



PGA OF AMERICA YARDAGE POLICY & GUIDELINES FOR GENDER AND AGE

The PGA of America's **Yardage Policy**, 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:

Women's **overall yardage must not exceed 85%**, with each hole playing approximately 78-92% of the men's yardage (BOD Decision February 2014).

This policy is in place specifically for Section Championships (i.e., Section PGA Professional Championships (PPC), SrPPC and AsstPPC) where players advance into a National Championship. 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.

The yardage differential at PGA Member **National Championships**, where men and women compete for the same purse, **will not exceed 85.0% in total**, and is generally between 82 – 85.0% (each hole playing approximately 78-92% of the men's yardage).

PGA of America's **guidelines** for other yardages is as follows:

- **Junior Women** 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** play at 93-95% of the **Junior Men's** Yardage
- **Senior (50 and older) Women** play at 93-95% of **Junior Women's** Yardage

The intent of this policy/guidelines is for total yardage, knowing that each hole will not, and most likely cannot, be this exact differential. This 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.