



# 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/Assistant 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.

In the event an ADA Approved Circumstance/Disability requires a player to wear metal spikes, permission may be granted by Illinois PGA Staff and/or the Tournament Committee after reviewing the case. In addition to approval from the Illinois PGA Staff and Tournament Committee, this exception must be approved by each host facility in which the approved player plans to wear metal spikes.

#### **Section 2. Awards and Deciding Ties**

In only the Illinois PGA Section Championship, Illinois Open Championship, Illinois PGA Assistants' Championship, Illinois PGA Senior 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. All other multi-day events will utilize a sudden-death playoff.

In all Illinois PGA Stroke Play Events and single-day team events (18-holes), if two or more players or teams 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 the Pro-Superintendent Championship, Pro-Scratch Championship, Pro-Junior Championship, Pro-Official Championship, Pro-Bring-Your-Best Championship or any Illinois PGA Pro-Amateur, 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 Associates 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, Associates, 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/Associates and their caddies are prohibited from consuming alcohol on property before, or during their stipulated round. This includes ALL participants in “open championship qualifiers and events, as well as the “Open Series”. Alcohol is permitted following a round but should be kept within the clubhouse or outdoor clubhouse area and is prohibited from the course. EXCEPTION: This rule does not apply to participants in Pro- Amateur events or Team Events (i.e., Professional Team Events, Pro-Specials, Pro-Ams). See specific event details for each event for additional restrictions. pply to participants in Pro-Amateur events or Single-Day Team 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 6 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. Any severe infractions will fall under the code of conduct policy. The Illinois PGA requires a player from each group to use their mobile device to record live scores during all Illinois PGA events.

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 via the code of conduct policy.

#### **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 Bernardi 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 points 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:** Hosted annually at Ridge Country Club. This annual team match play event is contested between the top Chicago District Golf Association (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 10 players, one of which will be a Professional from the host facility. The remaining 9 will be chosen from the previous year’s points list. If a player from the top 9 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 current year’s Assistant Player of the Year points list through the last Stroke Play Event of the year. 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 5.7 of the USGA Rules of Golf. The Illinois PGA Tournament Director, after consultation with the on-site staff, has the right to order the 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. No stroke play format event will ever be postponed in a way that would extend play longer than 1 additional day longer than the original schedule of events.
3. Upon cancellation of an event, the full entry fee will be refunded to all participants. The Illinois PGA staff will try to reschedule all events, although will not reschedule an event on a day with any form of internal staffing conflict or event conflict with another program in the Section (Tournament setup days, Drive, Chip and Putt, Junior League, Educational Events, etc.). If an event cannot be rescheduled in a timely matter, the event may be permanently cancelled at the discretion of the Tournament Director, Executive Director, or the Chairman of the Tournament Committee. Additionally, no event will be rescheduled after October 31.
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**

Under Rule 4.3 (1) – A player is allowed to 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 4.3 (1).

## **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 in Championships\* (for players) are not permitted. Shorts will be permitted in qualifying rounds for the Illinois Open Championship.

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 all Illinois Open and KFT Monday Qualifiers, shorts will be permitted in compliance with the PGA Tour/Korn Ferry Tour Dress Code. If the host site permit shorts for practice rounds, that will also be permitted for events.

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 90 degrees or more. Modifications to the Dress Code will be reviewed and determined daily for multi-day events.

\* PGA Members and Associates competing in Stroke Play and certain team 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 Associate 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 Associates 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 Associate, or approved player in good standing of the Illinois PGA Section. Suspended Members or Associates are ineligible to compete in these events.

Eligible classifications are as follows and include corresponding Associate 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, Korn Ferry Tour, LPGA Tour and Futures Tour players
A-4	Director of Golf at PGA Recognized Golf Facilities
A-5	Past Presidents of the Association
A-6	Golf Instructor at a 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 Organizations, Businesses or Associations
A-22	Rules Official
A-23	Club Fitting/Club Repair
A-24	Employed within the golf industry and not eligible for another Active classification
LMA	PGA Life Member
LMMA	PGA Life Master Member

### **Exceptions (4 Tournament Rule) - Change in 2024 - PGA of America Board Decision**

An Illinois PGA Member or Associate is not eligible to participate in an Illinois PGA Section Professional-only sanctioned event if he has played in more than 4 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 Associate may compete in Pro-Amateur Events upon invitation of the host professional.

\*Must be eligibly employed in one of the above-mentioned active membership classifications to be eligible. Must not have played in more than four (4)\*\*\* combined regulated Professional Tours listed: Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian Tour, Dakotas Tour, DP World Tour, Epson Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Legends Tour, GPro Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR-Canada, PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR-China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, The Safari Tour and The Sunshine Tour tournaments between April 3, 2023 and April 2, 2024.

The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's Championship are not included in the 4-tournament count\*\*\*.

\*Beginning January 2024, the maximum number of combined "Professional Tours" that a PGA Member may participate in, and still remain eligible to compete in PGA Member Championships, will be reduced from eight (8) to a total of four (4). This 4-tournament rule will be applied to all respective Championships & Player of the Year eligibility date ranges. (Exception: The current year's PPC champion will be allowed a total maximum of eight (8) tournaments during their winning year only. Reason: The PPC Champion earns exemptions into six (6) PGA TOUR open tournaments with their win, which leaves room for them to qualify for two (2) additional events during the year.) (PGA of America Board Meeting, June 2022)

\*\*In addition, a special exception will be made for any PGA member finishing in the Top 15 of the PGA Championship, Top 15 of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and/or the Top 10 of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, that would exempt them into the following year's Championship, also allowing that member a maximum of eight (8) tournaments instead of four (4), for one year only, provided the member does not transfer into an A-3 classification and/or accept any temporary membership that a respective tour may offer. Reason: Such a strong finish in these major Championships may provide additional playing opportunities which could result in exceeding the 4-tournament rule for that year. These additional opportunities increase the spotlight on PGA members and their playing accomplishments, and have a resulting positive impact on our membership overall. (PGA of America Board Meeting, June 2023)

### **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 unless otherwise specified.

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 most 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 the posted 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](http://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 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 Illinois PGA Stroke Play Series 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 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 Stroke Play 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 an expected pace of play time chart will be posted in the starters box at each event that will reflect any changes to the standard times listed below.

**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 TABLES 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 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, the Illinois PGA Players Championship and the National Assistant Championship.

**Women's Player of the Year Points:**

All Stroke Play events, the Illinois Women's Open Championship, The Women's Stableford, the Illinois PGA Match Play Championship, the Illinois PGA Players Championship, and the KPMG Women's PGA 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.

The Bernardi Player of the Year race will be finalized following the completion of the Illinois PGA Players Championship.

The Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year race will be finalized after the completion of the National PGA Senior Championship/PPC.

The Don Drasler Assistant Player of the Year race will be finalized after the Illinois PGA Players Championship or the completion of the National Assistants Championship (whichever happens second).

The timeline of the determination of the respective Player of the Year Awards will be determined by the Illinois PGA Tournament Committee and is subject to change based on PGA National Championship Movement.

*\*\* For the Open Championships Tier 2 Player of the Year points will be allocated to both the Senior and Super Senior Open Championships. Premium Tier Player of the Year points will be awarded to the Illinois Open Championship.*

## **Section 19. Purse Payouts**

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. Direct-deposit payments will be processed, to all players eligible for a payout regardless of the amount.

Purse and Points results will be posted all points and purse payments unofficially to the Illinois PGA results site by the end of the event day. Payments will be submitted to PGA of America exactly one week following the event once all expenses have been balanced.

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 the processing fee listed for that event. 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 the events 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 Competitions 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 2023 Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and R&A.

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 Associates 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, must be sanctioned by the Section or Chapter Tournament Committee or the Executive Director in order for Illinois PGA Section Members and Associates to participate as competitors. Breach of this policy

through either organizing or participating in a conflicting event may lead to suspension from Illinois PGA events for up to 12 months and/or a Code of Ethics violation.

Note: Special permission permitting play in an unsanctioned event may be 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 Associates 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. Exception: If in scheduling, the Illinois PGA staff finds that the most viable way to run an event at a facility is with a shotgun then that format will be permissible. 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, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA Tour or Senior PGA Tour status.

The Illinois PGA Director of Competitions, Assistant Executive Director and Executive Director have the ability to alter the starting time/format of any event in order to maximize chances of completion of the event or round in the most equitable way possible.

## **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 PPC, 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. Please see the table at the end of this document for the Illinois PGA Play of the Year Points Table. Tier 1 points will be awarded for any 1-day events, Tier 2 points will be awarded for any 2-day events, Tier 3 points will be awarded for any 3-day events, and the Premium Tier points will be awarded for the Illinois Open and any National Events.

Please Note: In addition to the point allocation for the Premium Tier, each player will be awarded an additional 50 points for participating in that event while finishing with an active tournament status. If a player makes the 2-day cut, he/she will be awarded an additional 150 points. Players will still receive “Premium” points for their finish in these events as well. Players that participate in the PGA Championship, U.S. Open or Open Championship will receive 450 points for participation and an additional 450 for making the cut in addition to Premium Tier Points.

#### **Illinois PGA Match Play Championship**

Champion – 950 Points	Runner-Up – 770 Points	Semi-Finalist – 658 Points
Quarter-Finalist – 545 Points	Round of 16 – 367 Points	Round of 32 – 195 Points
Round of 64 – 88 Points	All Others – 50 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 Associate 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 – 480 Points	Semi-Finalist – 405 Points
Quarter-Finalist – 330 Points	Round of 16 – 212 Points	Round of 32 – 96 Points
All Others – 50 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 Senior Championship, National Senior PPC and Senior PGA Championship. Only Class-A 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. Players that participate in the Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Senior Open or the Senior Open Championship will receive 300 points for participation and an additional 300 for making the cut in addition to Tier 2 points. New in 2026, The Senior Masters will awarded as a tier 2 event (4th senior major).

#### **Illinois PGA Senior Match Play Championship**

Champion – 600 Points	Runner-Up – 480 Points	Semi-Finalist – 405 Points
Quarter-Finalist – 330 Points	Round of 16 – 212 Points	Round of 32 – 96 Points
All Others – 50 Points		

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Premium</b>
<b>1</b>	300	600	900	1050
<b>2</b>	240	480	720	840
<b>3</b>	210	420	630	735
<b>4</b>	195	390	585	682.5
<b>5</b>	183	366	549	640.5
<b>6</b>	171	342	513	598.5
<b>7</b>	159	318	477	556.5
<b>8</b>	147	294	441	514.5
<b>9</b>	132	264	396	462
<b>10</b>	120	240	360	420
<b>11</b>	114	228	342	399
<b>12</b>	108	216	324	378
<b>13</b>	102	204	306	357
<b>14</b>	96	192	288	336
<b>15</b>	90	180	270	315
<b>16</b>	84	168	252	294
<b>17</b>	78	156	234	273
<b>18</b>	72	144	216	252
<b>19</b>	66	132	198	231
<b>20</b>	60	120	180	210
<b>21</b>	57	114	171	199.5
<b>22</b>	54	108	162	189
<b>23</b>	51	102	153	178.5
<b>24</b>	48	96	144	168
<b>25</b>	45	90	135	157.5
<b>26</b>	42	84	126	147
<b>27</b>	39	78	117	136.5
<b>28</b>	36	72	108	126
<b>29</b>	33	66	99	115.5
<b>30</b>	31.5	63	94.5	110.25
<b>31</b>	30	60	90	105

<b>32</b>	28.5		57	85.5	99.75
<b>33</b>	25.5		51	76.5	89.25
<b>34</b>	24		48	72	84
<b>35</b>	22.5		45	67.5	78.75
<b>36</b>	21		42	63	73.5
<b>37</b>	19.5		39	58.5	68.25
<b>38</b>	18		36	54	63
<b>39</b>	16.5		33	49.5	57.75
<b>40</b>	15		30	45	52.5
<b>41</b>	14.4		28.8	43.2	50.4
<b>42</b>	13.8		27.6	41.4	48.3
<b>43</b>	13.2		26.4	39.6	46.2
<b>44</b>	12.6		25.2	37.8	44.1
<b>45</b>	12		24	36	42
<b>46</b>	11.7		23.4	35.1	40.95
<b>47</b>	11.4		22.8	34.2	39.9
<b>48</b>	11.1		22.2	33.3	38.85
<b>49</b>	10.8		21.6	32.4	37.8
<b>50</b>	10.5		21	31.5	36.75
<b>51</b>	10.2		20.4	30.6	35.7
<b>52</b>	9.9		19.8	29.7	34.65
<b>53</b>	9.6		19.2	28.8	33.6
<b>54</b>	9.3		18.6	27.9	32.55
<b>55</b>	9		18	27	31.5
<b>56</b>	8.7		17.4	26.1	30.45
<b>57</b>	8.55		17.1	25.65	29.925
<b>58</b>	8.4		16.8	25.2	29.4
<b>59</b>	8.25		16.5	24.75	28.875
<b>60</b>	8.1		16.2	24.3	28.35
<b>61</b>	7.95		15.9	23.85	27.825
<b>62</b>	7.8		15.6	23.4	27.3
<b>63</b>	7.65		15.3	22.95	26.775
<b>64</b>	7.5		15	22.5	26.25

<b>65</b>	7.35		14.7		22.05		25.725
<b>66</b>	7.2		14.4		21.6		25.2
<b>67</b>	7.05		14.1		21.15		24.675
<b>68</b>	6.9		13.8		20.7		24.15
<b>69</b>	6.75		13.5		20.25		23.625
<b>70</b>	6.6		13.2		19.8		23.1
<b>71</b>	6.45		12.9		19.35		22.575
<b>72</b>	6.3		12.6		18.9		22.05
<b>73</b>	6.15		12.3		18.45		21.525
<b>74</b>	6		12		18		21
<b>75</b>	5.85		11.7		17.55		20.475
<b>76</b>	5.7		11.4		17.1		19.95
<b>77</b>	5.55		11.1		16.65		19.425
<b>78</b>	5.4		10.8		16.2		18.9
<b>79</b>	5.25		10.5		15.75		18.375
<b>80</b>	5.1		10.2		15.3		17.85
<b>81</b>	4.95		9.9		14.85		17.325
<b>82</b>	4.8		9.6		14.4		16.8
<b>83</b>	4.65		9.3		13.95		16.275
<b>84</b>	4.5		9		13.5		15.75
<b>85</b>	4.35		8.7		13.05		15.225
<b>86</b>	4.2		8.4		12.6		14.7
<b>87</b>	4.05		8.1		12.15		14.175
<b>88</b>	3.9		7.8		11.7		13.65
<b>89</b>	3.75		7.5		11.25		13.125
<b>90</b>	3.6		7.2		10.8		12.6
<b>91</b>	3.45		6.9		10.35		12.075
<b>92</b>	3.3		6.6		9.9		11.55
<b>93</b>	3.15		6.3		9.45		11.025
<b>94</b>	3		6		9		10.5
<b>95</b>	2.85		5.7		8.55		9.975
<b>96</b>	2.7		5.4		8.1		9.45
<b>97</b>	2.55		5.1		7.65		8.925

<b>98</b>	2.4		4.8		7.2		8.4
<b>99</b>	2.25		4.5		6.75		7.875
<b>100</b>	2.1		4.2		6.3		7.35
<b>101</b>	1.95		3.9		5.85		6.825
<b>102</b>	1.8		3.6		5.4		6.3
<b>103</b>	1.65		3.3		4.95		5.775
<b>104</b>	1.5		3		4.5		5.25
<b>105</b>	1.35		2.7		4.05		4.725
<b>106</b>	1.2		2.4		3.6		4.2
<b>107</b>	1.05		2.1		3.15		3.675
<b>108</b>	0.9		1.8		2.7		3.15
<b>109</b>	0.75		1.5		2.25		2.625
<b>110</b>	0.6		1.2		1.8		2.1
<b>111</b>	0.45		0.9		1.35		1.575
<b>112</b>	0.3		0.6		0.9		1.05
<b>113</b>	0.15		0.3		0.45		0.525