



ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA SECTION

ALABAMA DISTRICT PRO-MEMBER BYLAWS

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I. ELIGIBILITY

1. Alabama-NW Florida Section Members (A-1 thru A-24 except A-3's), MP, Reserves and Life Members in good standing.
2. Alabama-NW Florida Associates who are eligibly employed and in good standing.

II. CALL IN PROCEDURE

Call in times for each Pro-Member will begin at 7:30 a.m., seventeen (17) days prior to the date of the scheduled Pro-Member unless otherwise noted. The call-in date is listed on the 2024 AL District Pro-Member schedule.

A PGA member and B-1 (Non-member Head Professional) may reserve up to two (2) tee times, and an associate may reserve one (1) tee time on the initial call-in date. Each PGA member or associate must call to reserve his/her own tee time.

One week prior to the date of the Pro-Member, the restriction on tee times is lifted. Any remaining tee times may be filled on a first come first serve basis.

III. CANCELLATION POLICY

The deadline to cancel tee times is 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding a Monday event, Thursday at 5:00 p.m. preceding a Tuesday event, Friday at 5:00 p.m. preceding a Wednesday event, or Monday at 5:00 p.m. preceding a Thursday event. Any member or associate that fails to cancel an unused tee time by the 5:00 p.m. deadline will be subject to a fine from the AL District of \$25 made payable to the host club or host professional (depending on the facility).

IV. PRO-MEMBER FEES

1. Entry Fee - \$45 – Professionals
2. Entry Fee - \$40 - Amateurs
3. Cart & Range Fee - \$30
4. Professional Skins Game - \$15 (Optional)
5. Pro-Gross Game - \$50 (Optional)
6. Amateur Skins Game - \$10 (Optional)

V. **FORMAT**

1. A professional and three amateurs will constitute a four-player team.
 - a. If a team is missing an amateur player, an amateur will be blind drawn from the field of amateurs to complete the team.
 - b. If a team is missing a professional, a professional will be blind drawn from the field of professionals to complete the team.
 - c. A playing group of two is not allowed at any time. Playing groups of five will be allowed only with permission from the host facility.
 - d. If a group has four amateurs and one professional, they may not split into two teams. The team must remain a team of one professional and three amateurs with the fourth amateur playing as a blind draw.

2. **DOG FIGHT POINT SYSTEM:**
 - a. Point Scoring: Bogie-1; Par-2; Birdie-4; Eagle-8, Double Eagle-12.
 - b. There will be a gross and net division for team prizes. The gross division will consist of total points made by the team, and the net division will consist of the most points over quota by the team.
 - c. There will be a gross and net division for individual prizes for both professionals and amateurs. The gross division will consist of total points made by the individual, and the net division will consist of the most points over quota by the individual.
 - d. Teams or individuals may not cash in both the gross division and net division. The gross division takes precedence over the net division. Example, if a team or individual finishes first in both the gross and net division, they will only cash in the gross division.
 - e. For professionals, there will be an optional Professional Skins Game & Pro-Gross Game.
 - f. For amateurs, there will be an optional Amateur Skins Game.
 - g. In the event of a tie in the Professional or Amateur Skins Game, a pre-determined hole will be selected to serve as the designated scoring hole. All players with tying scores on this hole will split the skins pot.

VI. **POINT QUOTAS**

1. To determine a player's point quota, the highest and lowest scores of the last six (6) Pro-Member scores are dropped and the remaining four scores are averaged.
2. Amateurs that played in two (2) Pro-Members or more the prior year will carry over their point quota into the next year.
3. Amateurs that participated in less than two (2) Pro-Members in the previous year will have a calculated point quota based on their current verifiable handicap subtracted from 36. They will be frozen at the first two (2) Pro-Member events at + or - 6. Amateurs without a verifiable handicap will be frozen at the first two (2) Pro-Member events at + or - 3.
4. New Professionals that have not played in at least two (2) Pro-Members in the past will have a point quota of 36 for their first two events and will be frozen at + or - 6.
5. **MINIMUM & MAXIMUM POINT QUOTAS:**
 - a. There will be no maximum point quota for either amateurs or professionals.
 - b. The minimum point quota for amateurs and professionals is nine (9) points.

VII. STIPULATED ROUNDS

1. Pro-Member events that use tee times will establish two (2) nine-hole stipulated rounds.
2. **Play is not completed due to inclement weather, darkness or other local conditions:**

TEE TIME START

18-Hole Event:

If three-fourths (3/4) of the teams in the competition complete 18 holes, the event will be declared an 18-hole event. A refund of entry fees will be made to those players who remain in the competition until the committee terminates the event. Anyone discontinuing play prior to the official termination of the event will forfeit all money (entry fees and cart fees).

Cart Fees will be refunded as such:

The host facility will retain \$10 of the cart fee in events that are terminated, and players will receive a refund for the balance paid if the team has finished less than 13 holes. No cart fee refund is given for teams that have finished play of 13 or more holes.

9-Hole Event:

If two-thirds (2/3) of the teams remaining in the competition complete 9-holes, the event will be declared a 9-hole event. In those instances where teams have started on the front nine and the back nine, there will be two (2) 9-hole events, one for teams starting play on the front nine, and one for teams starting on the back nine. A team that has registered and paid entry fees but is unable to complete nine holes will receive a refund of entry fees.

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When computing quotas for a 9-hole event, a player's quota should be divided by exactly half. Example: 21 would be 10 ½.

SHOTGUN START

18-Hole Event:

If three-fourths of the teams complete 18-holes, the event will be an 18-hole event. A refund of entry fees will be made to those players who remain in the competition until the committee terminates the event. Anyone discontinuing play prior to the official termination of the event will forfeit all money (entry fees and cart fees).

Cart Fees will be refunded as such:

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9-Hole Event:

If three-fourths don't complete 18-holes but two-thirds of the teams complete 9-holes, the event will be a 9-hole event. *The 9-holes used to calculate the scores will be the first 9-holes that each team plays.* A team that has registered and paid entry fees but is unable to complete nine holes will receive a refund of entry fees.

Cart Fees will be refunded as such:

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When computing quotas for a 9-hole event, a player's quota should be divided by exactly half. Example: 21 would be 10 ½.

3. For a professional to receive credit for a time played in a rain shortened event, professionals must be counted in the event. If any professional receives a refund of their entry fees, then he or she will **NOT** get credit for a time played.

VIII. COURSE SETUP

1. Professionals and Amateurs (59 and under) should play a yardage between 6200 & 6400 yards.
2. Senior Professionals and Senior Amateurs (60 and older) should play a yardage set at 90% of the Member tees.
3. Super Senior Professionals, Super Senior Amateurs (70 and older), Female Professionals and Female Amateurs should play a yardage set at 80% of the Member tees.

IX. SENIOR PROFESSIONALS & SENIOR AMATEURS

1. Senior Professionals & Senior Amateurs must be age 60 or older and declare to move to the Senior tees.
2. Once a Senior Professional or Senior Amateur elects to play from the Senior tees, they may not return to the Member tees in any Pro-Member tournament. Their quota is adjusted upward by 10% the first two (2) times they play from the Senior tees.
 - a. If they have played two (2) times the previous year or two (2) times the current year, they will be frozen at + or – 6.
 - b. If they have not played two (w) times the previous year or two (2) times the current year, they will be frozen at + or – 6 with a current verifiable handicap or + or – 3 with no current handicap.

X. SUPER SENIOR PROFESSIONALS & SUPER SENIOR AMATEURS

1. Super Senior Professionals and Super Senior Amateurs must be age 70 or older and declare to move to the Super Senior tees.
2. Once a Super Senior Professional or a Super Senior Amateur elects to play from the Super Senior tees, they may not return to the Senior tees in any Pro-Member tournament. Their quota is adjusted upward by 10% the first two (2) times they play from the Super Senior tees.
 - a. If they have played two (2) times the previous year or two (2) times the current year, they will be frozen at + or – 6.
 - b. If they have not played two (2) times the previous year or two (2) times the current year, they will be frozen at + or – 6 with a current verifiable handicap or + or – 3 with no current handicap.

XI. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

INDIVIDUAL PRIZE BREAKDOWN

1 - 20	\$0	
21 - 36	\$200	\$30 - \$20
37 - 50	\$400	\$50 - \$30 - \$20
51 - 80	\$600	\$60 - \$40 - \$30 - \$20
81 - 104	\$800	\$80 - \$60 - \$40 - \$20
105 - 123	\$1,000	\$100 - \$75 - \$50 - \$25
124+	\$1,300	\$125 - \$90 - \$65 - \$45

TEAM PRIZE BREAKDOWN

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
1 - 29	50%	50%
30 - 75	37.5%	37.5% - 25%
76 - 100	30%	30.0% - 20.0% - 12.5% - 7.5%
101 - 140	23% - 15%	23% - 15% - 10% - 8% - 6%
141 - 160	21% - 14%	21% - 14% - 10% - 8% - 7% - 5%
161 - 176	19% - 13%	19% - 13% - 10% - 8% - 7% - 6% - 5%
177 + Players	17% - 13%	17% - 13% - 9% - 8% - 7% - 6% - 5.5% - 4.5%

PROFESSIONAL PRO-GROSS PRIZE BREAKDOWN

Players	Prize Money	Payout							
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
2	\$ 100.00	\$ 100							
3	\$ 150.00	\$ 100	\$50						
4	\$ 200.00	\$ 120	\$80						
5	\$ 250.00	\$ 150	\$100						
6	\$ 300.00	\$ 150	\$90	\$ 60					
7	\$ 350.00	\$ 175	\$105	\$ 70					
8	\$ 400.00	\$ 200	\$120	\$ 80					
9	\$ 450.00	\$ 180	\$135	\$ 90	\$ 45				
10	\$ 500.00	\$ 200	\$150	\$ 100	\$ 50				
11	\$ 550.00	\$ 220	\$165	\$ 110	\$ 55				
12	\$ 600.00	\$ 210	\$180	\$ 120	\$ 60	\$ 30			
13	\$ 650.00	\$ 227.50	\$195	\$ 130	\$ 65	\$ 32.50			
14	\$ 700.00	\$ 210	\$168	\$ 133	\$ 98	\$ 63	\$ 28		
15	\$ 750.00	\$ 225	\$180	\$ 142.50	\$ 105	\$ 67.50	\$ 30		
16	\$ 800.00	\$ 240	\$192	\$ 152	\$ 112	\$ 72	\$ 32		
17	\$ 850.00	\$ 246.50	\$195.50	\$ 153	\$ 110.50	\$ 76.50	\$ 42.50	\$ 25.50	
18	\$ 900.00	\$ 252	\$207	\$ 171	\$ 117	\$ 81	\$ 45	\$ 27	
19	\$ 950.00	\$ 247	\$218.50	\$ 180.50	\$ 123.50	\$ 85.50	\$ 47.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 19
20	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 260	\$230	\$ 190	\$ 130	\$ 90	\$ 50	\$ 30	\$ 20

XII. REDEEMING OF PRIZES

1. Professionals will receive checks from the Alabama – NW Florida Section for any winnings in a Pro-Member event.
2. Amateurs will receive golf shop credit or gift certificates from the facility that hosted the Pro-Member tournament.
 - a. Each club has a different policy on how long amateurs have to redeem their credit. The expiration date of the credit will be listed on the rules sheet and results sheet at each Pro-Member tournament. Anyone who wins credit at a Pro-Member tournament should check the rules sheet, results sheet, or with the host facility to confirm when the credit will expire. It is the responsibility of the individual amateur player to redeem winnings before they expire.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Professionals are solely responsible for the status of their amateur participants and their conduct.
2. In the event of an ineligible player being on a winning team, the entire team is disqualified from all prizes, individual or team, and all entry fees and cart fees are forfeited.