



PGA

Illinois Section

Tournament Rules and Regulations

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ARTICLE I

Purpose

Section 1. General

The Illinois PGA Section (Illinois PGA) Tournament Committee shall have the capacity to provide input for changes in operations and regulations for the Illinois PGA Tournament Program and shall act in an advisory capacity to the Section's Board of Directors. The Tournament Committee Chairperson, in performing his/her duties attending to the general affairs of the Section tournament activity, works in reference to and is guided by those factors of the PGA of America's tournament regulations and the Illinois PGA Tournament Committee. These regulations are currently recognized as a part of the mandatory provisions of the government of the Association in the conduct of tournament activity. No Section can act in any way at variance with the Association in these respects.

The tournament activity of the Illinois PGA is conducted primarily to serve the interest and welfare of the members of the Illinois Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America. The Tournament Committee shall list, in detail through this document, the rules and regulations of all Illinois PGA Section events, with the intent of promoting the highest standards of competition, camaraderie and goodwill.

ARTICLE II

Tournament Committee

Section 1. Definition

The Committee shall be comprised of no more than 10 members as follows: The Chairperson of the Tournament Committee shall be a member of the Executive Board selected by the President of the Section. The Chairperson shall appoint the other Committee members. These individuals must be in good standing, have full privileges of the Section, and shall include a current Senior Chairperson and an Assistant Chairperson. The term of office as a Tournament Committee member shall be one (1) year. The Officers of the Section, shall be invited to all Committee meetings and involved in all issues pertaining to the Tournament Committee, but will not have official status as a Tournament Committee member. (As defined in the *Illinois PGA Section By-Laws Article X, Section 1*)

ARTICLE III

Schedule

Section 1. Official Tournament Schedule

The official tournament schedule of the Illinois PGA shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and/or the Executive Director. The official schedule for the upcoming season shall be posted no later than March 1st of each calendar year. Each tournament shall be confirmed in writing by the host professional prior to displaying the event on the official tournament schedule.

ARTICLE IV

Tournament Committee Duties

Section 1. Duties

The Committee shall make decisions on matters pertaining to policy, tournament formats, pairings and prize distribution related to all tournaments, either sponsored or co-sponsored by the Illinois Section. It shall also rule on the disciplining of any player found to be in violation of the PGA Code of Ethics while

engaged in tournament play or any infraction of the Illinois PGA Section tournament rules, conduct and regulations. The Committee shall not be obligated to the day-to-day operation of any individual tournament, that obligation shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director shall also adhere to and administer the tournament regulations. Each member of the Tournament Committee shall be entitled to one vote (10 votes on all matters that come before the Committee, and there shall be no proxy voting).

ARTICLE V

Tournament Rules and Policies

The following rules, policies, procedures of the Illinois PGA Section shall be carried out in all Section tournaments. All details relating to entries, starting times and groupings, scoring and the play of the game shall be handled by the Tournament Director with the aid of the Tournament Committee.

Section 1. Alternative Spike Policy

It is a requirement of the Illinois PGA that all individuals participating in any Illinois PGA sanctioned, sponsored or co-sponsored event wear spikeless/non-metal (alternative spike) golf shoes. The use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes may result in the participant slipping on wet or damp surfaces (inclusive of but not limited to turf areas, wooded areas such as bridges and pathways, etc.) and reduced traction on non-level areas on the course. As evidenced by the participant's entry into the event, the participant acknowledges that potential dangers relative to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes have been disclosed to the participant and participant agrees to assume the risk of sustaining an injury arising from or attributable to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the event site.

Participants release the Illinois PGA and the Illinois Section's Officers, Directors, Members, employees, successors and assigns (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims for loss and damage, inclusive of, but not limited to personal injury, whether or not caused by participant's use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the event premises in connection with the tournament. The consideration for this release is the permission granted by the Section to the participant to participate in the golf tournament. This release binds not only the participant, but also the participant's spouse, heirs and legal representatives.

If a competitor or his/her caddie is found to be in violation of this policy after making a stroke during his/her stipulated round, the competitor will be DISQUALIFIED from the event.

Section 2. Awards and Deciding Ties

In only the Illinois PGA Section Championship, Illinois Open Championship, Illinois PGA Assistants' Championship, Illinois PGA Senior Championship, Illinois Senior Open and Illinois PGA Players Championship, if two or more players are tied for first place, the tie will be broken by a three (3) hole total-stroke playoff. If the tie is not broken after the three-hole playoff, the playoff will continue at sudden death.

In all Illinois PGA Stroke Play Events (18-holes), including Assistant and Senior Stroke Play events, if two or more players are tied for first place, they will be deemed co-champions and will share the purse and points based on total number tied at each position.

In all Illinois Open qualifying tournaments, if two or more players are tied for the last qualifying position or alternate positions to gain entry into the tournament proper, there will be a sudden death playoff to determine the winners for the respective positions.

In only the Pro-Superintendent Championship, Pro-Club Championship, Pro-Women's Club Championship and Pro-President Championship, if two or more teams are tied for first place a scorecard playoff will determine the winners starting with the hardest handicap hole working forward.

Section 3. Code of Conduct

The behavior of any competitor at an Illinois PGA Section event shall be carefully observed by the Tournament Committee. Illinois 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.

Violations

Members, Apprentices and amateur contestants competing in an Illinois PGA Section event shall be deemed to have violated the Rules of Conduct by:

- Displaying malicious damage to a golf course, or any damage to any other part of the host facility.
- Displaying disrespect for Illinois PGA staff, sponsors, host facilities, golf course staff or other competitors.
- Using loud, crude language during an Illinois PGA event as a participant or spectator.
- Throwing or breaking a club in anger or disgust.
- Displaying disrespect for the etiquette of the game.
- Breach of communication devices clause (*see Section 4*)
- Conduct unbecoming a professional, which shall include not presenting a neat appearance in both clothing & grooming.
- Illinois PGA Members / Apprentices and their caddies are prohibited from consuming alcohol while on the golf course and practice areas before, during or after their stipulated round at any Illinois PGA sanctioned event. Alcoholic beverages should be kept within the clubhouse or outdoor clubhouse area. This includes all participants in an “open” event as well. This rule does not apply to participants in Pro-Amateur events (i.e., Pro-Specials, Pro-Ams).

Penalties

Individuals who wish to have the conduct of a professional during an Illinois PGA event subject to review by the Illinois PGA Tournament Committee are to notify the Illinois PGA Tournament Committee Chairman or the Illinois PGA Executive Director in writing within 10 business days of the close of the event. Players **DISQUALIFIED** from a tournament shall be required to pick up immediately and leave the course.

The Committee will review reports of inappropriate behavior and, if deemed appropriate, will file a grievance with the Section in accordance with the PGA of America Code of Ethics procedures, or if the actions of the player fall under the above stated violations, that player will be brought to the Tournament Committee and disciplined as described below.

If the Committee determines these above actions require discipline, the following penalties shall apply. A fine of \$100.00 shall be levied for the first offense. A fine of \$150.00 shall be levied for the second offense, and suspension of playing privileges in the Section for one year shall be levied for a third offense.

Any player that is found guilty of more than three offenses for conduct violations may, at the sole discretion of the Section, be permanently prohibited from participating in Illinois Section and PGA of America tournaments and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges.

All fines must be paid to the Illinois PGA before the player is allowed to play in another Section event.

Section 4. Communication Devices

The use of cellular phones, “smart” phones, and other like electronic devices is permitted. The Illinois PGA electronic device policy applies to competitors as well as caddies, who are the responsibility of the competitor.

A player using their phone causing undue delay (Rule 6-7), acquiring advice (Rule 8), or using it where there is a violation of abnormal equipment (Rule 14-3) will be penalized under the applicable rule. Conversational use shall be limited to emergency use only or to call the Tournament Director for a ruling. The use of Text and email functions are permissible, provided there is no audible sound, and the use does not distract other players. Any competitor delaying play due to conversational, non-emergency use of a cell/smart phone or any other electronic device will be subject to penalty.

Additionally, any player deemed by a tournament official to be distracting play will be asked to discontinue all use of their device for the remainder of the stipulated round. If a player continues to use their device after receiving one warning by an official or staff member, they will be DISQUALIFIED.

Section 5. Conduct of Event

The Tournament Director shall oversee all aspects of each tournament and shall be in charge of all personnel who assist in the conduct of the tournament.

Section 6. Cup Matches

The Illinois PGA hosts three (3) cup matches per year.

The Radix Cup: Hosted annually at Oak Park Country Club. This annual team match play event is contested between the top-ranked Illinois PGA professionals and the top Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) amateurs. The Illinois PGA team roster is based on the previous year’s Player of the Year points list. The team will consist of 12 players, one of which will be the head professional of the host facility. The remaining 11 will be chosen from the previous year’s point’s list. If a player from the top 11 on the list is unavailable to play, the next available player from the Bernardi Player of the Year points list will be invited to participate.

The Thompson Cup: This annual team match play event is contested between the top CDGA senior amateurs and the top Illinois PGA senior professionals ages 55 and over. The Illinois PGA team roster is based on the previous year’s Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year points list. The team will consist of 8 players, one of which will be the head professional of the host facility if the head PGA Professional at host facility is over the age of 55. The remaining 7 will be chosen from the previous year’s point’s list. If a player from the top 8 on the list is unavailable to play, the next available player from the Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year points list will be invited to participate.

The Royal Cup: This annual team match play event is contested between the top Wisconsin PGA Assistant Professionals and the top Illinois Assistant Professionals. The Illinois PGA ten-person team roster is based on the previous year’s Assistant Player of the Year points list through the Illinois PGA Players Championship. If a player from the top 10 on the list is unavailable to play, the next available player from the Don Drasler Assistant Player of the Year points list will be invited to participate.

Section 7. Discontinuance of Play / Rain-out Procedures

The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 6-8 of the USGA Rules of Golf. The Illinois PGA Tournament Director, after consultation with the on-site staff, has the right to order discontinuance of play due to a dangerous situation. The decision to resume play, postpone play or cancel play rests entirely with the on-site Illinois PGA tournament staff. Discontinuance of play immediately for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. Three short siren or horn

blasts will denote discontinuance of play, *e.g. darkness*. Two short siren or horn blasts will signal the resumption of play.

NOTE: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time they feel lightning threatens them, even if no signal has been given to discontinue play. While play is suspended, all practice areas are deemed closed. The on-site Rules Committee will let all players know when these areas are reopened.

The field will be held 30 minutes from the last lightning bolt to restart play.

Illinois PGA Section Rain-out Procedure:

1. *Single Day Event:* A total of 60% of the field must complete the round for the event to be deemed complete. All efforts will be made to complete the round on the scheduled day. If the full field cannot complete the round on the scheduled day, the remainder of the field will complete the round on the following day if arrangements can be made with the facility. If this is not possible, the round will be cancelled.
2. *Multi-Day Event:* A total of 50% of the field must complete the round for the event to be suspended, if less than 50 % of the field cannot complete the round, the round is canceled. Upon suspension of a round, the Rules Committee will determine, depending on conditions, whether they can complete the suspended round the following day and then have ample time to play a subsequent round. If this is not feasible, the round is canceled. Any cancellation of the first round or any subsequent round drops the event to either an 18-hole event from a 36-hole event or a 36-hole event from a 54-hole event.
3. Upon cancellation of an event, the full entry fee will be refunded to all participants.
4. In an event in which purse payouts or Player of the Year Points are to be awarded, 100% of the field must be given the opportunity to complete the round in order for points to be distributed.

Section 8. Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Section 9. Disqualifications

Players **DISQUALIFIED** from a tournament for any reason shall be required to pick up immediately and leave the course.

Section 10. Dress Code

The Illinois PGA has adopted the dress code policies of the PGA Tour and LPGA Tour for male and female contestants respectively in all Section sponsored, co-sponsored and sanctioned events. The PGA TOUR Player's policy states that, "players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Clothing worn by players shall be consistent with currently accepted golf fashion." Golf attire and fashion is always changing and evolving. T-shirts, jeans, or shorts* (for players) are not permitted. The LPGA TOUR Player's policy allows sleeveless and collarless shirts to be worn during play. Denim, cut-offs and workout clothes are not allowed. The dress code policy for the Tours at the time of the Illinois Section event shall be in effect. It is the responsibility of the competitors to know the details of and comply with this condition of the competition. A competitor who plays a stroke during a stipulated round in breach of this policy shall be **DISQUALIFIED** from the event.

During team events in which an amateur is part of the professional's team, the AMATEURS are to comply with the dress code of the host facility. It is the responsibility of the professionals competing in the event to be aware of the facility's policy and inform their amateur teammate(s).

Caddies must also adhere to the dress code policies for male and female contestants in all Section-sponsored, co-sponsored, and sanctioned events, HOWEVER, male caddies are permitted to wear Bermuda-length shorts. Caddies must also comply with the host facility's caddie dress code, or, if no such policy exists, with the host facility's player dress code.

NOTE: The Illinois PGA Tournament Committee may, when deemed appropriate, modify this dress code policy for an event, round or part thereof. To protect the physical safety of competitors in extreme heat, the Tournament Committee will allow male competitors to wear shorts during Section sponsored, co-sponsored and sanctioned events if the heat index on the day of any stipulated round is expected to reach 100 degrees or more. Modifications to the Dress Code will be reviewed and determined daily for multi-day events.

* PGA Members and Apprentices competing in Stroke Play, Assistant Stroke Play and/or Senior Stroke Play events, may, IF PRE-APPROVED BY THE HOST FACILITY, wear shorts. Shorts must be hemmed, not more than 2" above the knee, and professional-looking in appearance.

Section 11. Eligibility

The privilege of participating in the Illinois PGA Section Tournament Program will be extended to any Illinois PGA Member or Apprentice who is primarily employed in the area required by their classification at a club or golf facility in the Illinois 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*. PGA Members or Apprentices who are unemployed but within the established "grace period" are eligible to compete, unless otherwise stated.

Professionals eligible to compete (providing the applicable rules of the event being played will permit) in Illinois Section sponsored, co-sponsored or sanctioned events, must be a Member, approved Apprentice or approved player in good standing of the Illinois PGA Section. Suspended Members or Apprentices are ineligible to compete in these events.

Eligible classifications are as follows and include corresponding Apprentice classifications: (Note: Inactive and Class F Members will not be eligible in any Illinois PGA Section events).

PGA Member Classifications

MP	Master Professional
A-1	Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf course
A-2	Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf range
A-3	Exempt PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Web.com Tour, LPGA Tour and Futures Tour players
A-4	Director of Golf at PGA recognized golf facilities
A-5	Past PGA President
A-6	Golf Instructor at PGA recognized facility
A-7	Head Professional at a PGA recognized facility under construction
A-8	Assistant Golf Professional at a PGA recognized facility
A-9	Employed in professional positions in management, development, ownership, operations and/or financing of facilities
A-10	Golf Clinician
A-11	Golf Administrator
A-12	College or University Golf Coach
A-13	General Manager
A-14	Director of Instruction at a PGA recognized facility
A-15	Ownership or Management of a retail golf facility
A-16	Golf Course Architect

- A-17 Golf Course Superintendent
- A-18 Golf Media
- A-19 Golf Manufacturer Management
- A-20 Golf Manufacturer Sales Representative
- A-21 Tournament Coordinator / Director for Organization, Businesses or Associations
- A-22 Rules Official
- A-23 Golf Club Fitting / Club Repair
- A-24 Employed within golf industry
- LMA PGA Life Member
- LMMA PGA Life Master Member

Exceptions

An Illinois PGA Member or Apprentice is not eligible to participate in an Illinois PGA Section Professional-only sanctioned event if he has played in more than 10 events from any recognized Tour, or a combination events from such recognized Tours in the twelve months preceding the date of entry; however, an Illinois PGA Member or Apprentice may compete in Pro-Amateur Events upon invitation of the host professional.

The following is a list of tours used to determine the ten tournaments: Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Dakotas Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), Symetra Tour (LPGA), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR - Canada, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and web.com TOUR tournaments.

The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count.

Section 12. Entry Deadline and Late Entries

The official entry deadlines for specific events are posted on the entry form and on the tournament information page. If an event reaches its maximum field size, as specified on each tournament information page, players will be added to a waitlist prioritized by time of registration.

All players registering for an Illinois PGA Section event must be eligible at the time of the entry deadline AND at the date of the tournament. **EXCEPTION:** In events with minimum age requirements (i.e. Senior events), registrants must meet the age requirements on or before the first round of competition, unless otherwise stated. Official entries will **ONLY** be processed online with credit card payment. No entries will be accepted through mail, by email, in person or over the telephone.

The registration deadline for Stroke Play, Pro-Pro, and Pro-Special events is six (6) days prior to the tournament date at 11:59 P.M. unless otherwise stated. A player who does not register for an event prior to the deadline may register as a "late entrant", but all late entrants will be subject to a \$25.00 late entry fee.

Late entrants registering for an event that has not yet met its maximum field size prior to pairings being assigned will be immediately processed into the event. After pairings have been assigned, late entrants will only be immediately processed into the field if a spot is open in the published pairings (i.e., to complete a 3-some) and in cases where multiple openings are available, tee times will be filled starting with the latest time first. All other late entrants will be added to a wait list until a spot in the field becomes available. Once pairings have been published, no additional tee times will be added to create groups. If a player is placed on a waiting list, the cardholder will not be charged for the entry fee and late registration fee until the player is successfully admitted into the event.

Section 13. Entry Fees

Entry fees are listed on each event's online Tournament Information Page at www.ipga.com.

All Illinois PGA entry fees are non-refundable after the entry deadline, except for documented family or medical emergencies. All refund requests due to medical emergencies must be accompanied by documentation from a physician. Please see the Illinois PGA refund policy below for further information. If a competitor withdraws from an event for which registration is managed and processed by the PGA of America, no refund will be given on the Section level, regardless if any refund is approved by the national association.

Section 14. Field Size

The field size will be posted on each event's official online Tournament Information Page. If the maximum field size is reached prior to the entry deadline; a waitlist will be created.

Once an event reaches its maximum field size, players attempting to register will be added to a waitlist prioritized by time of registration. The player's credit card will not be charged at this time. If and when a space becomes available in the field, the waitlisted player will be automatically added to the field and that player's credit card will immediately be processed for the respective event's entry fee. The Illinois PGA reserves the right to cancel an event's waiting list once that event's pairings have been posted.

If a player on a waiting list is automatically added to a field when a spot becomes available but is unable to participate, he or she is eligible for a full refund of that entry fee if the Illinois PGA is notified of his/her withdrawal from the event prior to that event's pairings being posted.

Section 15. Golf Cart / Caddie Policy

Competitors may carry their own bag for all Stroke Play series events, Assistant and Senior stroke play events. Players carrying their bag must adhere to the posted pace of play guideline. Otherwise, players **MUST NOT** carry their own bag. Penalty – **DISQUALIFICATION**. Contestants may bring their own caddies.

Section 16. Male, Female, and Senior Forward Tees

Female yardage will be directly proportional to male yardages. Females will play from 78%-85% of the males' yardage. Every effort will be made by Illinois PGA tournament staff to reflect this adjustment on each hole. Females competing from reduced yardages will be eligible for the same purse payouts and Player of the Year points as competitors playing the standard set of tees.

In Illinois PGA Section Senior events, a separate forward tee competition will also be available. Seniors participating in the forward tee competition must choose the forward tee contest at time of registration.

Every effort will be made by Illinois PGA tournament staff to reflect yardage adjustments for each hole on both the online Tournament Information Page and official scorecards

Section 17. Pace of Play Policy

The Illinois PGA Pace of Play policy is posted on the Illinois PGA Hard Card and reads as follows:

OUT OF POSITION: The first group of an event or tee schedule with three (3) competitors will be expected to play at a pace equivalent to 13 minutes for par 3's, 14 minutes for par 4's and 15 minutes for par 5's (Approximately 4:12 per round). Each course is subject to lengthening of the pace of play policy depending on varying factors (distance between tees, degree of difficulty, etc.) For each player in excess of three (3) in a group, the time per hole increases by one (1) minute and likewise, one (1) minute less for each player under three (3) per group. The first group may be

placed “on the clock” and in addition to provisions of #2 below, will be expected to regain their position relative to the Pace of Play clock or be subjected to a subsequent penalty.

WARNING: A group found to be two full shots and a putting green behind the group in front of them AND which is not on schedule with the pace of play chart established by #1 above, shall be informed that their group is being timed. This will serve as the only warning for each competitor prior to being penalized for subsequent slow play. Players will then have 40 seconds to play a stroke. It is reasonable for a player to have a few extra seconds on trouble shots. The player having the honor on the teeing ground or making the first stroke on the putting green of the hole being played has an additional 10 seconds for preparation. If the player exceeds this 40 second limit, he/she will be penalized as follows (*all fines are due payable 30 days following notification of the fine*):

- First Offense: One (1) stroke penalty and \$50.00 fine
- Second Offense: Two (2) stroke penalty and \$100.00 fine
- Third Offense: The player will be DISQUALIFIED

Section 18. Player of the Year Points*

***PLEASE SEE POINT DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULES AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.**

Points distribution schedules have been established by the Tournament Committee for 18-hole, 36-hole, 54-hole and Premium Events. Separate distribution schedules for Match Play events have also been established.

Bernardi Player of the Year Points:

All Stroke Play events, The Illinois Open Championship,** The Illinois PGA Championship, The Illinois PGA Match Play Championship, The Illinois PGA Players Championship and the PGA Professional Championship and/or PGA Championship.

Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year Points:

All Senior Stroke Play events, Senior Match Play Championship, the Senior Masters Championship, Illinois PGA Senior Championship, the Illinois Senior Open Championship, the Senior Players Championship and the Senior PGA Professional Championship and/or Senior PGA Championship. .

Don Drasler Assistant Player of the Year Points:

All Stroke Play events, all Assistant Stroke Play events, the Illinois Open Championship**, the Illinois PGA Assistant Championship, Assistant Match Play Championship, and the Illinois PGA Players Championship (The Royal Cup team will be based on points immediately following the conclusion of The Illinois PGA Players Championship).

Player of the Year Points earned in National Championships will be awarded from the Premium Event distribution schedule. A competitor’s overall finishing place in the National Championship(s) will be used in the calculation and distribution of these points. If the respective National Championship is contested PRIOR TO that season’s Special Awards Ceremony, Premium Event points earned will be allocated immediately following the conclusion of the event. In the case that the respective National Championship is scheduled to take place FOLLOWING that season’s Special Awards Ceremony, the Illinois PGA Tournament Committee shall determine when earned Premium Event points will be allocated for that event. Every effort will be made to announce the distribution schedule for points earned in National Championships occurring after a season’s Special Awards Ceremony prior to the closing date of that event.

If the respective National Championships are contested PRIOR TO a season’s Special Awards Ceremony, the Illinois PGA Player of the Year and Assistant Player of the Year will be named immediately following the allocation of points earned in the Illinois PGA Players Championship. If the Senior National Championship is contested PRIOR TO a season’s Special Awards Ceremony, the Illinois PGA Player Senior of the Year will be named immediately following the allocation of points earned in the Illinois PGA Senior Players Championship. In the case that the respective National Championship is scheduled to take place FOLLOWING that season’s Special Awards Ceremony, timing of the determination of the respective Player of the Year Awards will be determined by the Illinois PGA Tournament Committee.

** Player of the Year points will be allocated in accordance with the Premium Events points schedule for all Illinois PGA-administered Open Championships, including, but not limited to, the Illinois Open, the Illinois Senior Open and the Illinois Super Senior Open.

Section 19. Purse Payouts

***PLEASE SEE PURSE DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.**

Purses are made up of net entry registration fees plus the % of partner dollars (as approved annually by the Illinois PGA Sponsorship and Finance Committees), minus budgeted event expenses. Purse calculations and payouts are posted at the starting tee of each event and uploaded to each event's official online Tournament Information Page.

Purses for stroke play events will be paid out to the top 30% of the field, with approximately 12-20% going to the 1st place finisher, relative to the number of contestants finishing the event..

In Pro-Special events, purses are paid out equally to the professional and amateur team competitors unless otherwise posted. Amateur participants will be issued merchandise credit to the host facility's golf shop.

In any event, every effort will be made to have the last place finisher "in the money" make their entry fee back. Checks will be sent, or direct-deposit payment processed, to all players eligible for a payout regardless of the amount.

In the case of Open Championships, the professional purse will be calculated based on the Illinois PGA purse distribution formula. Amateur purse payout formulas for Open Championships will be annually reviewed and approved by the Illinois PGA Opens Committee, then submitted to the Illinois Tournament Committee for approval .

Section 20. Refunds

The official entry deadline for each event will be posted on the event's official online Tournament Information Page.. No entries will be processed following the entry deadline. If an event reaches its maximum field size, players will be added to a waitlist prioritized by time of registration. The player's credit card will not be charged if added to a waitlist. If and when a space becomes available in the field, the waitlisted player will be automatically added to the field and that player's credit card will immediately be processed for the respective event's entry fee. If a player on a waiting list is automatically added to a field when a spot becomes available but is unable to participate, he or she is eligible for a full refund of that entry fee if the Illinois PGA is notified of his/her withdrawal from the event prior to that event's pairings being posted.

Competitors who withdraw from an event prior to the event's posted deadline for any reason will be eligible for a full refund, minus a \$10 processing fee. Competitors who wish to withdraw from an event after the event's posted deadline must fill out the Illinois PGA online Emergency Refund Request Form and supply requested backup documentation within 48 business hours of the event's round or final round. Refunds, minus a \$10 processing fee, will be authorized for players reporting documented family or medical emergencies only. Refunds will be processed back to the credit card used to register for the event, and those refund dollars will be allocated as an expense in that particular event budget PRIOR to the purse being paid.

Refund requests that 1) are not accompanied by the required or requested backup documentation within 48 business hours of the event's round or final rounds, 2) occur outside of the 48 business hour window following the completion of an event, or 3) are for another reason other than a family or medical emergency, must be reviewed by the Illinois PGA Tournament Chairperson, the Illinois PGA Director of Tournament Operations and the Illinois PGA Executive Director. This group will have the sole discretion to approve or deny such refund requests. Such decisions are final.

NOTE: A competitor will NOT be eligible for a refund if: (1) The competitor "no shows" at an event, AND (2) fails to notify the Section office, host facility staff or on-site Section staff prior to his/her assigned starting time.

Section 21. Rules of Play

All tournaments conducted by the Illinois PGA Section shall be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

1. All supplemental / local rules or modifications to the Rules of Golf shall be set forth by the Tournament Director and approved by the Tournament Committee. These rules will be posted on the Illinois PGA Hard Card and printed on the supplemental / local rules of play paperwork at each tournament site.

Section 22. Sanctioned Events

All tournaments must be approved and scheduled by the Illinois PGA Section Tournament Committee in which Illinois PGA Section Members, approved Apprentices or approved players are to participate. Any golf competition in conflict with a sanctioned Illinois PGA Section event played within the geographical territory embracing the Illinois PGA Section, in which more than twelve (12) Illinois PGA golf professionals participate, charging an entry fee and/or offering a purse as prize money, or an appearance fee, must be sanctioned by the Section or Chapter Tournament Chairman or the Executive Director in order for Illinois PGA Section Members and Apprentices to participate as competitors. In being processed by this route, the event then becomes part of the officially sanctioned Illinois Section schedule of events, and qualifies for inclusion on the yearly schedule. With this inclusion, the Illinois PGA will:

1. Publicize the event on the Illinois PGA website.
2. Approve Members, Apprentices and approved players participation.
3. Assure no other Illinois PGA sanctioned events are sanctioned on the same date, unless approved by the Illinois PGA Section or Chapter Tournament Committee.

Requests for sanction shall be made in writing and should be received by the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. Each request for sanction will be considered separately. For an event to be sanctioned, the club serving as the host site must have a PGA Member or Apprentice Head Professional serving as the resident professional, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director.

During the play of an Illinois Section sponsored, co-sponsored and sanctioned event, another tournament not scheduled or sanctioned by the Section – that an approved player is eligible for – may not be participated in by Illinois Section Members, approved Apprentices or approved players, unless a written request for approval to participate in such an event is delivered to the Tournament Committee Chairman or Executive Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. Suspension from play in Section events and/or appropriate fines may be levied against violations of this regulatory rule.

Note: Special permission of sanction permitting play in such an unsanctioned event maybe granted only at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. PGA of America, USGA or CDGA tournament dates are not to be considered unscheduled or unsanctioned in respect to these matters outlined herein above.

Section 23. Starting Times Requests

Illinois PGA members and apprentices may request an “early” or “late” starting time for all Illinois PGA events other than those events subject to “preferred pairings” including, but not limited to: The Illinois Open Championship, The Illinois PGA Championship and The Illinois Players Championship. Specific tee times and groupings may not be requested. Season-long “standing” tee times may not be requested.

It is *strongly* preferred that competitors enter each request into the online entry form when registering for any event. Priority will be given to those registrants that submit their requests online with their registration. Competitors that need to make a request after their registration has been processed **MUST** make that request to the Tournament Director via email prior to tee times being created. No requests will be taken via phone, text, or while on-site.

Section 24. Starting Times & Groupings

All starting times and groupings will be created by the Illinois PGA Section office. These pairings will be published no later than 48 hours after the tournament entry deadline, unless extenuating circumstances occur. The groupings and times published on the event's official online Tournament Information Page will be final. There will not be any deviations from the final pairings unless approved by the Executive Director, Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee.

For single-day events using a single tee, groups of two will go off first, followed by groups of three. For round one of a multi-round event, the Illinois PGA will utilize a two tee start based on a blind draw, unless the event warrants "preferred pairings." Groups of two will go off first on the 1st and 10th tees. For the second round during a 36-hole event, the Illinois PGA will utilize a "reverse horseshoe" pairing method by final score from the first round. The lowest scores will tee off from hole #1 at the latest available tee time, while the highest scores will tee off from hole #10 at the latest available tee time. All other groups will be filled in according to score based on that guideline. NOTE: Any groups of two in a "reverse horseshoe" will be paired last off hole #10.

Preferred pairings are typically utilized only in Premium Event Tier events, and take players' accomplishments and standing into consideration. Players who are classified in categories including, but not limited to, the following may be placed into preferred pairings: Premium Event Tier Past Champions and previous years' top finishers, leaders on the previous or current year's Illinois PGA and Allied Association Player of the Year points lists, and level of LPGA Tour, web.com, PGA Tour or Senior PGA Tour status.

APPENDIX I – POINTS DISTRIBUTION

Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year Points Distribution

Bernardi points are awarded for the following Illinois PGA Section events. Stroke Play events, Illinois PGA Match Play Championship, Illinois PGA Section Championship, Illinois PGA Players Championship National PNC and PGA Championship. Only Members are eligible to receive Bernardi POY Points. The Bernardi points will also be allocated to players by their finish against the entire field.

Illinois PGA Match Play Championship

Champion – 900 Points	Runner-Up – 750 Points	Semi-Finalist – 525 Points
Quarter-Finalist – 400 Points	Round of 16 – 325 Points	Round of 32 – 225 Points
Round of 64 – 125 Points	All Others– 15 Points	

Illinois PGA Don Drasler Assistant Points Distribution

Don Drasler Assistant Player of the Year Points are awarded in the following events: Assistant Stroke Play events, Illinois PGA Assistant Championship, Assistant Match Play, Illinois PGA Players Championship and National Assistants Championships. All A-8 Members as well as all Apprentice classifications are eligible to receive Don Drasler Assistant Player of the Year Points. The Don Drasler Assistant points will also be allocated to players by their finish against the entire field

Assistant Match Play Championship

Champion – 600 Points	Runner-Up – 420 Points	Semi-Finalist – 350 Points
Quarter-Finalist – 280 Points	Round of 16 – 200 Points	All Others– 15 Points

Illinois PGA Section Errie Ball Senior Points Distribution

Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year Points are awarded for the following events only: Senior Stroke Play events (including Senior Masters), Illinois PGA Senior Match Play Championship, Illinois PGA Seniors Championship, Senior Classic, National Senior PNC, Senior Players Championship and Senior PGA Championship. Only Members age 50 and over are eligible to Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year Points. The senior points will also be allocated to players by their finish against the entire field.

Illinois PGA Senior Match Play Championship

Champion – 600 Points	Runner-Up – 420 Points	Semi-Finalist – 350 Points
Quarter-Finalist – 280 Points	Round of 16 – 225 Points	Round of 32 – 125 Points
All Others – 15 Points		