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## Illinois PGA Fact Sheet

**Founded:** The PGA of America was founded on January 17, 1916, in New York City. What started as eighty-two charter members has now grown to include over 28,000 PGA professionals and associates – making the PGA the world’s largest working sports organization.

**Illinois Section:** The Illinois Section is one of the 41 regional sections of the PGA of America and consists of 800 PGA Professional members across the State.

**Central Illinois Chapter:** The Central Illinois Chapter serves the cities of Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Bloomington, and surrounding communities.

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**Foundation:** The Illinois PGA Foundation initiatives include the Illinois PGA Junior Tour, Birdies for Charity, GolfWorks Illinois, Youth-based Scholarship Funds, PGA HOPE, PGA Jr. League, Drive Chip and Putt, and the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame.

**Home Office & Headquarters:** 1 Briar Road. Golf, IL 60029

**Tournaments:** The Illinois PGA Section operates numerous tournaments throughout the season for PGA Professionals as well as top amateurs. This includes the Illinois Open, the Illinois Senior Open, the Illinois Super Senior Open, as well as Section Championship Events. The Illinois PGA also introduced its Junior Tour in 2021, which offers an exceptional tournament experience for junior golfers ages 14-18.

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