



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SECTION**

Western Washington Chapter

2025 Pro-Member & Senior Pro-Am Policy Manual

Pro-Member Policies

ELIGIBILITY - PGA MEMBERS: All active life members and active regular members are eligible. Current employment is not an eligibility requirement for members. Since active members who have left their jobs are still eligible to participate, they will also be subject to fines for late cancellation or no-shows. Members who become suspended or inactive will lose their remaining spots. Their prior facility may request to keep those spots for their other professionals.

ELIGIBILITY - PGA ASSOCIATES: Registered PGA Associates are eligible to play so long as they are currently employed or transferring to a new employer. Pro-Member spots for Associates who become suspended may be used by other professionals at their facility. Associates who leave eligible employment will lose their remaining spots until they resume eligible employment. Their prior facility may request to keep those spots for their other professionals.

ELIGIBILITY - AMATEURS: Amateurs must be 18 years of age or older (individual cases may be presented to the Tournament Committee for their approval) and from the professional's own club. If unable to secure 3 members, the playing professional should call the host professional. The host professional will try to help fill the foursome with players from the host club. If the host professional does not have players available, then the playing professional may bring amateurs from another club who have valid USGA handicaps.

TRANSFERS: Pro-member tee times may always be exchanged among in-house golf professionals. If, after the cancellation deadline, a professional needs to cancel their time at an event that is not full, the professional may find a replacement professional from any course to take their place, so long as that professional does not already have a spot in the field. If a professional leaves a position for another position in the Chapter, the tee times go with the professional.

DRESS CODE: Professionals and amateurs must abide by the dress code in effect at the host course. In addition, under no circumstances may professionals wear jeans of any style or color at any venue. Tailored golf shorts (including skirts or skorts) may be worn by professionals and amateurs alike. Specifically prohibited: cut-offs, cargo shorts or any baggy shorts with or without oversized pockets, short shorts, athletic shorts, and any type of exercise shorts. Players failing to meet this dress code will not be allowed to participate. It is the professional's responsibility to ensure that his/her amateurs are advised of the dress code.

SELECTING TEES: The Chapter will use 3 sets of tees for all events. All players may elect to play from any of the tee markers at an event (and must remain playing those tees for the duration of the round). If a player (male) chooses to play forward, he will be eligible for Net prizes only. Ladies will be allowed to play from any tee. If they play from

the middle or back tee, they will gain handicap strokes and still be eligible for Gross and Net prizes. There are no age restrictions for playing alternate tees. Example:

- BACK TEES – Men: Gross & Net with no handicap change (Standard tee) / Ladies: Gross & Net with handicap addition
- MIDDLE TEES – Men: Net Only with handicap reduction / Ladies: Gross & Net with handicap addition
- FORWARD TEES - Men: Net Only with handicap reduction / Ladies: Gross & Net (Standard tee)

STABLEFORD SCORING: All events will utilize Stableford Points for scoring.

- POINTS: Double Bogey & Higher-0 | Bogey-1 | Par-2 | Birdie-3 | Eagle-4 | Double Eagle-5
All players will be required to pick-up on a hole once they have reached a net score that will earn 0 points.

SCORING & PACE OF PLAY: Teams will be provided with one backup scorecard for all events in 2025. Official Scoring will be the Live Scoring provided through the Golf Genius App. Once a round is complete and scores have been recorded on each hole, teams are to check their ONLINE SCORECARD to be sure all holes have scores entered and those scores are correct. When you complete your 18th hole of the day, and enter your scores into the scoring app, all players will receive an email with their own scores for the day. From this point, all players have 15 minutes to confirm or correct their scores online with their professional. We will use the emails' timestamp to determine your finish time. Any group playing in over 4 hours and 40 minutes must finish inside of 15 minutes of the group ahead of them. If you play in 4:41 or more, and your round ending (email) time stamp is 16 minutes after the group ahead (or more), all players in the foursome will receive a 1-stroke penalty applied to hole #18.

CANCELLATIONS: Professionals will have access to cancel, change or add a tee time online using ForeTees. All changes must be made by the professional on ForeTees. A link to the tee sheets will be on the Chapter website or you can use the Chapter App. The Cancellation Deadline for any event is 3 weeks prior to the event. See below for more details.

FINES - Cancellations prior to 12:00 PM on the "Cancellation Deadline" date are not subject to any penalty. See below for more details.

- Professionals canceling after the "Cancellation Deadline" date will be fined \$100 + carts reserved, unless the event is played with a full field.
- Professionals who don't pay their team entry fee by four days ahead at noon will be subject to a \$25 late entry penalty.
- Cancellations after 9:00 a.m. three days prior to the event, or later, including no shows, will result in a fine equal to the full team entry fee + carts reserved unless the event is played with a full field.
- Failure to record scores within 30 minutes of completing play will result in a \$25 fine. If a professional does not record scores at all, they will be subject to the \$25 fine even if the card is a non-winning scorecard.
- Any of the fines above may be appealed in writing to the WWC Board of Directors within 10 days of receipt of a fine notification.

HANDICAP POLICY: Amateurs must have an active USGA GHIN handicap to play in WWC events. On-line handicaps with virtual golf clubs will not be valid. A few exceptions are as follows:

- Any amateur may play in an event with a 0.0 handicap index.
- An amateur may play in an event if he/she has an inactive handicap that can be substantiated. This provision will allow the amateur to play one time, and he or she will be directed to get the handicap activated before playing in another event. All inactive handicaps will be reduced by 20%.
- Guests invited as part of a sponsor team may play without a handicap, a conservative estimated handicap will be assigned by the executive director. The executive director has the right to assign a temporary handicap under special circumstances.

- **New for 2025: Professionals without a handicap index will play to the index of the lowest Chapter Professional for the team game and be ineligible to compete in the Professional Net division. Handicaps are available through the Section.**
- The maximum handicap index allowed is 36.0 for all players (men and women) in regular pro-member and senior pro-am events. Amateurs with higher indexes may participate but will be limited to the maximum allowable index. All players play to 90% of their handicap for the team competition; 100% for the individual competition.

Your allocation form will not be accepted or prioritized until your 2025 WWCPGA Dues are paid in full. Online payments are preferred but payment by check is available as well.

Senior Pro-Am Policies

Priority: Priority will be based solely on order of receipt (there will be no other priorities established like in the regular pro-member events). Each player will be granted their top four selections, repeating this process until everybody receives all their picks or all the events fill.

GHIN Numbers (NEW FOR 2025): Professionals who do not keep an official USGA GHIN number will not have any of their scores count towards an individual or team net score. This will effectively prevent a Professional from contributing to their teams score in the 2-Net Best Ball competition. Handicaps are available for a discount through the PNW Section.

Eligibility: Professionals must be at least 45 years old to play in all Senior Pro-Ams. Professionals must be Active Members, Life Members, or eligibly employed PGA Associates. Class F, suspended, or inactive members are not eligible. Amateurs must be age 50+.

Selecting Tees: The Chapter will use 2 sets of tees for all events unless specified at the time of registration. All players may elect to play from any of the tee markers at an event (and must remain playing those tees for the duration of the round). If a player (male) chooses to play forward, he will be eligible for Net prizes only. Ladies will be allowed to move back a tee (or two), gain handicap strokes, and she will still be eligible for Gross and Net prizes. There are no age restrictions for playing alternate tees.

- Standard Tees – Men: Gross & Net with no handicap change / Ladies: Gross & Net with handicap addition
- Forward Tees – Men: Net Only with handicap reduction / Ladies: Gross & Net with no handicap change

Format: All Senior Pro-Am competitions will be Individual Gross & Net. The team game for all events will be 2 Net Best Balls, unless otherwise noted.

Cancellation Deadline: The cancellation deadline for Senior Pro-Ams is three weeks prior to the event. If you cancel after the deadline, you will be fined \$100 + carts reserved (unless the event is played with a full field). If you cancel after the registration deadline four days before the event, or no-show on the day of the event, you will be fined the team entry of \$230 + carts reserved. See below for more information.

Registration Deadline - Professionals must register their team of amateurs no later than 12:00 p.m (noon) FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT. If the deadline is approaching and you don't have your team complete, you must fill in the remaining names with "TBD". The event registration payment must be received by the deadline. See below for more information.

Entry Fees: The total team entry is \$230. Amateurs pay \$60 / Professionals pay \$50 which includes skins.

Registration & Cancellation Policies – New for 2025!

The Western Washington PGA Board of Directors has updated the Pro-Member registration & Cancellation Schedule for 2025. Please read and review thoroughly!

Four Weeks Ahead– Registration Opens

Registration for all Pro-Member and Senior Pro-Am events will open 28 days (4 weeks) prior to each event.

Three Weeks Ahead - Cancellation & Cart Reservation Deadline

Cancellations after this date are subject to a \$100 fine plus the cost of reserved carts. Cart additions after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Four (4) days ahead at Noon - Team Registration Deadline (Thursday for a Monday Pro-Am; Sunday for a Thursday Pro-Am) - This is a change from the previous 2-day deadline!

- Entry Fee must be paid, and 'TBD' names entered for incomplete teams.
- TBDs must be updated and proper player information provided in Golf Genius by noon the day prior to the event.
- Late Entry Penalty: \$25
- Late Cancellations: Full entry fee + carts unless event reaches capacity.

Three (3) Days Ahead at 9:00 a.m. – Unpaid tee times released to General Membership

- All tee times from unregistered professionals are released and become available to the general Chapter Membership on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Penalty: Full entry fee + carts (unless event fills to capacity).
- Three late cancels (where tee time is released) will result in loss of Priority Ranking for the following year.

One (1) day ahead at noon (Sunday for a Monday Pro-Am, Wednesday for a Thursday Pro-Am)

- All "TBD"s must be replaced with proper player information

Extenuating Circumstances: The Executive Director will work with individual professionals on a case-by-case basis to minimize penalties.

Allocation Process

The Chapter has moved to an online allocation process. Please carefully review the following pages before progressing to make your picks. Once you start your allocation, please be sure to finish it to ensure your picks are received correctly. The sooner your allocation form is received, and your chapter dues have been paid, the higher the priority you will have within your priority level.

The deadline to fill out your 2025 allocation is Sunday, January 26th at midnight. Tee times will be available on ForeTees no later than February 10th, likely earlier.

How to Submit Tee Time Requests

If your home course is hosting a regular Pro-Member, do not give it a priority number. Host Professionals are automatically given a tee time at their home course!

Only prioritize the events you will play. Once tee times are announced, please cancel any events you no longer want/can play in as soon as possible. Do not prioritize events you know you will not play in!

Regular Pro-Member events: You will rank your preferences for which events you would like to play in. Tee times are allocated by priority order and time of receipt. If a time is available for your first choice, it will be assigned; if not, the next choice is checked. This process continues until 4 events have been awarded to each professional in each round. Professionals may receive fewer than 4 times in a round if not enough prioritized courses are available.

Senior Pro-Am events: Senior Pro-Am allocations will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Dual events: If you are a senior and plan on playing in both the regular and senior divisions, only submit a tee time request for the regular or senior pro-am, not both. When playing in a Dual event, seniors playing with a:

- "Senior Pro-Am" team may choose to play as an individual in the Regular Pro-Member for an additional \$50 entry (\$100 total). The team may also be entered into the Pro-Member division for a full team entry fee.
- "Regular Pro-Member" team may choose to play as an individual in the Senior Pro-Am for an additional \$60 entry (\$100 total). The team may also be entered into the Senior Pro-Am division, as long as all amateurs are 50+ years old, for a full team entry fee.

Seniors will earn Hagen Cup points for playing in Senior Pro-Am events, North/South Cup points for playing in Regular Pro-Member events and can earn points for both if playing in both events.

To participate in the allocation process, you must sign up and play in at least two events at the \$85 amateur entry price point (does not apply to Senior Pro-Ams).

- Professionals who participate in the tee time allocation process and only play in one \$85 event will be invoiced for a full team entry of \$295 in November. Professionals who participate in the tee time allocation process and do not play in any \$85 events will be invoiced for two full team entry fees of \$590 in November.

Priority Levels

Professionals within the same priority will be assigned allocations based on the time of receipt of this allocation form if dues have been paid.

Level 1 – Pro-Member/Chapter Championship/PNW Section Major HOST Head Professionals, General Managers, Directors of Golf, Superintendents, and WWC Board members.

Level 2 – 15-year PGA Members (Class A) as of January 31, 2025

Level 3 – PGA Member (Class A) Head Professionals, General Managers, Directors of Golf, and Superintendents

Level 4 – All additional 2025 Pro-Member/Chapter Championship/PNW Section Major HOST PGA Members (Class A)

Level 5 – All other PGA Members (Class A)

Level 6 – 2025 Pro-Member/Chapter Championship/PNW Section Major HOST PGA Associates

Level 7 – All other PGA Associates

Senior Only - Senior Pro-Ams do not follow a priority level. Tee times are awarded based on the time of receipt.

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2025 Pro-Member & Senior Pro-Am Schedule



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Pro-Member Schedule

All Pro-Member events are 1 Gross / 1 Net Stableford; Tee times generally from 7:30-9:30 & 12:30-2:30 unless otherwise noted.

Mon, March 24 - Chambers Bay
 Thu, March 27 - Meridian Valley CC
 Mon, March 31 - Broadmoor GC
 Thu, April 3 - Trophy Lake G&CC
 Mon, April 7 - White Horse GC*
 Thu, April 10 - Glendale CC
 Mon, April 14 - Fircrest GC
 Thu, April 17 - Seattle GC (A)
 Mon, April 21 - Bear Creek CC
 Thu, April 24 - Mill Creek CC
 Mon, April 28 - Overlake G&CC
 Wed, April 30 & May 1 - Cedars at Dungeness (B)
 Mon, May 12 - The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (C)
 Thu, May 15 - Druids Glen GC*
 Mon, June 2 - Rainier G&CC
 Thu, June 5 - Harbour Pointe GC*
 Mon, June 16 - Bellingham G&CC
 Thu, June 19 - Twin Lakes CC* (D)
 Wed, June 25 - Suncadia Prospector
 Thu, June 26 - Suncadia Rope Rider
 Mon, June 30 - Alderbrook (10am SG)
 Mon, July 28 - Legion Memorial GC*
 Mon, August 11 - Fairwood G&CC
 Wed, August 13 - Riverbend Pro-Jr. Best Ball (E)
 Thu, August 14 - Lake Padden GC*
 Tue, August 26 - Tam O'Shanter Pro-Jr Scramble (F)

Thu, August 28 - Olympia C&GC*
 Mon, September 8 - Wing Point G&CC
 Thu, September 11 - Gold Mountain GC
 Thu, September 25 - Patriot Golf Day @ American Lake (G)
 Tue, September 30 - North Bellingham GC (Fall Fling, 11am SG)
 Wed, October 1 - Loomis Trail GC (Fall Fling, 11am SG)
 Thu, October 2 - Semiahmoo G&CC (Fall Fling, 11am SG)
 Mon, October 13 - Tacoma C&GC (10:30 a.m. SG)

Pro-Member Entry Fees (Pro entry is \$40 & includes skins)

Blue - \$85 Amateur entry
 Green - \$105 Amateur entry
 Red - \$130 Amateur entry

Notes

(*)Dual events - Combined Pro-Member & Senior Pro-Am events.
 (A) Professionals are encouraged to bring their Club President or Captain to compete for a side title (no additional entry)
 (B) Two-day total. \$450/team entry covers both rounds (\$130/am, \$60 pro). 10am SG both days. Qualifies as \$85 event.
 (C) Professionals are encouraged to invite their 2024 Club Champion(s) to compete for a side title (no additional entry fee)
 (D) Professionals encouraged to invite women amateurs.
 (E) 1 Pro / 1 Jr. - \$100 team entry includes lunch; qualifies as \$85 event
 (F) 1 Pro / 3 Jr. Gross Scramble - 11am SG; \$200 team entry includes lunch and four Mariners tickets to the game following golf; qualifies as \$85 event
 (G) Patriot Golf Day - 9am SG; \$300 team entry - Professional brings three amateurs; a veteran is provided to complete fivesome; qualifies as \$85 event

Senior Pro-Am Schedule

All Senior events are 2 Net Stableford
 Mon, April 7 - White Horse GC*
 Thu, May 15 - Druids Glen GC*
 Wed, May 21 - Fairwood G&CC - 8am-12pm
 Thu, June 5 - Harbour Pointe GC*
 Wed, June 18 - Oakbrook GC - 8am-12pm
 Thu, June 19 - Twin Lakes G&CC*
 Wed, June 25 - Battle Creek GC - 8am-12pm
 Wed, July 2 - Linden G&CC (B)
 Wed, July 23 - Echo Falls GC - 9am-1pm
 Mon, July 28 - Legion Memorial GC*
 Wed, August 6 - Bellevue GC (A) - 8am-12pm
 Wed, August 13 - Senior Mixer @ Glen Acres (C)

Senior professionals must be age 45+, senior amateurs must be 50+
 Team entry is \$230 - Amateurs pay \$60, Professionals pay \$50 inc. skins

Thu, August 14 - Lake Padden GC*
 Thu, August 28 - Olympia C&GC*
 Wed, September 24 - Mount Si GC - 8am-12pm

Notes

(*)Dual events - Combined Pro-Member & Senior Pro-Am events.
 Teams may play in both but must pay the full entry for both.
 Professionals may play as an individual in both for \$100 total entry.
 Tee times 7:30-9:30 & 12:30-2:30.
 (A) Each pro invites 1 amateur and will be paired with another team.
 (B) Professional invites two amateurs, the 3rd amateur will be a Linden member. 9am SG.
 (C) The Senior Mixer will be a 9-hole mixer, followed by lunch, for Chapter Professionals 55+. 10am SG.