

How are points earned?

Points are awarded to all Advanced and Intermediate Division players who compete in and finish a ranked event. Base points are established in reverse order based on the field size. The total field size determines the base point value for a first-place finish. Points are then distributed in 1-point decreasing increments. The overall winner also receives an additional 5 points.

For example, an event has 8 players in one division. The base points for that division will be distributed as follows:

1st Place: $8+5 = 13$ points

2nd Place: 7 points

3rd Place: 6 points

4th Place: 5 points

5th Place: 4 points

6th Place: 3 points

7th Place: 2 points

8th Place: 1 point

The corresponding base points are then multiplied by the “event multiplier” before being awarded. The event multipliers for all ranked events are as follows:

Spring/Fall Series Single-Day	1x multiplier
Summer/PKBGT Georgia Series Single-Day	2x multiplier
Premier Player Series Multi-Day, Spring Finale, Fall Preview	3x multiplier
PKBGT Georgia Series Finale	4x multiplier
Regional Qualifiers	5x multiplier
Junior Tour Championship, 9-Hole Championship	6x multiplier
Fall Invitational	7x multiplier

What is scoring differential?

Scoring differential is the difference between the player’s overall ranked-event 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 ranked 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 determine eligibility for invitation-only events and postseason honors.

How are the rankings determined?

Each player is ranked on the two criteria (total points earned and tournament scoring differential) separately. These ranks are then weighted [total points earned (39%) and tournament scoring differential (61%)] and added together to determine the final ranking position for each player. For example:

Player 1 is ranked 1st in total points and 5th in scoring differential. The formula to determine Player 1's overall ranking is as follows: $(1 \times .39) + (5 \times .61) = 3.44$. Player 2 is ranked 5th in total points and 1st in scoring differential. The formula to determine Player 2's overall ranking is as follows: $(5 \times .39) + (1 \times .61) = 2.56$.

Therefore, Player 2 (**2.56**) would be ranked above Player 1 (**3.44**) in the overall rankings.

What events are NOT used for the rankings?

Beginner, Team Series, and Skills Challenge Series events are NOT included in the rankings.

Who can earn points?

All players who complete a ranked event will earn points.

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.

Is there an event minimum?

No. There is not an event minimum to be included in the rankings. However, to be considered for invitation-only events and postseason honors, a player must compete in and finish the minimum number of ranked events corresponding to each event or postseason honor.

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

Yes. However, non-members can earn and accumulate points and will appear in the rankings if they become a member.

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 invitation-only events or postseason honors.

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 year, your total accumulated points will be adjusted by half to determine your placement in your new division's rankings.

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.