

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 sanctioned 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 requested to refrain from the use of cell phones during all tournament rounds, practice rounds, and while utilizing practice areas. Players are asked to use common sense regarding cell phones and be courteous regarding their use. Any competitor found 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: This policy will be considered not in effect if the host facility rules prohibit the use of communication devices.

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