

## **Section 8.11 Amateur Handicaps**

- (a) In all Section Pro-Am events, each professional shall be held individually responsible for the handicaps of their amateur partner(s). Except when noted on the event entry form, professionals are required to provide verification of amateurs' handicaps via a computerized USGA or other certified handicap card from their respective clubs or courses, or a copy of a current computerized USGA handicap sheet indicating the amateur's current handicaps. Amateurs may participate in Pro-Am events only if their clubs or courses utilized the USGA handicap system with a computerized printout. Professionals failing to provide substantiation of one or more amateurs' handicaps will be required to do so within seven (7) days of the completion of the tournament or forfeit any money won in that event. Substantiation shall be provided to the Section office. A professional's amateur(s) shall not redeem any prize money/gift certificates at an event's host facility until handicap/club verification has been provided to the Section office for the applicable event.
- (b) If a breach of this policy occurs and prize money is forfeited, the professional prize money shall be retained by the Section. The amateur prize money shall be divided, with forty percent (40%) retained by the host professional of the applicable event, and sixty percent (60%) retained by the Section. This is consistent with Section 8.15 of the Philadelphia Section PGA Tournament Rules & Regulations (Gift Certificate Redemption).
- (c) In all Section Pro-Am events (excluding charity events), where applicable, the slope conversion chart for the host club or course will be used to adjust the amateur's USGA index. All players who do not have a USGA sloped index will play to their home course handicaps. In the event of multiple "home" courses, the lowest handicap will be used.
- (d) The maximum allowable handicap for amateurs playing in Section Pro-Am events (unless otherwise specified) will be thirty-six (36) for men and forty (40) for women. The actual handicaps to be used by the amateurs in the event will be computed as follows: in "one better ball" format events, all handicaps will be computed at eighty percent (80%) of the USGA handicaps for men and ninety percent (90%) for women; in "two better ball" format events, all handicaps will be computed at ninety percent (90%) of the USGA handicaps for both men and women.