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KENTUCKY PGA TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE I PURPOSE

Section 1. General

The Kentucky PGA tournament program aims to provide various playing opportunities for our PGA Members, Associates, and Amateurs in the Section. Additionally, these tournaments serve as a platform to engage with fellow Members and Associates, mentorship, networking, and compete for prize money, while exemplifying integrity and sportsmanship.

The KPGA Tournament Committee and the KPGA Board of Directors reserve the right to modify the above Tournament Rules and Regulations at any time.

ARTICLE II TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. Sanctioned Tournaments

Are scheduled, operated by and fiscally accountable tournaments of the KPGA. All such tournaments are to be approved and scheduled by the KPGA Tournament Committee with approval by the KPGA Board of Directors. The KPGA will, for the edification of its members, publish the names and dates of the sanctioned tournaments on the KPGA website and in other forms available to KPGA Members & Associates.

KPGA tournaments held within the geographical territory that defines the KPGA shall be held at KPGA Member Clubs participating in Golf House Kentucky's handicap computation service. Such clubs must employ as a KPGA Member or an Associate registered in the PGA Associate Program.

Selection of the sites for the KPGA Section Professional Championship and the Kentucky Open Championship are subject to the approval of the KPGA Board of Directors. Such sites must employ a KPGA Member or Associate in good standing at the time the event is scheduled.

Section 2. Supported Tournaments

Tournaments that promote the visibility of KPGA Members & Associates, but are not recognized as sanctioned tournaments, may, with the approval of the KPGA Board of Directors, be published and listed as KPGA Supported Tournaments. Any facilities hosting such a tournament, may, without charge, provide the KPGA Tournament Director with such information as to the date, site, participation and other pertinent details about the event. Such sites must employ a KPGA Member or Associate in good standing at the time the event is scheduled.

The KPGA will, for the edification of its members, publish these details on its host website for a period up to the date of said event. KPGA Members & Associates are personally responsible for knowing the status of KPGA Sanctioned Tournaments and KPGA Supported Tournaments. Participation in a tournament that is scheduled during the play of a KPGA Sanctioned Tournament and that is being conducted within 150 miles of such tournament is prohibited. The KPGA Tournament Committee shall determine a reasonable disciplinary action for such violations not to exceed the guidelines detailed in the Tournament Conduct Policy.

NOTE: the Host Professional may extend a limited number of invitations to non-KPGA Members in KPGA Supported Tournaments.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

Section 1. Players Card

KPGA Members and Associates can register for a KPGA Players Card for an annual fee of \$100. By joining, you will receive a discount of \$10 off the posted entry fee when registering for Pro-Pro and Pro-Am tournaments (excludes Travel Pro-Ams). This also enters you into the draft for the Season Long Pro-Pro Series Team Competition, which has the opportunity for a \$500 bonus payout at the end of the season to the winning team.

- ***What is the Season Long Pro-Pro Series?***
 - o Players must purchase their Players Card by March 15th of the current season to be entered into the team draft.
 - o Players are then drafted to one of five teams (Team Nicholas, Team Osborne, Team Demling, Team Tyree, Team Brewer). Each team typically has approximately 15 players.
 - o For each Pro-Pro tournament a player competes in, they will earn points to go towards their overall team season points based on what place them and their partner finish at each Pro-Pro tournament. Example, Player A and Player B are partners in the Pro-Pro Shamble and finish solo 4th as a team. They will each earn 17 points to go towards their overall team point total.
 - o The overall team with the most points at the end of the season will earn a bonus payout of \$500 to each player.

Section 2. Hole-in-One Club

KPGA Members and Associates can register for the Hole-In-One Club for an annual fee of \$25. 50% of this fee will be automatically donated to the Kentucky Golf Foundation with the other 50% going into the prize pool. ***Non-KPGA Professionals and Amateurs are not eligible.***

- ***Payouts-*** HIO Club members that make a hole-in-one during a designated KPGA tournament will split the overall prize pool to be awarded at the end of the season.
 - o You must join the HIO Club prior to making a hole-in-one for it to be eligible for the prize money. If there are no hole-in-ones in the calendar year, 50% of the entire prize pool will be donated to the Kentucky Golf Foundation and the remaining 50% will roll into the next season's prize pool.
- ***Eligible Events-*** any KPGA Sanctioned tournament, including KPGA Section run events.
- ***Ineligible Events-*** KPGA Junior Tour events, Travel Pro-Ams outside of Kentucky, any PGA TOUR Qualifying, PGA of America Championships, Playing Ability Tests or any side game/event run on a course consisting of only par 3 holes.

ARTICLE IV

ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Requirements

All Kentucky PGA Members and Associates, except Life Members, are required to update their PGA Compensation Profile on pga.org prior to March 15 of the current tournament season, within that calendar year. Members and Associates not meeting this requirement are not eligible to participate in Kentucky PGA Tournaments, unless they do the following;

- a.) Immediately update their PGA Compensation Profile on pga.org
- b.) Pay a \$50 fee to the Kentucky PGA

KPGA Members and Associates must be in good standing, eligibly employed in an active PGA Classification or be a Life Member.

- Associates- must have passed all pre-qualifying requirements and has reached Level 1 stage toward membership in the PGA of America.
- Inactive, Suspended, and Class "F" members are ineligible to compete in KPGA Competitions

Amateur and Non-KPGA Professional eligibility vary by tournament and are outlined in the following sections.

Awaiting Reinstatement of Status- Individuals who have petitioned and are waiting to regain their amateur status through the USGA are not eligible to register and compete in Kentucky PGA Sanctioned events.

- ***Exception-*** an individual may register and compete as an AR (Amateur Awaiting Reinstatement) in the Kentucky Open, Kentucky Women's Open, and Kentucky Senior Open. They must waive their right to any prize money offered and must not accept any prize reserved for an amateur golfer.

Section 2. National Qualifiers

The KPGA Section, Senior, and Assistant Professional Championships are all qualifiers for National Championships and criteria for participation is established by the PGA of America. The KPGA will adhere to the national requirements.

Section 3. KPGA Season Long Match Play

Member Match Play- only for Class A KPGA Professionals and Life Members.

Senior Match Play- only for Class A KPGA Professionals and Life Members that have reached the age of 50 as of the first match deadline date.

Assistant/Associate Match Play- for Class A8s and all Associates.

Section 4. Major Championships

Kentucky Open- for professional and amateur men that meet the defined eligibility requirements for all Qualifier Sites and Exempt Players.

- KPGA Professionals and Professionals that are Kentucky Residents.
- Amateurs that are
 - o ***Residents-*** must have an active GHIN/Handicap Index for the current season with a KGA Member Club, KGA Affiliate Club, KGA EClub or USGA/Kentucky GC
 - o ***Non-Residents-*** must be a dues paying member at a KGA Member Club AND have an active GHIN/Handicap Index for the current season with a KGA Member Club, KGA Affiliate Club, KGA EClub or USGA/Kentucky GC.
- Past Champions that are non-residents are eligible to compete
- Definition of Kentucky Resident- is a person who maintains his legal place of residence in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. To establish residency for the purpose of eligibility for the Kentucky Open, an applicant must meet one of the criteria listed below in subsections 1-4;
 - 1.) Is a person who meets one of the criteria in paragraphs (a)-(d);
 - a. Has resided in Kentucky for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the entry deadline of the event
 - b. Holds a Kentucky Driver's License
 - c. Is registered to vote in Kentucky
 - d. Owns property in Kentucky
 - 2.) Is a student who physically attended a high school or college in Kentucky at any time during the four months before the date of the entry deadline;
 - 3.) Is a student who graduated from a Kentucky high school and who attends an out-of-state college, but remains a legal dependent of a parent or guardian who meets the Kentucky residency requirement;
 - 4.) Is a member of the military who is based in Kentucky on active duty as of the date of the entry deadline.

Kentucky Women's Open- for professional and amateur women that meet the defined eligibility requirements.

- KPGA Professionals and Professionals that are residents and non-residents
- Amateurs that are resident and non-residents
 - o Must have an active GHIN/Handicap Index for the current season with an authorized club or association. Does not have to be from a KGA Member Club, KGA Affiliate Club, KGA EClub or USGA/Kentucky GC.

Kentucky Senior Open- for professional and amateur men that are 50 years of age or older as of Round 1 of the Championship and meet the defined eligibility requirements.

- KPGA Professionals and Professionals that are residents and non-residents.
- Amateurs that are resident and non-residents
 - o Must have an active GHIN/Handicap Index for the current season with an authorized club or association. Does not have to be from a KGA Member Club, KGA Affiliate Club, KGA EClub or USGA/Kentucky GC.
- There will be a Championship Division (age 50+) and Super-Senior Division (age 60+).

Section 5. Pro-Pro Team Series

Tournaments- Pro-Pro Challenge, Pro-Assistant/Pro-Pro, 2x2 Pro-Am, Pro-Pro Shamble, Pro-Pro Championship.

Partners- Players do not need to have the same partner for each tournament.

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 - o The overall team with the most points at the end of the season will earn a bonus payout of \$500 to each player.

Section 6. Pro-Am Tournaments

Tournaments- Pro-Am Championship, Pro-Senior #1, 2x2 Pro-Am, Bill Long Mega Pro-Am, Pro-Family, Pro-Lady, Titleist/FootJoy Team Championship, Pro-Scratch, Longwell Pro-Am, Pro-Official, Travel Pro-Am.

Amateurs Requirements- can be residents and non-residents and must have an active GHIN/Handicap Index for the current season, (unless otherwise noted on the tournament's information page or communicated by the KPGA Tournament Director), with an authorized club or association. Does not have to be from a KGA Member Club, KGA Affiliate Club, KGA EClub or USGA/Kentucky GC.

Responsibility- KPGA Members and Associates are responsible for the eligibility of their team members. If a team competes in a sanctioned event with an ineligible amateur, that team will be disqualified from the competition.

Handicap Rules & Scoring- Handicap rules will apply when a tournament includes amateur participation and net scoring is part of the format being played. The tournament committee has the option to modify the terms of the competition to include or exclude these guidelines when applicable.

- ***Limitations on Course Handicap-*** Men- 36; Women- 40
- ***Percentages- Best Ball Competitions-*** 80%; Shamble Competitions- 70%
- ***Score Posting-*** All amateur scores should be posted after the competition using the appropriate course slope and rating for the teeing area used by that player. If a player has not completed all holes, the administrator should use the guidelines provided by the USGA Handicap System booklet (Rule 3.3, pages 41-44).

Sponsor Playing Invitations- the KPGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to extend a playing invitation for Pro-Am events to sponsor representatives of the specific KPGA Sanctioned Tournament of which they are affiliated. Sponsor representatives must meet the eligibility requirements that include having an active Handicap Index and meet the USGA definition of an amateur golfer.

Section 7. One Day, KPGA Open Series

For professional and amateur women and men that meet the defined eligibility requirements. The competition will be Gross score only and there will be Open, Senior (age 50+) and Super-Senior Divisions (age 60+) for women and men.

- KPGA Professionals and Professionals that are residents and non-residents
- Amateurs that are resident and non-residents
 - o Must have an active GHIN/Handicap Index for the current season with an authorized club or association. Does not have to be from a KGA Member Club, KGA Affiliate Club, KGA EClub or USGA/Kentucky GC.
 - o Must have a Handicap Index of 9.9 or better at the time of registration.

Section 8. Cup Matches

Kaiser Cup- Is a match between KPGA Members and KPGA Assistants/Associates. Any KPGA Member or Associate in good standing who is eligibly employed or a Life Member is eligible for an invitation based on the outlined criteria.

- Team KPGA Members- must be a Class A Member or Master Professional. Excludes A8 Classification.
 - o Captain will be the Larry Gilbert POY from the previous season. Should that player not be able to participate, the next player in the standings will serve in the role.
 - o The top-8 players from the Larry Gilbert POY standings from the previous season, plus two (2) at-large selections made by the Captain.
- Team KPGA Assistants/Associates- must be a Class A8 Member or an Associate
 - o Captain will be the Assistant/Associate POY from the previous season. Should that player not be able to participate, the next player in the standings will serve in the role.
 - o The top-8 players from the Assistant/Associate POY standings from the previous season, plus two (2) at-large selections made by the Captain.
- Formats and Scoring are as follows;
 - o Day 1- Front 9- Four-Ball, Back 9- Foursomes
 - o Day 2- Singles
 - o One point will be awarded to the winner of each match. If the match is tied at the completion of the stipulated round, ½ point will be awarded to each side. No extra holes will be played.

Coomer Cup- Is a match between the Professionals of the Kentucky PGA and Amateurs of the Kentucky Golf Association. Any KPGA Member or Associate who is eligibly employed or a Life Member is eligible for an invitation based on the outlined criteria.

- Captain- is the current President of the KPGA and KGA Board of Directors.

- Team KPGA- players will be invited based on the respective standings for the specified POY category during the current season. The point cutoff date will be determined by the KPGA Tournament Committee and then posted and communicated to all Members and Associates accordingly.
 - o Larry Gilbert POY- top-4 players
 - o Assistant/Associate POY- top-4 players. Associates that have completed Level 1, are eligible.
 - o Senior POY- top-2 players
- Team KGA- players will be invited based on the respective standings for the specified POY category from the previous season
 - o John C. Owens POY- top-8 players
 - o Tom Musselman POY- top-2 players
- Formats and Scoring are as follows;
 - o 27-holes of competition that will consist of a different format for each 9-holes. Two-Person Scramble, Champman Alternate Shot, and Four-Ball.
 - o Each hole, as well as the total match, will be worth 1 point, ties will be split ½ points to each side. A total of 150 points will be available to capture.

Kentuckiana Cup- Is a match between the Kentucky PGA and the Indiana PGA. Any KPGA Member or Associate in good standing who is eligibly employed or a Life Member is eligible for an invitation based on the outlined criteria.

- Team Kentucky- players will be invited based on the respective standings for the specified POY category during the current season. The point cutoff date will be determined by the KPGA Tournament Committee and then posted and communicated to all Members and Associates accordingly.
 - o Senior POY- top-3 players
 - o Assistant/Associate POY- top-4 players
 - o Larry Gilbert POY- top-5 players
- Team Indiana
 - o Senior POY- top-4 players
 - o Regular POY- top-8 players
- Formats and Scoring are as follows;
 - o 27-holes of competition that will consist of a different format for each 9-holes. Four-Ball, Foursomes, and Singles
 - o Each hole, as well as the total match, will be worth 1 point, ties will be split ½ points to each side. A total of 150 points will be available to capture.

Section 9. PGA TOUR; ISCO Championship Qualifying

KPGA Special Exemptions-

- Championship Proper- the KPGA Larry Gilbert POY from the prior season will receive a direct exemption into the ISCO Championship field.
- Monday Qualifier- players ranking second, third, and fourth in the KPGA Larry Gilbert POY from the prior season will receive an exemption to forgo pre-qualifying and register directly for the Monday Qualifier.
 - o All corresponding entry fees along with the rules and regulations set forth by the PGA TOUR are the responsibility of the player and all entry submissions must be made by the posted registration deadline.

All Other Entries- players must meet the posted eligibility requirements and pay the corresponding entry fees for the respective Pre-Qualifier and/or Monday Qualifier. All details can be found on the respective tournament qualifier pages on the KPGA tournament schedule.

ARTICLE V

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Section 1. Registration Deadline

All tournament deadlines will be seven (7) days prior to round one of a tournament at 11:59pm ET, unless otherwise noted on the tournament's information page.

All entries are subject to approval or rejection with or without reason, at any time, at the discretion of the KPGA Board of Directors.

Section 2. Late Entries

Late entries will be accepted up to 48 hours after the deadline with an additional fee of \$50

Section 3. Withdrawals, Cancellations, Refunds

Withdrawals- Participants must notify the tournament staff in advance if they need to withdraw from an event. Failure to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or not showing up will forfeit the entry fee and will be considered a "No Show" and is subject to suspension of up to sixty (60) days during which the player may not compete in any tournament, either conducted by or sanctioned by the KPGA. If this violation occurs within sixty (60) days of the final scheduled tournament of the current season, the suspension will include the first tournament of the next year. If a player incurs a second violation of this policy, he/she shall be subject to suspension from any KPGA tournament for a period of one (1) year from the date of the suspension.

Cancellations & Refunds- Unless otherwise stated on the tournaments information page, the following refund policy applies to all KPGA tournaments;

- a.) Before and 48 hours after the deadline- \$10 cancellation fee
- b.) More than 48 hours after the deadline and prior to round one of a tournament- \$40 cancellation fee

Special Note- In the event of extreme circumstances, after the entry deadline, resulting in the participant not being able to compete in the tournament, please contact the KPGA Tournament Director ASAP. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. A full or partial refund may be available.

Section 4. Waiting List

If a tournament reaches its maximum capacity before the tournament deadline, a waiting list will be established. Should a spot come open in the event, the next player off the waiting list will be added to the event. If a player does not get into the field from the waitlist, there will be no charge.

Section 5. Weather Situations

Weather shortened tournaments will be handled on a case-by-case basis and may or may not result in a partial refund.

Section 6. Agreement Statement

By submission of any entry application, the player agrees to the tournament regulations set forth by the KPGA. The player agrees that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accepts personal and sole liability for all such risks. The player agrees that this entry application is subject to rejection at any time. The reason for rejections may include unbecoming conduct. The player agrees that the responsibility for ensuring this application is received by the KPGA no later than the date and time specified is the player's alone and that this entry application will be automatically rejected if received by the KPGA after such date and time. The player agrees that the risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with him/her and that the KPGA has no liability with respect to such delay or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry application. The player also affirms, by submission of the entry application, that they meet all eligibility requirements.

ARTICLE VI

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Section 1. Rules of Play

The 2023 USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play. The Kentucky PGA Section Local Rules & Terms of the Competition (Hard Card) will be handed out to the players at each tournament prior to play, along with the Notice to Players.

Section 2. Distance Measuring Devices

Players and caddies are permitted to use devices to obtain yardage information. These devices include laser range finders, GPS watches, mobile apps, etc.

Section 3. Caddies, Motorized Carts, Push/Pull Carts

- **Caddies**- are permitted at all KPGA tournaments, unless otherwise stated by the KPGA Tournament Director
- **Push/Pull Carts**- manual, electric, and remote-controlled push/pull carts are permitted at all KPGA tournaments, unless otherwise state by the KPGA Tournament Director.
- **Player Carts and Caddies**- at all KPGA tournaments, groups are limited to a **maximum of 2 carts per group**. **Caddies are NOT guaranteed to be able to ride in a cart. If there are only two players in a group, the KPGA reserves the right to have both players share a cart.**
 - o **Twosome**- if there is a twosome, both players may be required to ride in the same golf cart.
 - o **Threesome**- if there is a threesome, this would leave one seat open, should all 3 players elect to ride in the cart. Should all three players have a caddie, then the group will have to discuss how they want to go about rotating or handling it.
 - o **Foursome**- if there is a foursome, this would leave zero seats open, should all 4 players elect to ride in the cart. Should any or all players have a caddie, then the group will have to discuss how they want to go about rotating or handling it.

NOTE: Players & Caddies may ride in the cart at the same time, however, they are not guaranteed to be able to do so. Additionally, the Player or Caddie is permitted to walk while the other rides in or drives the cart at any point during the round.

Section 4. Pace of Play Policy

Rule 5.6b states in part, players must play without delay and in accordance with any pace of play policy the Committee may establish and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. The following is the recommended process, but each tournament or situation may be different. If an official believes something different than the recommended process that is laid out, they have the authority to do so but should notify the OIC when deviating from this process.

Maximum Allowable Time

Is the maximum time that the Committee considers necessary for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the player scorecard in Stroke Play and by asking a referee in match play. The hole is completed when the last player in the group removes their ball from the hole.

- Players should play at a prompt pace throughout the round.
- In Stroke Play, players are encouraged to play “ready golf” in a safe and responsible way (Rule 6.4b).
- In Match Play, players may agree to play out of turn to save time (such agreement applies only to the stroke played out of turn and not to the entire match).

“Out of Position”

A group is ***out of position*** when it exceeds the maximum allowable time **AND:**

- a.) Arrives at a par-3 after ***ALL*** players in the group ahead have played from the teeing area of the next hole.
- b.) Arrives at a par-4 that becomes clear of play before ***ANY*** player plays a stroke from the teeing area.
- c.) Arrives at a par-5 after ***ANY*** player in the group ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

NOTE: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Group Out of Position – Warning/”On the Clock”

When the Committee determines that a group is out of position, the group may either receive a warning or be put immediately “on the clock” (that is, to be timed) and the players will be notified by a referee. ***NOTE: A group out of position when play is discontinued is out of position when play is resumed.***

- When warned, the group is expected to regain position with the group ahead as soon as possible. If the group does not make up time or regain position, the group will be put “on the clock” and informed by a referee.
- While “on the clock”, any player in a group who incurs a bad time will be informed as soon as possible.
- While “on the clock”, the Committee may assess a bad time to a player who delays play between shots or holes.
- A referee will not inform a group when it has regained its position and is no longer “on the clock”. A player may inquire as to the status of the group at any time.
- If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous bad times will be carried forward for the remainder of that round.
- Regardless of position, if the Committee determines that a player(s) in the group is delaying play of their own or any subsequent group, or the competition in general:
 - o The player(s) may be warned and/or placed “on the clock” by a referee.
 - o The penalty for breach of Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) may be applied.
 - o The Committee reserves the right to warn or put a group, match or individual player “on the clock” at anytime.

Time Permitted to Play a Stroke

A player is considered to have incurred a bad time when the player exceeds 40 seconds to make a stroke.

- An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be permitted for the first player to play:
 - o A stroke on a Par-3
 - o A second stroke on a par-4 or par-5
 - o A third stroke on a par-5
 - o A stroke around the putting green
 - o A stroke on the putting green
- The timing of a player’s stroke begins when it is the player’s turn to play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and other conditions, such as wind, will count as time taken for the stroke.
 - o ***On the putting green***, the actions allowed under Rule 13.1 are not included in the timing of the player’s stroke, provided the player is not unreasonably delaying play. However, time spent surveying the line of play from any angle will count as time taken for the stroke.

Penalties

The following is the penalty structure for a player who receives bad times while “on the clock” (timed):

<u>BAD TIMES</u>	<u>STROKE PLAY</u>	<u>MATCH PLAY</u>
1 st Bad Time	No Penalty	No Penalty
2 nd Bad Time	1 Stroke Penalty	Loss of Hole
3 rd Bad Time	Additional 2 Stroke Penalty	Additional Loss of Hole
4 th Bad Time	Disqualification	Disqualification

Pace of Play Success Strategies

The only time an Official should talk to the players about their pace is when they become out of position.

1. Officials ***should inform a group*** they are over the maximum allowable time and/or out of position when they are leaving a teeing ground.
2. Officials ***should notify a group*** that is behind a slow group if the slow group has significantly picked up the pace. This should be done out of courtesy and not done in a manner that group would interpret as they are in jeopardy of being out of position.
3. Officials ***should only tell the group*** how many minutes behind they are if they request the information.
4. If a group that has not been behind, suddenly falls behind because of an issue on a particular hole (I.E. waiting on a ruling). ***An Official should express to the group to catch up over the next couple of holes in a respectful way.***
5. When a group is out of position, the ***Rover or designated Official may monitor*** the group.

Any appeal of a pace of play penalty must be referred to the designated Tournament Director of this event immediately upon completion of the round and their decision is final.

ARTICLE VII **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Section 1. Conduct Policy

Although conduct is covered in the PGA Code of Ethics, the Tournament Committee wishes to establish more clearly its policy on conduct of Members & Associates in any tournament. Conduct that is judged potentially injurious to the individual professional, the host professional, or the KPGA shall be subject to review by the Tournament Committee and/or the Board of Directors. Abuses include, but are not limited to, excessive displays of temper, damaging club property, excessive consumption of alcohol, excessive swearing, failing to comply with club or tournament policy, or other actions that cause hardships or embarrassment to the employees of the host club. Individuals will be subject to disciplinary action in the form of a fine and/or suspension of playing privileges as deemed by the Tournament Committee or Board of Directors.

Section 2. Spirit of the Game

Golf is played, for the most part, without the immediate supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. All players are to conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

Golf is a sport that is about family. The atmosphere surrounding the competition must be such that it is comfortable, safe and inoffensive to the host club, all competitors and spectators of all ages.

Section 3. Card Playing Policy

In general, the KPGA frowns on card playing at the site of any tournament and feels that abusing a privilege such as this can injure the KPGA and cause embarrassment to the host professional. For this reason, card playing by a group of professionals on the premises of a tournament site shall only be allowed with the consent of the host professional. Warnings shall be given to those who abuse this policy and if the warning goes unheeded, violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 4. Gambling Policy

In general, the KPGA feels that when players engage in betting on themselves or on their teams and the primary purpose is the playing of the game for the enjoyment, that any such wagers should be made discretely and not in any way cause embarrassment to the host professional or the KPGA. Anyone who abuses this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. No KPGA Member or Associate is permitted to participate by owning or sharing

tickets or receiving financial benefit from a ticket in a Calcutta event held in conjunction with a KPGA tournament in which he/she is participating.

Section 5. Playing Music Policy

Pro-Am & Pro-Pro Events- playing music during play is only permitted at KPGA Pro-Am and Pro-Pro tournaments, unless otherwise restricted by the host facility, noted on the tournament's information page or communicated by the KPGA Tournament Director. Players must check with the other competitors in their group to see if they are okay with the playing of music. Volume must be kept at a reasonable level and must not be a disturbance to other competitors or groups on the course.

Individual Stroke Play Events- music is not allowed during play at the KPGA Open Series, Kentucky Open Qualifiers, Kentucky Open Championship, Kentucky Women's Open, Kentucky Senior Open, KPGA Professional Championship, Kentucky PGA Senior Professional Championship, Kentucky PGA Assistant Professional Championship, KPGA Women's Professional Championship, and KPGA Match Play Finals.

Section 6. Slow Play Policy

Slow play is detrimental to the game. For this reason and in the interest of making the game as enjoyable as possible for all, the pace of play will be monitored at KPGA tournaments. Players in KPGA tournaments are responsible for knowing the pace of play guidelines in effect at each competition.

Section 7. Dress Code

KPGA Members & Associates are expected to maintain an appropriate image in their attire and personal appearance that will reflect positively on them and the PGA of America. When a Member or Associate is playing in a KPGA Sanctioned Event, whether as a contestant or otherwise, they shall wear appropriate style slacks or shorts and approved shirt styles until the event has concluded. **Denim jeans are NOT permissible.**

Female Members & Associates shall wear slacks, culottes, walking shorts, or golf shorts and appropriate tops that constitute acceptable clothing worn by women. However, if a host facility for a KPGA Sanctioned Event has a policy prohibiting certain attire (i.e. short sleeve mock turtleneck shirts, professionals in shorts, cargo style slacks, etc.); the KPGA will honor this policy and prohibit such attire among participating professionals. The KPGA will communicate such policies.

Pants required to be worn by all players at the following tournaments;

- Kentucky Open, Kentucky Senior Open, KPGA Professional Championship, KPGA Senior Professional Championship, KPGA Assistant Professional Championship, KPGA Match Play Finals, Kaiser Cup, Coomer Cup, Kentuckiana Cup.

Section 8. Warnings

The authority of the Rules Committee to disqualify a player is not limited to the list of misconducts identified in this code. In the event of an egregious violation of any provision of this code, the Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification upon a first offense. Violation of this code should be reported to the Committee either through the rules telephone hotline or by directly communicating with a rules official. A player witnessing a potential violation should not attempt to deal with that potential violation individually.

- **Language:** Use of profanity is not in the spirit of the game and is not acceptable.
- **Damage to Course or Equipment:** Willful and unnecessary damage to the course or course equipment, whether out of anger or not
 - o The Committee reserves the right to either implement the General Penalty or to Disqualify the player based on their review of the offense.
- **Club Throwing:** Throwing clubs (not an underhand toss back to the bag or out of a bunker) or other objects out of anger. NOTE: If the club/object thrown out of anger injures anyone or if it is intentionally thrown at anyone, even if they were missed, the penalty is Disqualification.

- 1st Offense- Warning
- 2nd Offense- 1 penalty stroke
- 3rd Offense- General Penalty
- 4th Offense- Disqualification
- **Player Interaction:** If a player continues to willfully distract other players after they have been told their actions are distracting and were requested to stop the activity. Any verbal outburst at another player or person is a violation of this code.
 - 1st Offense- Warning
 - 2nd Offense- 1 Penalty Stroke
 - 3rd Offense- General Penalty
 - 4th Offense- Disqualification
- **Interference:** If a player willfully interferes with another player's rights under the rules.
 - 1st Offense- Warning
 - 2nd Offense- 1 penalty stroke
 - 3rd Offense- General Penalty
 - 4th Offense- Disqualification
- **Player Behavior:** If a player's behavior appears to be a risk to themselves or others on the course, or if it appears his/her abilities are diminished such that their play will detract from the quality of the competition, the Committee may request the player to withdraw from the competition, or the Committee may disqualify the player.

More examples of misconduct may be found under the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf under 1.2a/1 Clarification. These lists are not all inclusive of misconduct for which the Committee can disqualify a player.

Section 9. Discipline

Any player deemed guilty of unbecoming conduct while participating in a KPGA tournament or in activities related thereto or who otherwise violated the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Tournament Committee and/or KPGA Board of Directors.

Section 10. Penalties, Fines, Suspensions

The Tournament Committee Shall have the authority to impose penalties consisting of a minimum fine of \$100 for the first offense, a minimum fine of \$500 for the second offense and suspension from tournament play for the third offense.

Any reported violation of conduct by a player must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee and must be signed. **NOTE: name of person reporting violation will be kept confidential.**

Any professional accused of cheating shall be required to appear before the KPGA Board of Directors and if found guilty, shall be automatically suspended for the remainder of the year and fined a minimum of \$500.

Section 11. Appeals

A player may appeal, within 30 days, to the KPGA Board of Directors any imposition of disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee.

- a.) Such an appeal shall be in writing and may include defenses or mitigating circumstances, including written statements from witnesses.
- b.) Any letter of appeal must include payment of the fine(s). Fine(s) will be refunded if appeal is upheld.
- c.) Any KPGA Member who has been fined and has not paid such fine shall not be eligible for any future events until such fine has been paid.
- d.) Any appeals of eligibility status must be made in person to the KPGA Board of Directors.

**** The KPGA reserves the right to refuse entry into any number of future competitions by any player that has been disqualified for violations of this Code of Conduct****

ARTICLE VIII

SPECTATOR POLICIES

Section 1. General

Spectators are encouraged to attend all KPGA events. They must be courteous to all competitors and abide by all rules put in place by the KPGA and the host facility. It is the player's responsibility to keep spectators away. If no players in the group are related to or know the spectators following them and the outline parameters are being violated, the group shall notify a tournament rules official to assist with the situation. Spectators should remain on the cart paths, when available. In absence of cart paths, spectators should walk in the rough and stay off all teeing grounds, fairways, and putting greens and remain at least 30 feet from players at all times.

- **Advice-** Rule 10.2a in the Rules of Golf
- **Rulings-** Only designated rules officials from the KPGA will give rulings to the players at the players request. Spectators are to not interject themselves during a ruling, unless summoned by a rules official to gather further information.
- **Mobile Devices-** it is requested that all spectators have their mobile devices switched to vibrate, silent or turned off. If you must make or take a call, please check your surroundings and be courteous to all players on the course.
- **Forecaddie/Spotting Balls-** we highly encourage spectators to stay ahead of the group, while remaining out of the line of play to the best of their abilities, to spot golf balls for the group. Spectators may also assist with the search for a player's ball.
- **Spectator Carts-** there will be zero spectator carts at KPGA events. Should a spectator with a medical issue have a motorized scooter that they would like to use, and stay on the cart path with, they are welcome to do so.
 - o There may be a limited number of carts available for disabled, handicapped individuals. This is not guaranteed and is subject to availability and at the KPGA Tournament Director and host facilities discretion. Should there be some available, the disabled, handicapped individual will need to pay the applicable cart fee.

ARTICLE IX

DIVISIONS, YARDAGES, PURSES, POINTS

Section 1. Divisions

A player's age will be calculated as of round one of the tournament entered.

- ***Men***
 - o Open- any age
 - o Senior- age 50 and older
 - o Super-Senior- age 60 and older
- ***Women***
 - o Open- any age
 - o Senior- age 50 and older

Section 2. Yardages

Are approximate and subject to change at the discretion of the KPGA Tournament Director.

- **Men**
 - o Open- typically the courses back tee
 - o Senior- maximum of 92% of the Open Tees
 - o Super-Senior- maximum of 85% of the Open Tees
- **Women**
 - o Open- maximum of 85% of the Men's Open Tees
 - o Senior- maximum of 92% of the Women's Open Tees

Section 3. Purses

All players will compete for the same purses from separate tees, unless otherwise stated by the KPGA Tournament Director.

Section 4. Points

There are five Player of the Year Categories;

- **Larry Gilbert POY**- for Class A and Life Members that compete from the Open Tees
- **Assistant/Associate POY**- for A-8s and all Associates, regardless of what tee they compete from
- **Senior POY**- for Class A and Life Members that compete from the Senior Tees
- **Super-Senior POY**- for Class A and Life Members that compete from the Super-Senior Tees
- **Women's POY**- for Class A and Life Members that compete from the Open Tees for Women

Double Points- should a player elect to play from a further tee, they are eligible to receive POY points in multiple categories. The player must notify the KPGA Tournament Director of their intent prior to teeing off at a tournament.

- Example, Senior Male plays from the Open Tees; will receive points for Larry Gilbert POY and Senior POY categories. Super-Senior Male plays from the Senior Tees; will receive points for the Senior POY and Super-Senior POY categories.

Point Allocations- vary at each tournament and can be found on kentuckypga.com