



# PGA

Northern Texas Section

## 2010 SECTION TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

### SUMMARY OF CHANGES

#### **ARTICLE VI: Eligible Professionals**

##### **Section 1. Classifications**

The list of classifications was reformatted to best illustrate member classifications, apprentice classifications and classification descriptions along with providing online links to detailed classifications via the document.

##### **Section 2. Exceptions**

The list of applicable tours was updated in determining the ten tournament rule in accordance with the PGA National Office.

- (b) The following is a list of tours used to determine the ten tournaments: PGA Tour, Champions Tour, Nationwide Tour, LPGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Canadian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, JPGA Tour, The Sunshine Tour, The Asian Tour, The Safari Tour, PGA Challenge Tour, European Seniors Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, WPTG tournaments, JLPGA, Hooters Tour (Professional Series, Winter Series and Carolina Series), Dakotas Tour, Futures Tour, Gateway Tour, Tar Heel Tour (egolf Tour), Heart Land Players Seniors Tour, LPGT, PGA Challenge Tour and Adams Pro Golf Tour Series (or any other “mini” tour that the tournament committee deems a “like” tour). The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the ten-tournament count.

The verbiage for playing extensions was expanded to clarify playing rights for a Class-A Member and Apprentice under this extension.

- (c) A NTPGA Class-A Member may request an extension of his playing privileges from the date he becomes unemployed. Class A-3 Members are not eligible for this extension. The member, after requesting an extension, will receive an extension of one (1) month of playing privileges for each full year of PGA membership (maximum of twelve (12) months) or until the time he becomes inactive. A member does not have a classification while granted a playing extension. A playing extension provides playing privileges in all Chapter events and Section events except those restricted to specific classifications. The PGA National Office does not recognize playing extensions granted by a Section. A member is solely responsible for meeting any eligibility guidelines set forth by the PGA National Office for a National Tournament. A member may only use this type of extension one time in a two-year period. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Executive Director.

- (d) A NTPGA Apprentice member may request a 30-day extension of playing privileges from the date he becomes unemployed. An Apprentice member does not have a classification while granted a playing extension. A playing extension provides playing privileges in all Chapter events and Section events except those restricted to specific classifications. The PGA National Office does not recognize playing extensions granted by a Section. An Apprentice member is solely responsible for meeting any eligibility guidelines set forth by the PGA National Office for a National Tournament. Requests shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. An apprentice may only use this type of extension one time in a two-year period. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Executive Director.

## **ARTICLE VII: Major Tournament Championships**

### **Section 1. Championship Events / Eligible Classifications**

- 1. NTPGA PRO-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP – Maximum number of players was changed from 132 to 264 in accordance with utilizing two golf courses.

### **Section 2. Qualifying Events**

The number of Texas State Open exemptions granted to NTPGA and STPGA professionals was reduced from 25 to 15 in accordance with a reducing the size of the field to 144 players in 2009.

- (a) Exemptions into the Field
  - 4. The top fifteen (15) NTPGA professionals and ties and the top fifteen (15) STPGA professionals and ties from the previous year's Player of the Year Point Standings.

The exemptions listed below were eliminated for the Texas State Open in accordance with reducing the size of the field to 144 players in 2009.

- 8. Current Texas State Amateur Champion, if otherwise eligible.
- 11. The top professional and amateur on the Senior Associates' Tour Points List as of June 30 of the applicable year.
- 12. Previous year's Legend's Junior Tour Boys 15-18 Player of the Year, if otherwise eligible.
- 13. Previous year's Legend's Junior Tour Boys 15-18 Tylerpaper.com champion, if otherwise eligible.

### **Section 10. Policy Regarding Ties**

The policies regarding ties were reformatted for easier reference with no verbiage changes made.

### **Section 12. Prize Fund Distribution**

The eligibility and regulations for the Final Round Player's Pool and Senior Division were formally introduced to the document.

- (e) There will be a \$1,000.00 Final Round Player's Pool for all professionals in the competition for round two in the Eastern, Western, PGA Professional (PNC) and Section Championship. The Final Round Player's Pool is based on scores for round two only. The top five (5) round two scores will be paid out with all ties equally shared. A player who is awarded Championship purse monies may not also earn Final Round Player's Pool monies. First place in the Final Round Player's Pool will be no more than last place prize money in the Championship. The Player's Pool is separate from the tournament purse. Winnings will be paid out by the Northern Texas PGA Section office via check.
  
- (f) There will be a \$1,000.00 Senior Division for those players who are 50 years of age or older in the Eastern, Western and Section Championship. The Senior Division is based on 36-hole total scores. The top five (5) scores will be paid out with all ties equally shared. A player who is awarded Championship purse monies may not earn Senior Division purse monies. First place in the Senior Division will be no more than last place prize money in the Championship. The Senior Bonus Division is separate from the tournament purse. Winnings will be paid out by the Northern Texas PGA Section office via check.

For more information regarding the Northern Texas PGA Tournament Rules & Regulations, please visit [www.ntpga.com](http://www.ntpga.com) and click on the Rules & Regulations under the Section Tournaments link.