

This was clearly a case of professional intent. Even so, before the Executive Committee could consider the matter seriously, it would need evidence that the player actually filed application for the pro position.

These three cases are cited merely to illustrate the point in question—that the basic determining factor is evidence, even though it may be the consensus that debarment in all three instances would be for the best interest of the game.

The USGA Amateur Status and Conduct Committee welcomes comments and complaints regarding violations of the amateur code, whether intentional or unintentional, and will make immediate investigation of them. But successful prosecution will depend largely upon the evidence produced.

Gossip, reared on false information, or locker-room tips coming sotto voce only tend to aggravate a delicate situation which is harmful to the game.

Championships

The Open

Thirty sectional qualifying locations have been arranged to serve the convenience of entrants in this year's Open Championship, 49th in the USGA series which began in 1895.

A number of new centers were established in the Middle West inasmuch as the Championship proper will be held at the Medinah Country Club's No. 3 course, in the Chicago district. Another large entry is expected after last year's record of 1,411.

Entries, filed on USGA forms, must arrive not later than 5 P. M. on Monday, May 16, at the USGA office, 73 East 57th St., New York 22, N. Y.

Sectional rounds will be held Monday, May 31 in 28 districts. At Honolulu the date is May 24, and at Washington, D. C., it is June 1, to avoid conflict with the final day of the PGA Championship at Richmond, Va. The Championship proper at Medinah will be played June 9, 10 and 11, with 162 competitors.

Girls' Junior

The newest Championship will be played at one of the oldest clubs. The Philadelphia Country Club, which was formed in 1890, has kindly invited the USGA to hold the first Girls' Junior Championship over its Bala Course, and arrangements have been completed for the tournament there from August 15 through 20.

The Bala course is the older of the Philadelphia Country Club's two courses, and is within the city limits. The newer course, Spring Mill, was the scene of the 1939 Open Championship, won by Byron Nelson.

The Girls' Junior is the only USGA Championship in which all entrants go direct to the Championship location without engaging in sectional qualifying. The tournament will start with an 18-hole qualifying round, to determine 32 qualifiers. All matches will be at 18 holes.

Entrants must not reach their 18th birthday by the day of the final (August 20). They must be members of USGA Regular Member Clubs or must enjoy the privileges of such clubs through membership of their families.

CHAMPION IS RUNNER-UP

William P. Turnesa is the Amateur Champion of the country at golf, but he's a runner-up in his home town of Elmsford, N. Y., where he recently failed to win an election for mayor. However, he is on the Board of Trustees of the town.

The Champion is Chairman of the Metropolitan Golf Association's Amateur Status Committee, and conducts that work in an exemplary manner. Whenever he receives an application for reinstatement to transmit to the USGA, he invariably invites the applicant to his business office for an interview.