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Dear Sirs:

Please resolve a dispute for me concerning the Rules of Amateur status.

A member organized a tournament where a group of golfers put cash into a purse to be awarded to the best team score as a result of competition in a team best ball format.

Out of the purse, we paid for services rendered to us during the match. The remaining money was awarded to the winners in cash.

A fellow member told me that we were in violation of Rule 1-2, "PLAYING FOR PRIZE MONEY", and that caused forfeiture of our Amateur Status. Upon reading further to the section titled "USGA POLICY ON GAMBLING", 3rd paragraph, I quoted to him "The distinction between playing for prize money and gambling is essential to the validity of the Rules of Amateur Status. The following constitute golf wagering and not playing for prize money:

1. Participation in wagering among individual golfers.
2. Participation in wagering among teams."

I say we did not lose our Amateur status, He says we do. Who is correct.

Thank you

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