

**ARTICLE IX
PRIZES AND AWARDS**

Section 1. PROFESSIONAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

Professional Prizes and awards consist of both monetary prizes and special exemptions.

- (a) **INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PRIZES:** All professional prizes shall be dispersed from the Section office within a reasonable time frame from completion of said event.

PROFESSIONAL PRIZE BREAKDOWN

REGULATION: *Professional Prizes in section events will be paid to approx. 33% of the starting field.*

PROFESSIONAL SKINS

REGULATION: *Professional Skins competitions will be conducted at selective events and at all Pro-Am Series events. Check or credit card entry required, and prizes for such will be issued through the section office.*

REGULATION: *A skins purse that is not awarded will be forwarded to the following year's event and will be allocated to the skins purse of said event (added Jan 2107)*

1099 RECORDS

REGULATION: *Professionals who are forwarded from the section office more than \$600 of combined prize money, amateur team member prizes and host professional fees during the calendar year will be sent a 1099 Tax Record form indicating their annual income from said events.*

- (b) **PROFESSIONAL EXEMPTIONS:**

Professionals will receive special exemptions to selective events based upon finish in designated competitions.

CHALLENGE CUP MATCHES

REGULATION: *Professionals who finish among the top eight (8) in Player-of-the-Year points standings and the top two seniors in the Senior Player-of-the-Year competition, plus the defending section Champion, the host professional, and two (2) captain's selections will be invited to participate in the following year's Challenge Cup Matches. In the event one of the above professionals will be unavailable to compete the next professional on the respective list would be eligible.*

NOTE: *If a professional finishes in the top eight (8) in the POY points standing and in the top two (2) in Senior POY standing the professional will compete in the senior division. The next professional on the POY point standings would be eligible.*

REGULATION: *The tournament committee will select the Challenge Cup captain for the Challenge Cup Matches. The person will be named at the Fall PGA Membership Meeting and will be approved by the Board of Directors. The captain is responsible for selecting two captain's selections.*

REGULATION: *The two (2) captain's selection shall be Connecticut Section Affiliated PGA members in good standing.*

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATION: *The low scoring PGA Member in the current year of The Spring PGA Stroke Play will receive an exemption from qualifying in the same year Travelers Championship.*

REGULATION: *The host PGA Professional of the Pre and Open Qualifier will receive an exemption into the Open Qualifier, the remaining Open Qualifier exemptions will be awarded to the top finishers in the Pre-Qualifier that did not qualify for the Open Qualifier.*

THE PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATION: *The professional who wins the Section Player of the Year title, and who is section affiliated at the time of the national championship, will receive an exemption from the PGA of America, Professional National Championship.*

NOTE: *In years when only two exemptions are provided from the PGA of America, the professional who wins the Player of the Year title will not receive an exemption from the Connecticut Section PGA and all exemptions will be awarded to the top two finishers at the Connecticut PGA Professional Championship*

NOTE: *If the Section Player of the Year is awarded an exemption into the Professional National Championship from the PGA of America, the exemption would be awarded to the first alternate in the Connecticut PGA Professional Championship.*

(c) PRIZE AND EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION FOR SECTION TOURNAMENTS:

REGULATION: *The following expense and prize distribution will be in effect for section tournaments in order to determine an event purse.*

1. Through annual budgeting between 80% and 82% of entry fees will be allocated for purposes of establishing a prize purse for section tournaments so that between 18% and 20% will be withheld for the purpose of funding the tournament program. A gross profit or loss may be realized as a result.

REGULATION: *For PGA Pro-Am Series tournaments only, the section will retain 60% of the Professional entry. The balance of the entry fee and 100% of the sponsorship income will be used to determine the Individual Professional and the Team Professional prizes.*

2. In addition to the above, section policy states that direct expenses such as, Bank Fees, BlueGolf Internet Fees, Golf Car Fees, Golf Course Fees, applicable Food & Beverage expenses, Host Pro Fees; On-Site Field Staff (does not include any office staff personnel); Rules Official Fees, Tournament Staff Travel, Banners & Signs, Trophies and Awards and any other applicable expenses that are specific to a tournament, shall be withheld from entry fees.
3. In the Pro & 1 Amateur events, thirty percent (30%) of the purse will be awarded to individual professionals per the section's prize breakdown distribution and in the Pro & 3 Amateur events, twenty-five percent (25%) of the purse will be awarded to individual professionals per the section's prize breakdown distribution.
4. In the Pro & 1 Amateur events, seventy percent (70%) of the purse will be distributed to the Pro-Am competition while Pro & 3 Amateur events will distribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the purse to the Pro-Am competition. All gross and net place finishers will receive the same valued prizes, with more places being awarded prizes in the net division.
5. Regarding team prizes, the professional will receive the cash equivalent of his/her share of the team prize.
6. In team events, the amount of teams paid will be approximately 25 percent of the total teams entered

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and per the section's Prize Breakdown distribution.

7. A 6.5% administration fee will be deducted from the total Skins entry fees.
8. The Connecticut Section PGA will adopt the USGA Rule 33-6/2(3), which states "In either a scratch or handicap stroke play competition, if a play-off of any type is not feasible, matching cards is recommended." It goes on to say, "An acceptable method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the bases of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole." No ties will be broken unless each player will receive less than \$50. For all events, the last nine holes are deemed to be holes 10-18.
9. In determining gross and net team payouts, when breaking a tie, the higher dollar amount prevails.

Section 2. AMATEUR PRIZES

Amateur prizes will be paid to the tournament host head golf professional for credit disbursement.

***REGULATION:** Last place Amateur team prizes shall be determined by a match of cards, rather than be split among the teams that tie for last place money.*

OUT OF SECTION AMATEURS

The following regulation applies to non-section-affiliated amateurs who win prizes.

***REGULATION:** Amateur prizes won by out of section amateurs or from amateurs from non-PGA section-affiliated home golf courses will be paid to the tournament host professional for merchandise credit disbursement.*

Section 3. SECTION PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The section Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the professional accumulating the most Player Performance Points during the Official Tournament season. The Player of the Year will be recognized on the Robert N. Shea Trophy.

Section 4. SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The section Senior Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the senior professional who accumulates the most Senior Player Performance Points during the Official Tournament Season. The Senior Player of the Year will be recognized on the Robert N. Shea Trophy.

Section 5. ASSISTANT PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The section Assistant Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the assistant professional who accumulates the most Assistant Player Performance Points during the Official Tournament Season.

Section 6. TOURNAMENT POINT SYSTEM

Player-of-the-Year Performance Points are described in APPENDIX II. Only section-affiliated PGA Members as defined under Article IV, Section 1, herein are eligible to earn player Performance Points.