

**ARTICLE III
TOURNAMENT DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

Within these Tournament Rules and Regulations are terms and phrases that are referred to frequently. These terms are defined hereunder and italicized within these Rules and Regulations:

(a) OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SEASON

April 1 through October 31 inclusive.

(b) AMATEUR HOME GOLF FACILITY

An amateur Home Golf Facility is the facility at which he/she maintains a valid USGA Handicap; plays a majority of his/her golf; and/or is a member in good standing. In the event an amateur maintains two handicaps, the competitor must use the lowest his/her handicap and the lower of the two shall serve as the Home Golf Facility.

(c) SENIOR COMPETITOR

A senior professional or amateur competitor is one who has reached their 50th birthday by the day of said tournament he or she is entered.

(d) PLAYING PRIVILEGES

Playing privileges in section tournaments are granted to PGA members (excluding Class F, A-3, and Suspended Members) in good standing; Inactive members and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices with the understanding that each tournament has their own eligibility requirements based upon membership classifications and employment.

(e) PURSE

The purse is the net amount of monies after expenses available for prize distribution.

(f) PRIORITY ELIGIBILITY

Priority Eligibility is a means to establish seniority for professionals when entering Pro-Am Series events and obtaining requested starting times in section tournaments.

(g) OVER SUBSCRIBED

An event when the number of entries exceeds the number of available spots.

(h) UNDER SUBSCRIBED

An event when the number of entries is less than the number of available spots.

Section 2. APPROVED EVENTS

All approved events are assured the section will not schedule an event opposite said tournament, with the understanding that eligible section members are eligible to enter.

For an event to be approved and scheduled by the section the golf facility serving as the host site must have either a PGA Member or Registered Apprentice *Head Golf Professional* in good standing serving as the resident professional, and must also meet criteria established under one of the Categories listed below.

(a) CATEGORIES

SPONSORED:

Owned and conducted entirely by the section and its subsidiaries during the Official Tournament Season, with no consideration, and/or commitments from a second party.

CO-SPONSORED:

Owned and conducted entirely by the section during the Official Tournament Season, with added monies, considerations, and/or commitments from a second party.

RECOGNIZED:

Owned and conducted by a Second party or owned by a Second Party but conducted in conjunction with the section.

(1) Recognized Association Events:

The Open Championships of the Connecticut State Golf Association and Massachusetts Golf Association (when held within the section boundaries) will be assured dates on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that all section Members and Apprentices in good standing, be permitted to participate in this event, provided they meet all the other event eligibility criteria. Every attempt will be made so that no section Sponsored or Co-Sponsored event will be scheduled in opposition to them.

***REGULATION:** At the discretion of the Board of Directors, professional-amateur events hosted and conducted by the Connecticut State Golf Association, the golf course superintendents, the SNEWGA, and similar regional associations may be Sanctioned and/or listed on the Tournament Schedule and excused from section requirements covering Sanctioning fees and other disbursements.*

(2) Recognized Charity Tournaments:

Owned and conducted by a second party for the benefit of a worthwhile charitable organization, between the dates of April 1 and October 31 inclusive, with added monies, and/or commitments from the second party. These events will appear on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that section golf professionals will be invited to compete.

(3) Recognized National Tournaments:

Owned by, and conducted in conjunction with, a second party for the benefit of the section, between the dates of April 1 and October 31 inclusive, with added monies, and/or commitments from the second party. The event will appear on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that eligible golf professionals will be invited to compete.

SANCTIONED:

Owned and conducted by a Second party who enters into an agreement with the section, pays a sanctioning fee, and invites section professionals to participate.

(i) Tier 1 Sanctioned Tournament:

(i) Tier 2 Sanctioned Tournament:

(i) Tier 3 Sanctioned Tournament:

***REGULATION:** Golf Tournaments approved by the section and conducted by a second party which are not "Sponsored," "Co-Sponsored," or "Recognized" events as described above will be required to pay the section a Sanctioning Fee to be put on the tournament schedule.*

Section 3. UNAPPROVED EVENTS

These are events that are owned by a second party *and conducted within the geographic boundaries of the section* during the Official Tournament Season with no endorsement by the section. These events will not appear on the Tournament Schedule.

***REGULATION:** In order to protect the integrity of the Section Tournament Schedule and its Co-Sponsors, any section member or apprentice desiring to participate in an Unapproved Event without prior approval from the Tournament Committee shall be deemed to have violated these Tournament Rules & Regulations and the participating professional would be subject to disciplinary action as outlined herein. Any member who desires to play in an Unapproved Event must submit a written request seven (7) days prior to the date of the event to the section office (in care of the Tournament Committee). The Tournament Committee's decision to allow or deny the member's participation shall be final.*

Section 4. ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Assistants' Association is a subsidiary of the section and its mission is to create an environment, through education and training, which shall improve the skill level and effectiveness of the section assistant professionals in their career pursuits of obtaining head golf professional positions in the section job market.

The section Assistants' Association tournament schedule is open to Class A-8 PGA members and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices as defined by section Bylaws. The Assistants' Association tournaments are subject to these same Tournament Rules & Regulations.

***REGULATION:** An annual Assistants' Association Membership Fee (AAMF) may be required to play in the series of Individual Pro events within the landscape of Assistants' Association tournament schedule, but not required for other tournaments the section conducts.*

***REGULATION:** The Assistants' Association shall submit its tournament schedule to the Tournament Committee for approval 60 days before the SPRING MEETING of the current year. If a schedule is not submitted, there may be no changes from the preceding years schedule with the exception of sites and dates, the number of tournaments and their formats will stay the same.*