



## PGA OF AMERICA YARDAGE GUIDELINES FOR GENDER AND AGE

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The current yardage **guidelines**, where PGA Professional men and PGA Professional women play from different tees for the same prize money and/or spots into a National Championship is as follows:

- **Junior Women** should play up to a maximum of 85% of the **Junior Men's** yardage (course set up should be between 78-85%)
- **Senior (50 and older) Men's** yardage should play at 93-95% of the **Junior Men's** Yardage
- **Senior (50 and older) Women's** yardage should play at 93-95% of **Junior Women's** Yardage

The intent of these guidelines is for total yardage, knowing that each hole will not, and most likely cannot, be this exact differential. These guidelines should allow the Committee/staff person in charge of an event to use their knowledge and discretion in order to set the golf course up in a manner that is both a good test and challenge, does not make holes play differently than the design of the hole was intended and, most importantly, it allows all players to hit similar clubs into greens on as many holes as possible.

The guideline used for Section Championships (i.e., Section PGA Professional Championship) where players advance into a National Championship and where both men and women compete for the same purse, as well as spots, into a that National Championship should be an **overall yardage not exceeding 85%, with each hole playing approximately 78-92% of the men's yardage**. Specifically for Section PPC, SrPPC and AsstPPC, all men must play from the back tees and all women may choose to play from forward tees, or back tees, but there should only be two sets of tees available for these Championships.

For PGA member National Championships, with men and women competing for the same purse, the overall course yardage differential will not exceed 85.0%, and is generally between 82 – 85.0%.