

ARTICLE IX. CODE OF CONDUCT

Section 9.01 General

The Philadelphia Section PGA Tournament Committee expects the conduct of its professionals and amateur contestants to adhere to the PGA Code of Ethics and the traditional etiquette expected from ladies and gentlemen.

Each PGA of America Member of Apprentice Participant ("Participant") acknowledges the right and authority of the Philadelphia Section PGA to (i) fine and suspend from tournament play; and/or to (ii) fine and permanently bar the Participant from Section Tournaments. Any Participant in a Section event hereby releases the Philadelphia Section PGA, the PGA of America, the PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., rules officials, each director, officer, member, employee, agent or representative of any of the foregoing jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, arising out of or in connection with any such decision or action by the Philadelphia Section PGA, PGA of America or any appellate body.

Note: Fines are due and payable within thirty (30) days unless the Participant has made a written appeal. Should the appeal be denied, the fine will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of such denial of appeal; and the Participant will be ineligible to participate in any Philadelphia Section PGA tournament and any other PGA of America tournaments and the tournaments of any other PGA Section until said fine is paid in full.

If any Participant engages in any of the following (but not limited to the following) activities or behavior at the site of a Philadelphia Section PGA tournament before, during, or after the actual competition, he or she shall be considered in violation of the Philadelphia Section PGA Code of Conduct, and this shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action:

Section 9.02 Rules of Golf

Any Participant in a Philadelphia Section PGA tournament who breaches the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association or Local Rules in effect for the conduct of such event shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules as well as any other penalties imposed by the Philadelphia Section PGA consistent with this policy. The decision of the Philadelphia Section PGA Rules Officials/ and/or the Philadelphia Section PGA Tournament Disciplinary Committee with respect to such Rules breach shall be final and conclusive.

Section 9.03 Conduct Unbecoming a professional

Any Participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a Philadelphia Section PGA tournament or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.) shall be subject to fine, suspension and/or permanent disbarment from Philadelphia Section PGA tournament play as provided in this policy. A fine of \$100 shall be levied for the first offense. A fine of \$150 shall be levied for the second offense, and a prohibition from participating in Section events for one year shall be levied for the third offense. Any Participant that is found guilty of more than three offenses for conduct unbecoming a professional charge may, at the sole discretion of the Philadelphia Section PGA, be permanently prohibited from participating in all Philadelphia Section PGA and PGA of America tournaments and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Philadelphia Section PGA reserves the right to pursue Code of Ethics charges against any PGA Member/Apprentice for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at Philadelphia Section PGA golf tournaments and related events at the sole discretion of the Philadelphia Section PGA in compliance with the procedures for Code of Ethics hearings as set forth in the PGA of America Bylaws. The following shall also be deemed as violations of the Philadelphia Section PGA code of conduct:

- (a) Disrespect for:
 - (i) Host Club
 - (ii) Tournament Officials
 - (iii) Sponsor
 - (iv) Fellow Competitors
 - (v) Host Professional
 - (vi) Office Staff
 - (vii) Fellow professionals

- (b) Gambling
- (c) Excessive drinking
- (d) Vandalism
- (e) Throwing or breaking golf clubs
 - (i) First offense: \$100 fine
 - (ii) Second Offense: \$250 fine
 - (iii) Third offense: Suspension of Section playing privileges for one year from date of last infraction. Note: Offenses are cumulative for one year.
- (f) Use of loud, crude language
- (g) Dishonest play
- (h) Personal complaints: Criticisms or complaints involving the PGA, sponsors, the host club, the golf course, or players, shall be made to the Tournament Committee in private. Such complaints are not for general publication.
- (i) No PGA member, Apprentice (Registered or Pre-Apprentice), or amateur may directly or indirectly through a third party, contact a tournament sponsor for the purpose of gaining an exemption, or otherwise circumventing the Tournament Rules & Regulations, or receiving preferential treatment thereby, or any other reason.
- (j) No player may take undue advantage of the Rules of Golf, or a fellow competitor, or in any way compete in a manner contrary to the spirit of the rules.
- (k) No player may compete as the partner of, or verify the handicap of an amateur with the knowledge that such a handicap is incorrect. The professional is responsible to find out the correct handicap of amateur partners.
- (l) No Philadelphia Section PGA Member, Apprentice, or pre-Apprentice may organize, promote, or participate in any golf tournament within the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Section PGA that is not sanctioned by the PGA of America and the Philadelphia Section PGA if it is in direct conflict with and detracts from the participation in and promotion of a Philadelphia Section PGA scheduled and sanctioned golf tournament and does not conform to the policies and minimum standards of eligibility, entries, rules, "added money", prize money, or any other regulations or policies as established in the Tournament Rules & Regulations of the Philadelphia Section PGA.
- (m) Professionals withdrawing from any section event must notify the Section office or the host club at least one hour prior to their tee times for that event. In the event that the Section office is closed, the professional must notify the host club. Failure to do so may result in a fine.
 - (i) Open Event: \$50 fine
 - (ii) Pro-Pro: \$50 per player
 - (iii) Pro-Am: \$100 professional, and letter of apology to host professional
 - (iv) This fine will be payable within ten (10) days of billing.
- (n) Any golf professional or amateur – before, during, or after the competition of a Philadelphia Section PGA sanctioned event, whether competing or not, who violates any rules, ethics, or the Code of Conduct of the PGA, or displays conduct in a manner likely, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, to injure or discredit the reputation of the PGA, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee of the Philadelphia Section PGA and may be required to appear before said Committee.
- (o) Non-sufficient fund checks, "account closed" checks, delinquent checks, or checks returned for any reason (other than a bank error) will carry a \$30 service charge for each incident. If the newly issued check, plus service charge is not received by the Section office within ten

(10) days after receipt of written notice, there will be an additional service charge of \$50. In extreme cases, or chronic offenses, disciplinary action may be taken in addition to the above.

- (p) All prize checks not cashed within ninety (90) days will be void.
- (q) Professionals discontinuing play during a Section event for a non-medical reason or an emergency situation will be subject to the following actions:
 - (i) First Offense: \$50
 - (ii) Second Offense: \$100
 - (iii) Third Offense: \$150 and suspension from the next 2 eligible events
 - (iv) Note: Offenses are cumulative for one year
- (r) Prohibition of Communication Devices: In all PPGA individual and professional team events, contestants and their caddies are prohibited from using electronic devices which can be used for incoming and/or outgoing communications during their stipulated round. Any electronic device which is powered-on is deemed to be in use. A competitor in breach of this rule during a stipulated round will be penalized as follows:
 - (i) First offense: \$100 fine
 - (ii) Second offense: Disqualification
 - (iii) Offenses are cumulative for one year

Note: Violations of Section 9.02,(o) do not require the Tournament Committee to follow the procedures outlined under Article X.

Section 9.04 Classes of Penalties for Section Tournament Offenses.

- (a) Minor Penalties: A Minor Penalty is a fine of not more than \$150 and or suspension from tournament play for two or less tournaments. A Minor Penalty may be imposed by Philadelphia Section PGA tournament officials responsible for the conduct of the tournament
- (b) Major Penalties: A Major Penalty is a fine in excess of \$150, suspension from tournament play for more than three tournaments, and/or permanent disbarment from Philadelphia Section PGA tournament play.