter" tournaments.

Pro-rated Schedule

After August 1st, \$85.00

After September 1st, \$60.00

As a result of the players fee all "Chapter" sponsor programs are voluntary.

Eligibility

In General, PGA Members & Apprentices of the Southern Ohio Section in good standing shall be eligible to compete in all "Section" & "Chapter" Tournaments unless noted on application or below (ex. Southern Ohio PGA Professional Championship). Apprentices must be eligibly employed.

NOTE 1: The 2010 SOPGA Players Fee must be paid, before registering for either Section or Chapter tournaments. Please note exceptions in Player's Fee Section.

NOTE 2: SOPGA Members and Apprentices must not have played in more than ten (10) combined PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, LPGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Canadian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, JPGA Tour, The Sunshine Tour (South Africa), The Asian Tour, The Safari Tour, The PGA Challenge Tour, National Senior Tour, European Seniors Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, WPGT, JLPGA, Grey Goose Gateway Tour, Hooters Tour, and SBC Futures Tour Tournaments within the 12-month period before an event. The US Open, US Senior Open, PGA Championship, and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count.

NOTE 3: Legacy Championship Eligibility is limited to SOPGA Members and Apprentices who have completed Level 1 of the PGA PGM Program.

NOTE 4: SOPGA Players Series Eligibility is limited to SOPGA Members and Apprentices who have completed at least Level 2 of the PGA PGM Program.

NOTE 5: SOPGA Match Play Competitions – Individuals who become ineligible (suspensions, non payment of dues, etc.) at any point during a match play event shall be suspended from playing until such time as they return to active status. If they are unable to regain active status before a scheduled deadline for competition of a match, they will have to forfeit to their opponent. Note: Playing partners in a team match play competition have the option to continue on alone until their playing partner rejoins them (provided the format allows). They will still be responsible for completing their match before the deadline for each round. Substitutions or replacement of a team member will not be permitted.

NOTE 6: Chapter Championship Eligibility – Chapter Championships (Stroke Play, Senior Stroke Play, Match Play, and Senior Match Play) will be sheltered to only members of their respective Chapter. All other Chapter events are open to all SOPGA Members and Apprentices regardless of their Chapter affiliation.

NOTE 7: Any Section Hall of Fame Member shall be granted Section Member eligibility for all Section & Chapter events, even if they are no longer affiliated with Southern Ohio Section provided they have paid their Players Fee.

NOTE 8: Additional eligibility guidelines may apply to (but not limited to the following) Chapter Championships, Chapter Invitationals, & Allied Association Events.

NOTE 9: Class A-3, F, Inactive & Suspended Members/Apprentices are not eligible to play in Section/Chapter events.

SOPGA Tournament Committee may set policies for eligibility with Board approval.

SOPGA Tournament Entry Procedures

Please note the same entry procedures will be utilized for both Section & Chapter tournaments.

1. Register Online at southernohio.pga.com or call 1-888-Ohio-PGA
2. Online registrations will shutdown at midnight the Wednesday in the Week Prior to the Event.
3. All Eligible SOPGA Members & Apprentices can register at anytime prior to the deadline for Section and Chapter events. SOPGA Members & Apprentices can sign up for Chapter events after the online deadline by calling the Section Office at 1-888-Ohio-PGA or the Host Facility.
4. Thursday-Pairing Sheet(s) will be created.
5. Friday-Pairing Sheet(s) Posted online & faxed to the Host Facility.

Chapter Event Pairings will be prioritized in the following order:

- #1 Chapter Members who played in the preceding chapter event.
- #2 Chapter PGA Members.
- #3 Non-Chapter PGA Members.
- #4 Chapter Apprentices.
- #5 Non-Chapter Apprentices.
- #6 Special requests & tee time preferences will be honored, but not guaranteed.

Section Event Pairings policy outlined on page #6.

Note 1: Chapter Event online or phone registrants are not guaranteed spot(s) in the tournament(s). The field will be filled using the criteria identified above. Event tee sheet will be posted to southernohio.pga.com & faxed to host professional on Friday morning prior to the event.

Note 2: Tournament Committee retains the right to alter or modify any event registration procedure. Additional criteria for Chapter Pro-Pro Entries apply; please contact the Section Office for details.

Note 3: Section Office can take call-in entries Monday-Friday between 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Entry Fees

"Section Events" entry fees collected at time of registration. The deadline for entry is midnight the Wednesday in the week prior to the first round.

"Chapter Events" shall be paid online or by check on-site. Individuals paying in cash should not be allowed to play. Entry fees for all Chapter Pro-Am's & Pro-Pro events are considered team entries. If a professional shows up without an amateur partner, he/she will be required to pay the entire "team" entry.

Chapter Championships & Individual Stroke Play Events shall follow the stated "Section" entry fee procedures.

Chapter Standard Entry Fees

Individual	\$85 per person
Pro-Pro	\$85 per person
Pro-1 Am	\$75 per person
Pro-3 Am	\$75 per person

Deductions from Chapter Entry Fee:

- 1) Standard Course Fee \$20
-All Course Fees Included
- 2) AM Retention \$10 per-Amateur

- 3) \$10 General & Administration Fee
- 4) Any additional items must have Tournament Chairman approval.

Note: Chapter Tournament Chairmen will give input/preferred breakdowns for 3 specific areas: Distribution of Players Fees, Am Retention and Purse Breakdowns. Please note all input from the Chapters will be sent in by no later than January 15th of the current tournament season. Once identified and communicated to the Section Office the percentages / distributions / breakdowns, etc., will remain the same until the end of the tournament season. Any modification after January 15th must be submitted to the Section Tournament Committee.

Entry Deadline and Full Field

A full field shall be defined by the number of participants entered into an event at the close of entry (i.e. Posted Deadline). Participants who attempt to enter after the deadline will be placed on a wait list and will be entered into the tournament only in the event of a cancellation or in order to complete a pairing. NOTE: No fees will be charged for a late entry.

Sanctioned Events / Conflicting Events Policy

The Conflicting Event Policy prohibits SOPGA Professionals and Apprentices from participating in Unsanctioned Events. Violators of this policy are subject to a fine up to \$500, and possible suspension of playing privileges for one year from the date of the infraction.

Unsanctioned Events are any golf tournaments or programs held within Section Boundaries that pays a professional purse, and is not a Sanctioned Event. SOPGA Professionals and Apprentices are prohibited from playing in an Unsanctioned Event. By participating in such event, SOPGA Professionals and Apprentices would be in violation of the Conflicting Event Policy.

NOTE: PGA Host Professionals and PGA Affiliated Tournament Organizers are required to submit a waiver. Monday Events must submit a SOPGA Event Waiver by no later than January 31st of that year. Non-Monday events must submit a SOPGA Event Waiver at least 3-weeks prior to the event. If an event does not receive documentation granting approval, the Host Professional, PGA Affiliated Organizers and/or PGA Participants could be subject to fines and possible playing suspensions. The Tournament Committee's decision will be made with the best interests of the Section in mind. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to deny tournament waiver requests for any reason at any time. The Tournament Committee also reserves the right to revoke any approved tournament waivers for any reason at any time. NOTE: In specific situations where there is not a PGA Professional hosting or affiliated with organizing the event, each SOPGA Participant will be responsible for acquiring a waiver.

Minimum Standards for Third Parties Wishing to Use SOPGA Professionals in Their Event

The following minimum standards must be satisfied by event organizers hoping to solicit or use SOPGA Professionals to compete in their tournament/event/outing:

- 1) SOPGA Professionals are not required to bring or solicit a team for the event.
- 2) If required, the max SOPGA Professional entry fee for an event/outing/tournament will be \$100.
- 3) A minimum of \$100 per-professional must be contributed to the Professional purse by the prospective outing/charity.
Note: This in addition to any added monies from actual pro entry fee. Paid professional course fees (i.e. carts, green fees, lunch, etc) do not count towards minimum.
- 4) Outing/Tournament Organizers will collect all entries and pay out the professional purse (within 30 days of the event) in full consultation with Section Office.
- 5) The minimum number of professionals in the field should be no less than (20).
- 6) All PGA Professionals participating (regardless of soliciting body) in the event must be in good standing with PGA of America.
- 7) Event cannot conflict with an already scheduled SOPGA Championship.

All requirements listed above must be met in order for a third party to be considered further for an SOPGA tournament waiver.

Outstanding Fees

Anyone that is 30 days delinquent on fees owed to the Section (entry fees, fines, returned checks, uniforms, etc.) shall have their playing privileges revoked until said payment is processed in full. The 30 days shall be based from the date of the tournament or program, except in the case of appeals, in which case the 30 days shall be based on the date the appeal was decided.

Refunds

No Refunds of entry fees will be issued unless authorized by the Section Tournament Committee.

Each Request for a refund must be received by the Section Tournament Committee within 30 days of the event. Such a request must be in writing. The Section Tournament Committee shall render a decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the Section Executive Director. Please note: The Tournament Committee's decision is final. Any appeals received more than (30) days after the event will not be considered.

Failure to file an appeal as stated shall be deemed to be an admission of the charges specified in the notification.

Returned Checks

During a single calendar year.

1st - \$35.00 fee

2nd - \$45.00 fee

After 2nd returned check only money orders will be accepted.

Cancellation Policy

Tournaments with Deadlines-No refunds for cancellations or withdrawals after the tournament deadline (exceptions: PGA Members & Apprentices).

Professionals failing to notify the Host Professional of a withdrawal before 12 noon the day prior to the event shall be responsible for the total entry fee.

Each Request for a refund must be received by the Section Tournament Committee within 30 days of the event. Such a request must be in writing. The Section Tournament Committee shall render a decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the Section Executive Director. Please note: The Tournament Committee's decision is final. Any appeals received more than (30) days after the event will not be considered.

Purses & Prize List

Prize breakdown shall be available for each competitor for review prior to round for both Section & Chapter Events. Each Chapter will utilize their own individual prize breakdowns (reported to the Section no later than Jan. 15). Section Events utilize a 28% Breakdown.

Provisions for deviating from suggested 28%:

Deviation must be approved by a vote of the Chapter Membership.

Amateurs

The Southern Ohio PGA (SOPGA) reserves the right to adjust the handicaps of any amateurs if warranted by previous performance. Two (2) rounds of exceptional tournament performance can trigger a handicap adjustment for an amateur competing in SOPGA events for the remainder of the season. Professionals are responsible for their amateurs' handicap; any flagrant violation will be cause for disciplinary action. Amateurs must have a current handicap established at a USGA Authorized Golf Club.

Amateur Handicaps in Pro-Am events can not be less than zero. An individual with a plus handicap will play to a zero in said event. If an amateur has two or more handicaps, he shall use the lower of the two.

The Section Office will be proactive to record Amateur Indexes and GHIN numbers during team registration.

When registering on-site, Amateurs must produce a current Handicap Card or play at scratch for said event.

Host Professionals will record amateur names, index and GHIN numbers.

At the completion of the round, Host Professionals will record adjusted scores for each amateur, and forward the information to be posted on the Amateur participants Handicap Record.

Amateur Prize Limitations: While no cumulative prize limits are in place, individuals will be required to follow USGA guidelines for maximum allowable single event prizes (currently set at \$750.00).

Amateur Certificates: Host Clubs will be responsible for maintaining all records/certificates of amateurs winning merchandise credit at their event. The Section Office shall send out a notice to the Team winning Professionals informing them of their amateur's credit at the host facility.

Gratuities and Use of Facilities

Professionals and any amateur partners competing in a SOPGA event are expected to use the facilities made available at the host club. Also, they must meet their obligations for gratuities of such personnel.

Dress Code

Male Professionals:

Proper dress code is required at all SOPGA events. Denim of any style, cut-offs and tank tops are not permitted. Proper attire can include collared shirts, mock turtlenecks, slacks and golf styled Bermuda shorts (see note #2) in any Section or Chapter event.

Female Professionals:

Proper dress code is required at all SOPGA events. Denim of any style, cut-offs and tank tops are not permitted. Proper attire can include skirts, culottes, dresses, slacks and golf styled Bermuda shorts (see note #2) in any Section or Chapter event.

Amateurs:

Male & Female Amateur participants are required to adhere to the same dress code policy as Male & Female Professionals.

Clarifications:

- 1) Contestants not wearing proper attire shall not be permitted to compete.
- 2) Examples of Proper attire include: collared shirts-short or long sleeved garment with a band that serves to finish or decorate the neckline of a garment. mock turtlenecks-a high or low close-fitting turnover collar. slacks-trousers especially for casual wear. Bermuda shorts-knee length walking shorts.
- 3) An announcement detailing acceptable dress code will be made prior to each Section & Chapter Event.
- 4) Dress code policies are in effect for any and all activities associated with an SOPGA Event, to include: practice rounds and social functions.
- 5) If the appearance of any participant or caddie is deemed to be injurious to the Section's program, it will be within the power of the Tournament Committee/Director to take any necessary action, which may include prohibiting play or participant expulsion from the site.

Pairings & Starting Times

Pairings and starting times for Section events will be assigned no less than 3 days prior to any event. Pairings will be available on-line, at the Host Site, and at the Section Office.

Times as assigned are final, and subject only to changes by the Tournament Committee. Note: Chapter Tournament Host Professionals have the authority to modify pairings sheet only if there is a cancellation or addition to the field.

"Section" (Championship) Pairing Policy

All Section Events will use the following procedure to create pairings:

- 1) Randomize
- 2) Make Changes Based on Special Requests
- 3) Attempt to have each Chapter represented in each pairing.

NOTE: Requests to be paired with specific individuals will not be honored.

NOTE: Professionals from the same facility will NOT be paired together (Exception: SOPGA Professional Championship).

Please note: The SOPGA Professional Championship pairings will be based on the current Player of the Year Point Race.

"Chapter" (Fraternal) Pairing Policy:

- 1) Specifically for events that follow the "Chapter Tournament Entry Procedures".
- 2) Follow the steps for advanced sign-up (as stated in entry procedures).
- 3) At any time, the Section or Chapter Tournament Committee has the right to switch pairings.

NOTE: No two Professionals should compete together more than once. No same facility professionals may be paired together.

Senior/Super Senior/Ladies Divisions

Qualifications for Senior Divisions

- 1) Seniors are defined as an individual 50 years of age or older on the day of the event.
- 2) Super seniors are defined as an individual 60 years of age or older on the day of the event.

Chapter Events

Chapter Pro-Am Tournaments will have a Senior, Super Senior, & Ladies Divisions if at least three participants sign up to compete in said division(s).

1) Seniors can compete in the Main Division Only, a Senior Only Division, or in both the Senior and Main Divisions. Ladies can compete in the Main Division Only, a Ladies Only Division, or in both the Ladies and Main Division. If competing in both Main and Senior Division or Main and Ladies Division, \$50 added entry fee is required. (can win prize money in both divisions)
Individuals who compete in the Super Senior Division are not eligible to compete in any other division. (can't win prize money in two divisions)

-Only 1 Team division, i.e. no separate team division for Seniors, Super Seniors, or Ladies

-Minimum of 3 participants needed to form a division.

- 2) All Senior and Super Senior Participants shall compete from the same teeing ground as the Main Division.
- 3) All Female Participants shall compete from the same teeing ground (Positioning of ladies tee shall be forward of the men's tee).

Senior Divisions (Section Events)

- 1) All seniors will play from the Main Event Tee Markers (back tee markers) in Section Events
- 2) Seniors can compete in the Main Division Only, a Senior Only Division, or in both the Senior and Main Divisions.
- 3) If competing in both Main and Senior Divisions, \$50 added entry fee is required (can win in both divisions)
- 4) Minimum of 3 participants needed to form a division.

Super Senior Division (Section Events)

- 1) All seniors will play from the a shorter tee than the Main Event Tee Markers in Section Events
- 2) Individuals signed up to compete in the Super Senior Division can't compete in any other division
- 3) Minimum of 3 participants needed to form a division

Ladies Divisions (Section Events)

- 1) Ladies will always play from a Forward Tee in Section Events
- 2) Ladies can compete in the Main Division Only, a Ladies Only Division, or in both the Ladies and Main Division
- 3) If competing in both Ladies and Main Divisions, \$50 added entry fee is required (can win in both divisions).
- 4) Minimum of 3 participants needed to form a division.

Rain, Inclement Weather, Course Unplayable

The Tournament Committee shall have the right to postpone or suspend play.

In Pro-Am's, if 50% of the field has completed play, the tournament shall be deemed official and prizes will be paid out in the usual manner. Those amateurs, who did not complete play due to suspension or cancellation, shall be entitled to a refund. Every effort shall be made to assure host club or professional does not lose money.

When darkness prevents completion of a round, play will be suspended and resume the next day (with the approval of the host club). In Pro-Am events, amateurs who are unable to complete play due to darkness shall be entitled to a refund.

Carts

Carts may be used for any events at the discretion of the hosting club and/or the Tournament Committee.

Chapter Championship Scheduling Provisions

The Chapter Stroke Play Championships have the ability to move off the same date, but must be scheduled between the beginning of August and the third week in August window. They must also fall before the SOPGA Professional Championship.

Section Tournament Policy Discipline, Penalties, and Appeals

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

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

Advance Notification of Proposed Disciplinary Action

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

Rules of Golf

Any Participant in a Section tournament who breaches the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association or Local Rules in effect for the conduct of such 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.

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/Apprentice 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.

Examples of unbecoming conduct includes but not limited to the following:

- Club throwing/club breaking
- Damage to course equipment or property
- Profanity directed at rules officials, other competitors, spectators, sponsors, tournament staff, volunteers or others
- Improper cart etiquette (i.e. parking in restricted areas)
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages during practice rounds and/or tournament rounds of Section events
- NOT USING the restroom facilities provided on the course
- The use of cellular telephones during tournament rounds
- Any other conduct deemed by the Tournament Committee to be unbecoming a PGA Golf Professional

Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses

Minor Penalties

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

Major Penalties

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

Appeals – Minor Penalties

Appeals from Minor Penalties must be received by the Section Tournament Committee within 30 days of the event. Such a request must be in writing. The Section Tournament Committee shall render a decision on appeal in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the appeal and submit a final report to the Section Executive Director.

The Section Executive Director shall submit this final report to the Association General Counsel. Such decision shall be final. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Section determines that it would prefer that a Minor Penalty shall be submitted to the Board of Control for a hearing in lieu of action by the Section, then the Section Board of Inquiry will follow the same procedures set forth herein for all matters submitted to the Board of Control for Code of Ethics procedures.

Appeals – 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 appeals heard by the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall hear the appeal either at the next regularly scheduled Board of Control hearing or at an expedited meeting that may be held in person or via conference call at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Control. The decision of the Board of Control shall be final. An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from a Section tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation occurred, until after a final decision on the appeal.

All fines must be paid within thirty (30) days from the imposition of the fine, or in the 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.

Rules of Golf Disputes

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.

Any appeal of a penalty must be referred to the onsite Tournament Official immediately upon completion of a player's round. The Tournament Director's decision shall be final.

Any and all discussion regarding rule violations are to be put in writing by the Rules Officials and handed to the Tournament Administrator to be put on file.

Slow Play Provision

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to position at the back of field an individual who has been placed on the clock two (2) or more times during a tournament season. This individual would also be subject to receiving a letter of reprimand as a result of their slow play.

The Tournament Committee will receive a list of individuals who were placed on the clock after each Section Event.

Suggestions

All event related suggestions must be forwarded to the Tournament Committee in writing. All decisions are to be made by the Committee, subject to written appeal to the Board of Directors.

Southern Ohio PGA Apprentice Association

Philosophy

To motivate, activate, and educate Apprentices working at facilities throughout the Southern Ohio Section, and to provide each of them with increased opportunities for professional and personal growth.

What is It?

The Apprentice Tour is a series of tournaments & events conducted by the Southern Ohio PGA for Professionals aspiring to become PGA Members.

Eligibility

Registered eligibly employed Apprentices in good standing.

Suspended Apprentices are not eligible to participate in Apprentice Tournaments.

NOTE 1: There is a Mandatory Education Program for anyone who wishes to compete in Apprentice Association Events. If you fail to attend one of the two mandatory education programs during a calendar year, your apprentice association playing privileges will be suspended.

Format

8 events (Events 2-6 - Point events) + Championship Stroke and Match Events (Double Point events). \$75.00 per event (includes: course fees, carts, range).

Apprentices must compete in 3 of the 7 Apprentice Association Tour Events (Includes Apprentice Events 1-6 and Match Play) to be eligible for POY rankings & participation in the Stroke Play Championship.

Mandatory Education Program

All Apprentices & PGA PGM Suspended Apprentices must attend Education to be eligible to participate in any Apprentice Events (see note #1 above).

2010 Apprentice Orientation Schedule (Enter on-line @ southernohio.pga.com)

April 14th at Heatherwoode Golf Club-Education with Golf to Follow

July 21st at TBA – Education with Golf to Follow

2010 Apprentice Association Tour Schedule (Enter on-line @ southernohio.pga.com)

April 14 th	Heatherwoode Golf Club	Spring Orientation + Apprentice Tour #1
May 4 th	Kinsale G. & Fitness Cl.	Apprentice Tour #2/Individual Stroke Play
May 28 th	Multiple Courses	Apprentice Tour Match Play Championship
July 7 th	Shaker Run GC	Apprentice Tour #3/ Individual Stroke Play– 2 nd and Final Offering of Orientation
July 26 th	Dayton CC	Apprentice Tour #4/Individual Stroke Play
September 2 nd	Cumberland Trail GC	Apprentice Tour #5/Stableford
September 13 th	Hamilton Elks GC	Apprentice Tour #6/Individual Stroke Play
September 16 th	TBA	Member-Apprentice Challenge
October 5 th	Scioto Reserve CC	Apprentice Stroke Play Championship

2009-2010 Player of the Year Points

Please Note: Player of the Year Points can only be awarded to PGA Members Only and are accumulated from September 29, 2009 – September 27, 2010.

	A	B
1	250	200
2	180	135
3	160	125
4	150	115
5	140	105
6	130	95
7	120	85
8	110	80
9	100	75
10	95	70
11	90	65
12	85	60
13	80	55
14	75	50
15	70	45
16	65	40
17	60	35
18	55	30
19	50	25
20	45	20
21	40	15
22	35	10
23	30	5
24	25	
25	20	
26	15	
27	10	
28	5	

Class A Events:
SOPGA Professional
Championship

Class B Events:
Legacy Championship,
Springfield Classic, Players
Series #1, Players Series #2,
Players Series #3, SOPGA
Classic, SOPGA Open

Bonus Points: Awarded For the Following Events:

Ohio Open

Make Cut	25 points (down to 21st place)
11-20 Place	50 points
6-10 Place	100 points
2-5 Place	125 points
Win	150 points

US Open

Qualifying for Sectional	50 points
Qualifying for Open	100 points
Make the Cut	150 points
Win	200 points

PGA Professional National Championship

Qualifying for 2009 National Championship	25 points
Make Cut	25 points (down to 21st place)
11-20 Place	50 points
6-10 Place	100 points
2-5 Place	175 points
Win	250 points

PGA Championship

Qualifying for Championship	100 points
Make the Cut	150 points
Win	200 points

Points may also be added for reasons deemed appropriate by Tournament Committee.

ATTENTION: Main POY Point Events are classified as either Class A & Class B.

Top 10 Player of the Year Point Leaders through the 65th SOPGA Professional Championship will qualify for the Ohio Cup Team. Points will be accumulated August 26, 2009 – August 31, 2010.

ATTENTION: SOPGA Professional Championship on August 30-31, 2010 will be the Final Ohio Cup Point Event.

2009-2010 Senior Player of the Year Points

Please Note: Player of the Year Points can only be awarded to Only PGA Members over 50 years of age and are accumulated from September 29, 2009 – October 10, 2010.

	A	B
1	250	200
2	180	135
3	160	125
4	150	115
5	140	105
6	130	95
7	120	85
8	110	80
9	100	75
10	95	70
11	90	65
12	85	60
13	80	55
14	75	50
15	70	45
16	65	40
17	60	35
18	55	30
19	50	25
20	45	20
21	40	15
22	35	10
23	30	5
24	25	
25	20	
26	15	
27	10	
28	5	

Class A Events:
SOPGA Senior Professional
Championship

Class B Events:
Legacy Championship,
Springfield Classic, Players
Series #1, Players Series #2,
Players Series #3, SOPGA
Classic, SOPGA Open

Bonus Points: Awarded For the Following Events:

Ohio Senior Open

21-60 Place	25 points
11-20 Place	50 points
6-10 Place	100 points
2-5 Place	125 points
Win	150 points

US Senior Open

Qualifying for Sectional	50 points
Qualifying for Open	100 points
Make the Cut	150 points
Win	200 points

Senior PGA Professional National Championship

Qualifying for 2008 National Championship	25 points
Make Cut	25 points (down to 21st place)
11-20 Place	50 points
6-10 Place	100 points
2-5 Place	175 points
Win	250 points

Senior PGA Championship

Qualifying for Championship	100 points
Make the Cut	150 points
Win	200 points

Points may also be added for reasons deemed appropriate by Tournament Committee.

ATTENTION: Senior Point Events are classified as either Class A & Class B (i.e. mirror main event POY Point Events). Please note you must be registered in the Senior Division to receive POY points.

Top 4 Senior Player of the Year Point Leaders through the 65th Senior SOPGA Professional Championship will qualify for the Ohio Cup Team. Points will be accumulated August 6, 2009 – August 5, 2010.

ATTENTION: Senior SOPGA Professional Championship on August 4-5, 2010 will be the Final Senior Ohio Cup Point Event.