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ARTICLE I

Organization

Section 1. Name

The Tour shall be called the "NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR".

Section 2. Purpose

The NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR shall be a vehicle for maintaining and promoting the highest standards of competition, sportsmanship and public goodwill through professionally run events for golf professionals, professional golfers and amateurs at upscale facilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The Tour is not designed to provide members a living by playing, rather, to subsidize their income while honing their golf skills through competition.

Section 3. Proposing Rules and Regulations

The Northern Texas PGA has the responsibility of proposing rules and regulations governing all competition on the Tour. Such rules and regulations must be approved and adopted by the Northern Texas PGA Board of Directors. The PGA representative, assigned to represent the Section at a Tour event, is responsible to the NTPGA Executive Director for enforcement of all regulations. Tour members are responsible for the knowledge of *USGA Rules of Golf* and the rules, policies and regulations of the NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR.

Section 4. Membership

Membership to the Tour is open to professional and amateur golfers.

Section 5. Obligations

The annual dues (players' fee) of the Tour shall become due and payable in accordance with and on the dates specified by the Northern Texas PGA.

Currently, members of the Tour shall pay annual dues (players' fee) to the Tour as follows:

PGA Member Professionals	\$0
PGA Registered Apprentice Professionals	\$0
Non-PGA Professional Golfers	\$50
Amateurs	\$50

ARTICLE II

Eligibility

Section 1. Classifications

The privilege of participating in Tour events will be extended to any eligible Tour member. Tour members may include the following:

1. Eligible PGA Members (as defined in the NTPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations)
2. Eligible PGA Registered Apprentices (as defined in the NTPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations)
3. Non-PGA Professionals
4. Amateurs

Section 2. Ten Tournament Rule

The NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR does not count toward the ten-tournament limit for eligibility in NTPGA Section Major Championships and the PGA of America Club Professional Championship.

ARTICLE IIIA

Conduct of Senior Players Tour Tournaments – Championship Series

Section 1. Entry Requirements

- (a) All event entry forms shall be returned to the NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR via mail, facsimile, overnight carrier or in person prior to the stated entry deadline, typically two days prior to the first tournament round. Entries may also be accepted on-line at www.ntpga.com. Faxed entries with a valid American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA credit card will be accepted. Entries which are incomplete or without proper advance entry fee or with an invalid credit card will be returned and the entry rejected. Entries shall not be guaranteed to a credit card, payment must accompany the entry or the credit card will be charged. Entries will not be accepted over the telephone.
- (b) All competitors must sign an official entry form and/or register on-line to be eligible to participate. By signing an official entry form and/or competing in a Tour event, competitors agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the NTPGA Senior Players Tour, the *USGA Rules of Golf* and NTPGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition.
- (c) All entries are subject to approval by the NTPGA Senior Players Tour. PGA Member/Apprentice competitors must be eligible at the time of entry deadline and at the date of the tournament. A PGA Member/ Apprentice that is not eligible at the time of entry deadline and at the date of the tournament can still compete in the event but must pay the Non-PGA Professional entry fee.
- (d) All competitors must be 48 years old and above as the first day of the event being played. Contestants must have a valid ID and social security number or valid tax identification number.
- (e) Entries received after the entry deadline will:
 - 1. If the starting field is not full, late entries will be added and a late fee of \$50.00 will be added (subject to course availability).
 - 2. If the starting field is full, late entries will be placed on an alternate list. They will be informed by the Tour by telephone as their entry is accepted with a late fee of \$50.00.

Section 2. Starting Fields

The field for NTPGA Senior Players Tour – Championship Series events shall be 84 players and will be determined as follows (unless otherwise stated on the official entry form):

- (a) The PGA Member host professional
- (b) Tour members in the order entries are received

Section 3. Entry Fees

The NTPGA Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the entry fees. Entry fees for 36-hole Tour events shall be as follows:

Amateurs:	\$325.00
PGA Member Professionals:	\$375.00
PGA Registered Apprentice Professionals:	\$375.00
Non-PGA Professional Golfers:	\$425.00

Class "F" Members, Class-A "Inactive" Members or suspended Members/Apprentices will be classified as Non-PGA Professional Golfers and will be charged the Non-PGA Professional entry fee of \$425.00.

Section 4. Refunds

A full refund minus a \$50.00 cancellation fee will be granted if the player cancels before the date and time listed on the official entry form.

If a player cancels after this time, they will not receive a refund.

In cases of emergency, written requests for refunds can be submitted to the NTPGA Senior Players Tour within five business days of the first round of the tournament. These requests for a refund will be considered separately on their own merits.

No refund will be issued for any reason once a player has teed off.

"No Shows" will not receive a refund for any reason.

Each player in a tournament canceled due to inclement weather will receive a refund minus a \$25.00 administration fee.

Section 5. Arrangement of Pairings / Starting Times

- (a) Starting times and pairings for Tour events will be done on a blind draw in groups of three players, or as otherwise determined by the NTPGA due to existing circumstances.
- (b) For the second and/or final rounds, the field will be repaired by score with low scores off last. If a two-tee start is required, the field will be repaired by score using a double tee wave or waves (reverse horseshoe) with the lowest scores off last on the first tee, middle scores off first on the first and tenth tees, and highest scores off last on the tenth tee. Pairings are subject to change according to course design and availability.
- (c) Requests for starting times will not be accommodated.
- (f) Players will not be called to their tees.
- (g) Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Tour representative in charge. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 6-3 and the Note to Rule 6-3 in the *USGA Rules of Golf*.
- (h) Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his starting time.
- (i) All competitors in Tour events will compete from the same set of tees, regardless of age or gender.

Section 6. Rules of Play

Play in all Tour events shall be conducted in accordance with the *USGA Rules of Golf*, as modified by the NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR. Players will be furnished a copy of such modifications, including Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the Northern Texas PGA, and Notice to Competitors, which shall describe any special Local Rules and Conditions prior to their starting times.

Section 7. Scorecard Requirements

The player's scorecard responsibilities shall be consistent with Rule 6-6 of the *USGA Rules of Golf*.

Every competitor must return a scorecard for himself, even if the scorecard is marked "no card".

Section 8. Pace of Play

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION: The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable Pace of Play Time Chart.

Any subsequent groups will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play or fail to clear the tee of a par-4 or par-5 hole before that hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

NOTE: The Rules Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Rules Committee deems it necessary. Further, if a player is determined by the Rules Committee to be unreasonably slow he may be timed individually at the Rules Committee's discretion, regardless of whether his group is out of position.

TIMING: When the Rules Committee determines that a group or an individual will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed. A group or an individual will be informed after leaving the teeing ground and before any further strokes. Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Any timing exceeding the allotted time to play will be carried over for the remainder of the round.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after the player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as time taken for that stroke.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 20 seconds (for a total of 60 seconds) will be allowed for: (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole; (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole; (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; (d) the first player to play around the putting green; and (e) the first player to play on the putting green.

PENALTIES: Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable and is subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE:	Warning
SECOND OFFENSE:	One (1) Stroke Penalty
THIRD OFFENSE:	Two (2) Stroke Penalty
FOURTH OFFENSE:	Disqualification

Section 9. Transportation

Contestants may ride in a golf car or walk. Contestants may utilize a caddie or carry their own clubs. Golf cars are not required (unless otherwise stated). No more than two golf cars are permitted per group. No more than two people may ride on a golf car at any one time. The Rules Committee has the right to modify this regulation.

Section 10. Conduct

Tour members shall be responsible at all times for conducting themselves in a manner adhering to the traditions of the game. Players must attempt to be competitive and must conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Players must accept responsibility for the conduct of his or her caddie. A caddie who conducts himself in an unbecoming manner could result in the removal of the player from the competition.

The Northern Texas PGA reserves the right to remove a player from the competition for non-competitiveness or unbecoming conduct.

Section 11. Dress Code / Appearance of Players

Players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or tank tops are not permitted in Tour events. All male contestants will be allowed to wear golf shorts during events and practice rounds, however we always encourage professional to wear slacks. All female professional and amateur contestants will be required to conform to the current LPGA Tour dress code.

Caddies may wear either long pants or tailored knee-length shorts. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or tank tops shall not be worn. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. Golf shoes with metal or soft spikes are prohibited.

The Tournament Staff or the NTPGA reserve the right to prohibit a competitor from playing should the competitor be deemed to be dressed inappropriately.

Section 12. Footwear / Metal Spikes

In all Tour events, restrictions on footwear (i.e. metal or ceramic spikes) will follow the policy of the host facility. All competitors must abide by the facility's policy.

The Tournament Staff or the NTPGA reserve the right to prohibit a competitor from playing should the competitor be wearing non-conforming footwear.

Section 13. Discontinuance of Play / Rain Out Procedure

- (a) The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 6-8 of the *USGA Rules of Golf*. The Tour representative in-charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume play, postpone any part of it or cancel play rests entirely with the official in-charge. When serving on the Committee, no member may be a competitor. Discontinuance of play for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by several short intermittent siren or horn notes. NOTE: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time if they think lightning threatens them, even though no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard. When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation all practice facilities including practice putting greens are deemed closed. The Rules Committee will notify players when these areas are to be reopened.
- (b) In Tour events contested at 36 holes, the following rain-out / inclement weather procedure will apply:
 - 1. One day rained out – event will be contested at 18 holes with the entire purse paid.
 - 2. Two days rained out – event may be rescheduled at 36 holes at a later date.
- (c) The following guidelines are for use by the Committee in case of inclement weather:
 - 1. When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round. It is the responsibility of each contestant to be prepared to commence play as soon as the Committee deems the course playable. Contestants are encouraged not to leave the clubhouse facility during a delay of any sort due to the unpredictability of weather conditions.
 - 2. Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled.
 - 3. In the event of a suspension during the final round, the round shall be canceled if more than half the field is unable to complete the round. If more than half the field completes the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. Consideration of this procedure would depend upon availability of the golf course.

Section 14. Course Preparation

Preparation of the course shall be subject to approval of the Tour representative in-charge. Locations of teeing grounds and hole positions on putting greens shall be selected by the Tour representative in-charge.

Section 15. Ties / Playoffs

In all Championship Series events, should two or more competitors tie for first position, the tie will be resolved by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff, unless otherwise stated. Contestants tying for other positions will share equally.

If inclement weather conditions or darkness prevent a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff from being conducted or completed, the competitors tied for first position will be declared joint winners of first place and share equally in the purse to be distributed.

Section 16. Prize Fund Distribution

- (a) The prize fund distribution shall be the total of all entry fees, plus the sponsorship added money (if applicable), less the Tour administration fee and other incidental expenses in conducting the event as determined by the Tour.
- (b) A minimum of 33% of the field shall be paid in the Championship Series. All professionals and amateurs must return a final round score to be eligible for the purse.
- (c) The prize fund distribution will be determined by the Tour representative in-charge, at their discretion. Approximate guidelines for prize fund distribution can be found in Appendix I.
- (d) Distribution to amateurs finishing “in the money” will be in the form of gift certificates equal to the posted purse amount for the appropriate place finished in the field with a maximum for any amateur as provided by the USGA (\$750.00).
- (e) Distribution to professionals finishing “in the money” will be equal to the posted purse amount for the appropriate place finished in the field (i.e. if an amateur finishes first and a professional finishes second, the professional would receive second place money). Any remaining funds due to high amateur finishes will be distributed back into the purse.
- (f) All competitors finishing tied for the final “in the money” place will receive an amount no less than half of the posted last place money (i.e. if the posted last place money is \$300, all competitors tying for the final “in the money” place will receive no less than \$150). The overall prize distribution will be adjusted accordingly.
- (g) The Tour office will pay out the prize fund distribution within five (5) days of the event.
- (h) A player must submit a current IRS Form W-9 to the NTPGA in order to receive prize money.

Section 17. Prize Fund Distribution Chart – Championship Series

The following tables shall be used as a guide for the prize fund distribution for all NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR events. The Tour representative may round these totals up or down at their discretion.

A. Purse Distribution for 28 players (84 player field):

1) .1800	8) .0375	15) .0190	22) .0135
2) .1150	9) .0325	16) .0180	23) .0130
3) .0850	10) .0275	17) .0170	24) .0125
4) .0725	11) .0250	18) .0160	25) .0120
5) .0625	12) .0235	19) .0150	26) .0115
6) .0535	13) .0220	20) .0145	27) .0110
7) .0455	14) .0205	21) .0140	28) .0105

B. Purse Distribution for 20 players (60 player field):

1) .1800	6) .0565	11) .0335	16) .0230
2) .1200	7) .0500	12) .0310	17) .0210
3) .0900	8) .0445	13) .0290	18) .0190
4) .0775	9) .0400	14) .0270	19) .0170

- 5) .0650 10) .0360 15) .0250 20) .0150

C. Purse Distribution for 14 players (42 player field):

- 1) .1800 6) .0675 11) .0400
 2) .1350 7) .0600 12) .0375
 3) .1025 8) .0550 13) .0350
 4) .0850 9) .0500 14) .0325
 5) .0750 10) .0450

ARTICLE III B

Conduct of Senior Players Tour Tournaments – Classic Series

Section 1. Entry Requirements

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- (b) All competitors must sign an official entry form and/or register on-line to be eligible to participate. By signing an official entry form and/or competing in a Tour event, competitors agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the NTPGA Senior Players Tour, the *USGA Rules of Golf* and NTPGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition.
- (c) All entries are subject to approval by the NTPGA Senior Players Tour. PGA Member/Apprentice competitors must be eligible at the time of entry deadline and at the date of the tournament.
- (d) All competitors must be 50 years old and above as the first day of the event being played. Contestants must have a valid ID and social security number or valid tax identification number.
- (e) Entries received after the entry deadline will:
 - 1. If the starting field is not full, late entries will be added and a late fee of \$25.00 will be added (subject to course availability).
 - 2. If the starting field is full, late entries will be placed on an alternate list. They will be informed by the Tour by telephone as their entry is accepted with a late fee of \$25.00.

Section 2. Starting Fields

The field for NTPGA Senior Players Tour events shall be 100 players and will be determined as follows (unless otherwise stated on the official entry form):

- (b) The PGA Member host professional
- (b) Tour members in the order entries are received

Section 3. Entry Fees

The NTPGA Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the entry fees. Entry fees for 36-hole Tour events shall be as follows:

Amateurs:	\$150.00
PGA Member Professionals:	\$150.00
PGA Registered Apprentice Professionals:	\$150.00
Non-PGA Professional Golfers:	\$150.00

Class "F" Members, Class-A "Inactive" Members or suspended Members/Apprentices will not be allowed to compete.

Section 4. Refunds

A full refund minus a \$25.00 cancellation fee will be granted if the player cancels before the date and time listed on the official entry form.

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"No Shows" will not receive a refund for any reason.

Each player in a tournament canceled due to inclement weather will receive a full refund.

Section 5. Arrangement of Pairings / Starting Times

- (a) Starting times and pairings for Classic Series events will be done on a blind draw in groups of three or four players within respective age groups, or as otherwise determined by the NTPGA due to existing circumstances.
- (b) For the second and/or final rounds, the field will be repaired by score with low scores off the first hole. Pairings are subject to change according to course design and availability.
- (c) Requests for starting times will not be accommodated.
- (f) Announcements will be made to send players to the starting holes.
- (g) Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Tour representative in charge. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 6-3 and the Note to Rule 6-3 in the *USGA Rules of Golf*.
- (j) Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his starting time.
- (i) All competitors in Tour events will compete from the same set of tees, with the exception of females who will play from 85-90% of the yardage of the other contestants.

Section 6. Rules of Play

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Section 14. Course Preparation

Preparation of the course shall be subject to approval of the Tour representative in-charge. Locations of teeing grounds and hole positions on putting greens shall be selected by the Tour representative in-charge.

Section 15. Ties / Playoffs

In all Classic Series events, should two or more competitors tie for first position in the professional or amateur divisions respectively, the tie will be resolved by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff, unless otherwise stated. Contestants tying for other positions will share equally within the age group.

If inclement weather conditions or darkness prevent a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff from being conducted or completed, the competitors tied for first position will be declared joint winners of first place and share equally in the purse to be distributed.

Section 16. Prize Fund Distribution

- (e) The prize fund distribution shall be the total of all entry fees, plus the sponsorship added money (if applicable), less the Tour administration fee and other incidental expenses in conducting the event as determined by the Tour.
- (f) A minimum of 33% shall be paid in each age group of the Classic Series. All professionals and amateurs must return a final round score to be eligible for the purse.
- (c) The prize fund distribution will be determined by the Tour representative in-charge, at their discretion. Approximate guidelines for prize fund distribution can be found in Appendix I.
- (d) Distribution to amateurs finishing “in the money” will be in the form of gift certificates equal to the posted purse amount for the appropriate place finished in the field with a maximum for any amateur as provided by the USGA (\$750.00).
- (f) Distribution to professionals finishing “in the money” will be equal to the posted purse amount for the appropriate place finished in the field.
- (g) The Tour office will pay out the prize fund distribution within five (5) days of the event.
- (h) A player must submit a current IRS Form W-9 to the NTPGA in order to receive prize money.

ARTICLE IV

Rules of Conduct

Section 1. Policy

Tour members shall be responsible at all times for conducting themselves in a manner adhering to the traditions of the game. By signing an entry form and/or entering an event, the player agrees to abide by the prescribed Rules of Conduct. Comments or complaints concerning the Tour shall be made in writing and addressed to the NTPGA Executive Director.

Section 2. Violations

Members and Apprentices shall be deemed to have violated the Rules of Conduct by:

- (a) Displaying disrespect for the NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR;
- (b) Displaying disrespect for the Northern Texas PGA Section;
- (c) Displaying disrespect for the Tour Staff;
- (d) Displaying disrespect for the host facility;
- (e) Displaying disrespect for the traditional etiquette of golf;
- (f) Displaying conduct unbecoming of a professional/amateur;
- (g) Making public complaints or criticisms involving the Tour, the PGA, the Tour staff, sponsors, host clubs, golf courses or the tournament format;
- (h) Using loud, profane and/or abusive language in public;

Penalty for violations (a) through (h):

Minimum \$100.00 fine and/or minimum 60 day playing suspension.

- (i) Throwing or breaking a club in anger or disgust;
- (j) Consuming any alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs on the golf course during a tournament round;
 - 1. On the golf course is defined as from the starting time until the scorecard is returned upon the completion of the round.
- (k) Violating the Tour dress code policy;
- (l) Golf Car Etiquette;
 - 1. At no time are three people permitted to ride in or on one golf car. Spectators and caddies are permitted to ride, only if the total number of people in the golf car does not exceed two.
 - 2. Contestants must follow the stated or posted golf car signs. Golf cars must remain on the cart paths on and around tees and greens. This includes the parking of the golf car.
 - 3. At the completion of your round, the golf car used should be returned to the golf car staging area.
- (m) Violating the Tour footwear policy;
- (n) Practice During a Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation;

All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension of play for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Northern Texas PGA.

Penalty for violations (i) through (n):

First Offense – Minimum \$25.00 fine.

Second Offense – Minimum \$50.00 fine and minimum 30 day playing suspension.

Third Offense – Minimum \$200.00 fine and minimum 90 day playing suspension.

Fourth Offense – One-year playing suspension.

- (o) Participation by owning or sharing a ticket or receiving financial benefit from a ticket in a Calcutta event held in connection with a Tour event;
- (p) Participation in any purse-splitting in connection with a Tour event;

Penalty for violations (o) and (p):

Minimum \$100.00 fine and minimum suspension of playing privileges for six months.

- (q) Failing to appear for any round of a Tour event for which a player enters and is accepted. Note: If a competitor decides to withdraw from tournament play, the competitor must notify either the NTPGA Headquarters (leave message for the Director of Tournament Operations if after hours), the NTPGA official on-site or the host professional, as applicable;

Penalty for violation (q):

Minimum \$100.00 fine.

- (r) Every competitor MUST return a scorecard for himself or, in a team competition, for his team, even if the scorecard is marked “no card”. It is not sufficient to merely tell someone in your group that you are “no carding”. If you tee off, you must turn in a scorecard;
- (s) Returned Insufficient Funded Checks; Any returned insufficient funded checks written in payment of entry fee or in conjunction with a Tour membership or event.

Penalty for violations (r) or (s):

Minimum \$50.00 fine.

Section 3. Disciplinary Action

Each Tour member, by becoming a member of the Tour and/or participating in Tour events, acknowledges the right and authority the NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR, Northern Texas PGA Section and NTPGA Executive Director to fine and suspend the member from tournament play, and/or fine and permanently bar the member from play in Tour events or other events conducted by the Northern Texas PGA for violation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations. Tour members who violate the NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SENIOR PLAYERS TOUR Tournament Rules of Conduct as defined in Article IV, Section 2, of the Tour Tournament Rules and Regulations may be subject to disciplinary action to include one or more of the following:

1. Imposition of fines not to exceed \$1,000.00.
2. Suspension of privilege to participate in Tour events for a period not to exceed one year.
3. Such other reasonable actions as may be determined by the NTPGA Board of Directors.

Fines are due and payable within 30 days unless the member has made a written appeal. Should the appeal be denied, the fine will be due and payable within 30 days of such denial of appeal and, notwithstanding such 30-day period, until such fine is paid the member will be ineligible for competition.

Section 4. Procedures for Tournament Rules of Conduct Violations

1. All reporting of alleged Tournament Rules and Regulations violations should be in writing to the NTPGA Executive Director.
2. A Tour member must be provided a written notice of the charges and, if applicable, the time and place of the hearing.
3. The charges should be set forth specifically to enable the Tour member to prepare any defense.
4. It is recommended that the hearing should be scheduled no earlier than 30 days from the date of the written notice.
5. The written notice must be mailed certified, registered or personally delivered. A copy of the Notice of Tournament Rules and Regulations Violation Hearing and a copy of the letter accusing the individual of a violation must also be sent to the NTPGA Executive Director at the NTPGA office.

Section 5. Hearing / Meeting

The hearing should be conducted before the Northern Texas PGA Staff and should allow both sides to set forth their positions. The evidence against the accused Tour member should be presented first.

The accused Tour member may cross-examine any witness.

When all of the charging party's witnesses have been questioned and cross-examined, the accused party may present his/her case. The accused party may call witnesses on his/her own behalf. The accusing party may also cross-examine each witness. Each party may also present tangible evidence such as relevant documents, affidavits (notarized sworn statements from witnesses unable to attend), etc. This evidence will be reviewed by the NTPGA who will make a determination. The NTPGA may question each witness to help clarify the matter following the cross-examination of the witness.

Each party may present a closing statement (with the accuser's closing statement heard following the charging party's statement) if either party desires. Closing statements are not mandatory.

If a Tour member, who is accused of violating the Tournament Rules and Regulations, does not appear at the hearing or states that he/she will not attend the hearing and refuses to re-schedule another date, the hearing should still be continued.

The NTPGA should render their decision based upon the evidence submitted. If the NTPGA decides that a breach of the Tournament Rules and Regulations has occurred, they may impose penalties. However, the individual who was charged with violating the Tournament Rules and Regulations may still appeal the NTPGA's decision.

Section 6. Appeal

Should the individual wish to appeal the NTPGA's decision, he/she may do so by submitting a formal request in writing to the Northern Texas PGA Board of Directors. Such an appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of the decision being appealed.