

## 2026 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Candidate Bio Form

Please submit this form no later than **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5pm.**

Email \*

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Name of Nominee: \*

Ryan Bayer

Award Nominated for: \*

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

Facility Employed at: \*

Kent Country Club

Year Elected to Membership: \*

2019

Explain how you have excelled as a Player and/or Teacher in 200 words or less: \*

This year I was fortunate to win twice on the section level, winning the 2025 Pro/Pro Championship and the 2025 Fall Pro/Pro. For teaching I have taken a leap and have gone up an additional 25% with more clinic offerings and being available outside of traditional business hours.

Explain how you have excelled on the business side of golf such as with merchandising, tournament operations and/or administrative duties in 200 words or less: \*

I have been a lead for all of the tournament operations at Kent Country Club, I facilitate each Men's event from top to bottom. We have added some fun events to the calendar such as the divorce open and revamped a few dates and have seen participation start to rise in many events.

Explain how you have made a positive impact on your facility and the game of golf as a whole in 200 words or less: \*

I show up to work every day trying to make sure each member and guest has a positive experience. At Kent Country Club we have enhanced our service levels by implementing a podium at the front and made our parking lot service higher. Each bag staff member worked a shift outside with a member of the professional staff so they are all up to speed on what we are trying to accomplish.

Give some examples of how you bring credit to the PGA of America and the Michigan Section in regard to your character, image and integrity in 200 words or less: \*

I have always tried to make the most out of my time whether I am working or not. I have donated countless lessons and rounds of golf to charity as well as volunteering for the first tee on a weekly basis in the off season.

Name at least one mentor but not more than two and explain why they are a mentor to you in 200 words or less: \*

Jimmy Wisinski - Jimmy has always been my go to mentor when I need anything. We bounce ideas off of each other all of the time. We are always there for each other when things aren't going the best and always lift each other up.

Kyle Wittenbach - Kyle was my college coach, he has held jobs in many different sectors of the golf industry, and as I approach my time to become a head pro he has been a big resource for me in every part of the interviewing process.

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