

**ARTICLE V
TOURNAMENTS**

Section 1. SECTION INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section Individual Championships are intended to be conducted annually. The sites and dates will be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) CONNECTICUT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36 holes, Stroke Play, held over two days. There will be no cut with a field of 60 or less. If the field is 60 or more, the field will be cut to 60 players and ties or any player within 7 shots of the lead. The purse payout will be 33% of the starting field.

Eligibility:

Open to all PGA members in good standing regardless of section affiliation, and all Connecticut Section Apprentices as defined herein.

(b) CONNECTICUT PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members per PGA of America, Professional National Championship regulations.

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 Connecticut Section PGA.

NOTE: If the Section Player of the Year is awarded an exemption into the PGA Professional Championship from The PGA of America the exemption would be awarded to the first alternate in the Connecticut PGA Professional 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 the top two finishers at the Connecticut PGA Professional Championship.

(c) SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing, who have reached the age of fifty, on or before the date of the event.

(d) ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Class A-8 Members in good standing and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices. Also serves as the PGA of America Assistant Championship section qualifier.

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(e) MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

Contested over three days. Day 1 (Round of 64 followed by Round of 32); 18-holes each, match play. Day 2 (Round of 16 followed by Quarter Final Matches); 18-holes each, match play. Day 3 (Semi Final followed by the Final Match); 18-holes, match play.

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members as defined herein Article IV.

REGULATION: *The defending champion will receive the #1 seed. All other seeds will be determined by the official Player of the Year point rankings. Players entering the event with no Player of the Year points will be seeded by blind draw.* (Eligibility/format change approved on March 14, 2017)

(f) THE SPRING PGA STROKE PLAY

Format:

36-hole, stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Section-affiliated PGA Members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 and Section-affiliated Apprentices as defined herein Article IV, Section 2.

Note: *The exemption into the Travelers Championship must be awarded to a Class-A PGA Member.*

Section 2. SECTION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section Team Championships are intended to be conducted annually. The sites and dates will be determined by the Tournament Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) PROFESSIONAL-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

18-hole, four-ball stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Supervising Golf Professional as defined by PGA Bylaws and his/her Assistant Professional from the same golf facility. Teams shall consist of section-affiliated PGA Class A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-8, and A-14 Members; Registered Apprentices (A-A's only) and Pre-Apprentices in good standing on the date of the event. More than one team per facility may enter depending on availability.

(b) DEL KINNEY PRO PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

18-hole, four-ball stroke play competition

Eligibility:

Teams shall consist of section-affiliated PGA members as defined herein Article IV, Section 1 in good standing, and eligibly employed Registered Apprentices (whose team partner must be a PGA member as defined above). Competitors may choose their own partner, however, the top 30 Player Performance Points leaders as of 30 days prior to the tournament may not be on the same team. Anyone not on in the top 30 may form a team with any other eligible golf professional.

An eligibly employed registered apprentice may not be paired with a PGA Member who is inside the top 10 in the current Player of the Year standings.

(c) PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP

Format:

18-hole, four-ball stroke play competition (gross only), contest include Pro+1 Club Champion, Pro+1 Senior Club Champion (age 50+) and Pro+1 Ladies Club Champion.

Eligibility:

Teams shall consist of 1 professional and up to three (3) of his or her club champions. Amateur partners can be a Club Champion from any year. (Current year is preferred)

Section 3. SECTION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section Junior Championships are intended to be conducted annually. The sites and dates will be determined jointly by the Junior Golf and Tournament Committees and approved by the Board of Directors.

(a) CONNECTICUT PGA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPFormat:

The section shall follow the regulations established by the PGA of America.

Eligibility:

Junior boys and girls must be under 18 years of age as of the first day of the National Championship (PGA of America guidelines are followed).

(b) JACK KELLY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONSFormat:

18-holes, Individual Stroke Play, girls & boys divisions.

Eligibility:

Junior Boys and Girls (age 13 - 17 on the day of the event) club/course champions of section-affiliated golf facilities where employment of PGA members or apprentices is established, and exemptions are also awarded to overall winners of events on the Section Junior Golf Tournament Schedule and state high school division champions. Additional exceptions are pre-determined by the Junior Golf Committee and denoted on the Official Entry.

Section 4. SECTION SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

The section may elect, from time to time, to conduct or sponsor golf tournaments form with inside the boundaries of the section. The Tournament Committee upon approval from the Board of Directors shall have complete and final authority to decide as to what extent the section will be involved in such events.

REGULATION: Section Tournament Rules & Regulations are applied to these tournaments the section owns and operates.

Section 5. PGA TOUR & AFFILIATE QUALIFIERS

All PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour events and qualifiers will be assured a date on the Tournament Schedule with the understanding that no Sponsored or Co-Sponsored section tournament will conflict.

Section 6. PGA OF AMERICA TOURNAMENTS AND QUALIFIERS

Events conducted by the PGA of America, and the section qualifiers for such events will be placed on the Tournament Schedule. Section members who meet eligibility requirements will be permitted to enter and participate in these events:

- (a) PGA ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER
- (b) THE PGA OF AMERICA, SENIOR PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER
- (c) THE PGA OF AMERICA, PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- (d) TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATION: The USGA Rule pertaining to new groove and punch mark specifications will be in effect for all PGA of America Tournaments and Qualifiers.