

Section 9.02 - Classes of Violations & Penalties

(a) Minor Penalties

- (i) Throwing clubs
- (ii) Gambling
- (iii) Excessive drinking
- (iv) Disrespect for tournament officials, host professional, sponsors, etc.
- (v) Vandalism
- (vi) Loud, cruel language
- (vii) Contacting a tournament sponsor for an exemption
- (viii) Organizing or Competing in non-sanctioned event
- (ix) Failure to withdraw from an event in a timely manner
- (x) Professionals withdrawing from an event for a non-emergency situation
- (xi) Using a prohibited communication device and/or excessive use of Cellular device

(b) Minor Penalty Fine Schedule

- i) First offense: Fine up to \$250
- ii) Second offense: Fine up to \$400 and/or suspension of one points event
- iii) Third offense: Fine up to \$600 and/or suspension up to one year of tournament play
- iv) Minor Penalties are Cumulative for a twelve (12) month period starting with the date of the first offense.
- v) In the case of a habitual offender the Committee may escalate what is considered a Minor Penalty into a Major Penalty.

(c) Major Penalties

- i) Serious infraction of any Minor Penalty/infraction (multiple complaints)
- ii) Dishonest play, cheating
- iii) Player taking undue advantage of the rules of golf or a fellow competitor
- iv) No player may compete as a partner of, or verify the handicap of an amateur when knowingly incorrect

(d) **Major Penalty Fine Schedule:**

- i) First offense: Fine up to \$350 Second offense: Fine up to \$600 and/or suspension of one points event or pro-am event
- ii) Third offense: Fine up to \$1,000 and/or suspension up to one year of tournament play
- iii) Major penalties will be cumulative over the offender's time as a PGA Member and/or Apprentice.

Note: Fines are due and payable within thirty (30) days of the Tournament Disciplinary Committee's rendering of a decision. Unless the penalty includes a Suspension, the Participant will be eligible to play until the due date. In the event the Participant has made a written appeal and the appeal is denied, the fine will be due and payable immediately following the denial 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.

Note: Violations of The Rules of Golf do not require the Tournament Committee to follow the procedures outlined under Article X.

Note: The Tournament Disciplinary committee has the right to recommend to the Philadelphia Section PGA Executive Committee suspension or expulsion from the membership of the Association subject to the procedures outlined in Section 10.04 below