

### **How are points earned?**

Points are awarded to all Advanced and Intermediate Division players who compete in and finish a Summer Series event. Points are awarded in reverse order based on the field size. The field size is doubled to establish the point values for a first-place finish. Points are then distributed in 2-point decreasing increments. The overall winner also receives an additional 10 points.

For example, an event has 10 players in one division. The points for that division will be distributed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  $20+10=30$  points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 18 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 16 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place: 14 points

5<sup>th</sup> Place: 12 points

6<sup>th</sup> Place: 10 points

7<sup>th</sup> Place: 8 points

8<sup>th</sup> Place: 6 points

9<sup>th</sup> Place: 4 points

10<sup>th</sup> Place: 2 points

### **What is scoring differential?**

Scoring differential is the difference between the player's overall Summer Series scoring average and the average course rating of competitions played. The differential is a representation of a player's skill in relation to the course difficulty.

For example, a player competes in the following three Summer Series events:

**Event One:** Player scores 75 and the course rating is 69.6

**Event Two:** Player scores 78 and the course rating is 70.2

**Event Three:** Player scores 81 and the course rating is 72

The player's scoring average is 78 and course rating average is 70.6. Therefore, the player's scoring differential is 7.4.

**What is the purpose of the GSGA Junior Tour Rankings?**

A player's ranking is one criterium that may be used to gain entry into Season-Ending Championships.

**How are the rankings determined?**

Each player's total points earned (41%) and tournament scoring differential (59%) are used to determine the rankings.

**What events are used for the rankings?**

Only the Summer Series Advanced and Intermediate events are included in the rankings.

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**Who can earn points?**

Anyone who competes in and finishes a Summer Series Advanced or Intermediate Division event.

**Is there an event minimum?**

Yes. In order to be included in the rankings, a player must compete in and finish a minimum of 3 Summer Series events.

**Do you have to be a GSGA Junior Tour member to be included the rankings?**

Yes. A player must have a current-year, active GSGA Junior Tour Regular membership.

**Do you have to be a GSGA Junior Tour member to earn points?**

No. Non-members can earn and accumulate points. However, they will not be eligible for rankings.

**If I play in an event as a non-member and then register for membership will I retain my points?**

Yes. Points earned by non-members will be retained and added to points accumulated as a member.

**What happens to my ranking if my division changes?**

If you request or are required to change divisions during the Summer Series, your accumulated points will be adjusted to reflect where you would have placed in your new division, but your scoring differential will remain the same. You will receive half (50%) of the allotted points based upon where you would have placed in your new division.

**How many players in the field earn points?**

All players who complete a ranked event will earn points.

**What is a course rating?**

The course rating is the USGA's mark that indicates the playing difficulty of a course for a scratch golfer under normal course and weather conditions.

**What about ties for points earned?**

All ties for points will be awarded at the value of position finish except when hole-by-hole playoffs are conducted for awarded positions.

**Are all Summer Series events worth an equal amount of points?**

Points for single-day Summer Series events are determined by field size. For multi-day Regional Qualifiers, point values are doubled, and for Season-Ending Championships, point values are tripled.