

**APPENDIX IV
PRO-AM SERIES**

A pro-amateur series of tournaments will be conducted for the benefit of section members to compete and develop camaraderie with their golf course membership and players. The mission of the pro-am series is to primarily serve those PGA members who are actively employed at section PGA recognized facilities and their playing patronage.

(a) ELIGIBILITY

Professional Eligibility:

Professionals must be section-affiliated PGA Members in good standing as defined herein Article IV, Section 1.

REGULATION: *As a condition of Team Entry, all amateurs team members must be comprised of home course amateurs from the competing professional's PGA recognized facility. The professional may seek to obtain an amateur(s) from any other golf facility where the GHIN handicap system is used, provided that the amateur's head golf professional is notified in advance of the event as a courtesy. Failure to provide this courtesy is subject to tournament committee review.*

REGULATION: *Professionals with incomplete amateur teams in pro-ams are responsible for the entire team entry fee*

Amateur Eligibility:

Amateurs must have reached their 18th birthday by the tournament in order to participate. Amateurs must have an established, valid and current USGA approved handicap index. All amateurs must have their handicaps computed by the GHIN computation service.

REGULATION: *Amateurs establishing more than one handicap at different golf courses must use their lowest established handicap. The professional is responsible for the authenticity of his/her amateur partners' handicaps (host professional to verify via GHIN network).*

REGULATION: *Amateurs establishing a handicap that is not computed by the GHIN computation service must compete in the event with a "0.0" handicap index.*

REGULATION: *An amateur is limited to play in no more than two (2) pro-am series tournaments each season with a PGA Professional. (Change effective Jan. 2017)*

(b) REGISTRATION

REGULATION: *Registration in a pro-am series event does not guarantee entry.*

REGULATION: *All late entries must be completed four (4) days prior to the pro-am by 12:00 noon, (Thursday at 12:00 noon for a Monday pro-am).*

REGULATION: *Starting times or player pairings for pro-am series events will be posted on the section website at least one week prior to the event.*

(c) SUBSCRIPTION

The pro-am series events are limited in terms of the number of teams that can compete, so a field size for each event is established.

REGULATION: *A professional playing with a sponsor team shall come from the waiting list of that tournament (if a wait list is present). The tournament committee has the right to have any member play with the sponsor team, once the waiting list has been exhausted.*

REGULATION: *Host Professionals will receive first priority in registration and starting time preference at their pro-am event. All facilities that host a pro-am event will receive an exempt spot into all pro-am series events for the current year. A PGA member at the facility must fill the exemption.*

(d) WITHDRAWALS

REGULATION: *If a professional wishes to withdraw from a pro-am series event, the professional must inform the section office at least four (4) days prior to the pro-am by 12:00 noon, (Thursday at 12:00 noon for a Monday pro-am).*

REGULATION: *If a professional withdraws from a pro-am series event after the withdrawal deadline, the professional would be subject to a first offense fine of \$200.00 (Pro-3am) or \$100 (Pro-1am); and a second offense fine of \$200.00 (Pro-3am) or \$100 (Pro-1am), plus a suspension of section playing privileges for thirty days during a period specified by the tournament committee. The professional may not submit a request for refund if he/she is disqualified and/or does not turn in a completed scorecard from an event after he/she begins play will remain in the team competition in a pro-am series event.*

(e) FORMAT

Each tournament season, the tournament committee will select the team format for each pro-am series tournament as one of the following:

- (i) Gross and net combined scoring, two best balls (cannot be the same player's ball)
- (ii) Gross only, two best balls
- (iii) Gross and Net divisions; one best ball

(f) OVER SUBSCRIBED:

The number of professionals entering the event exceeds the available spots.

REGULATION: *Time of registration, from earliest to latest determines the order in which properly registered professionals receive their starting time preference. In the event of an over subscribed pro-am, time of registration, from earliest to latest, determines the order in which properly registered professionals receive their starting time preference.*

REGULATION: *Each Pro-am event will open exactly thirty days prior to the pro-am event date. The deadline to register is ten days prior to the event date.*

REGULATION: *The tournament committee reserves the right to hold a maximum of two team entries for each pro-am series event for the benefit of the title and presenting sponsor. In such instances where a title and presenting sponsor's team is participating, the above eligibility regulations do not apply to that invited team.*

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(g) UNDER SUBSCRIBED:

The number of professionals entering the event is less than the available spots.

REGULATION: *In under subscribed tournaments, professionals may enter a tournament up until four days prior to the event by calling the section office and confirming their commitment to play.*

(h) PRO AM SERIES TEAM PRIZE BREAKDOWN

REGULATION: *In team events, the amount of teams paid will be approximately 33 percent of the total teams entered, per the section's prize breakdown distribution. The professional will receive the cash equivalent of his/her share of the team prize.*

(i) PRO AM SERIES FINANCIAL POLICY

For Connecticut Section PGA Pro Am Series events the following policies apply.

REGULATION: *PGA Professionals requesting to participate in a Pro Am Series event will pay the Team Deposit directly to the Section Office before the entry deadline*

REGULATION: *The remaining team balance is due to the host club on the day of the event*

Section Responsibility:

REGULATION: *The Section will retain 100 percent of the Team Deposit*

REGULATION: *The Section will pay all professional prize money to include any portion of team prize money.*

Host Site Responsibility:

REGULATION: *The host site will retain 100 percent of the remaining balance that is collected on the day of the event.*

REGULATION: *33 percent of the remaining balance that is collected by the host site will be allocated to amateur prizes in the host site's golfshop*

REGULATION: *The remaining 66 percent of the remaining balance SHALL be allocated to cover lunch, greens fees and cart fees for all participants*