

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 10 players in one division. The base points for that division will be distributed as follows:

1st Place: $10+5 = 15$ points

2nd Place: 9 points

3rd Place: 8 points

4th Place: 7 points

5th Place: 6 points

6th Place: 5 points

7th Place: 4 points

8th Place: 3 points

9th Place: 2 points

10th 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 Series Single-Day, Spring Finale, Fall Preview	2x multiplier
Regional Qualifier	3x multiplier
MAADA Series Multi-Day, Fall Invitational	4x multiplier
Junior Tour Championship, 9-Hole Championship	5x 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%), to determine the final ranking position for each player.

What events are NOT used for the rankings?

Beginner, Parent/Junior Series, and Skills Challenge Series events are NOT included in the rankings.

Who can earn points?

Anyone who competes in and finishes a ranked event.

Is there an event minimum?

No. There is not an event minimum to be included in the rankings. However, in order 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?

No. However, only players with current-year, active GSGA Junior Tour Regular or Fall memberships will be considered for invitation-only events or postseason honors.

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 accumulated points will be adjusted to reflect where you would have placed in your new division within each event played, 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 within each event played.

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.