



# 2014 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S AMATEUR RANKING SYSTEM

## (Conditions for Determining Final Placing)

### Preamble

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*These conditions relate to the determination of the winner, place getters and other positions for the 2014 Australian Men's Amateur Rankings upon the conclusion of the ranking period.*

### 1. Eligibility

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- 1.1 For players to accrue points towards their 2014 Australian Men's Amateur Ranking, at a Counting Event, they must meet each of the following conditions at the time of the Counting Event:
  - Be a male amateur golfer.
  - Conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Ltd.
- 1.2 Players who breach either the Golf Australia or State or Territory Codes of Conduct, or the Golf Australia Anti Doping Policy may incur penalties which could impact upon their capacity to accrue Ranking Points. Players in breach of either the Code of Conduct or the Anti Doping Policy may be removed from the Australian Amateur Rankings. Any decision relating to condition 1.2 will be in the sole purview of Golf Australia.
- 1.3 The decision of Golf Australia as to acceptance or refusal of a player's results from Ranking Events for the Ranking System is final.

### 2. General

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- 2.1 Golf Australia will have the sole management and control of the Australian Men's Amateur Rankings, with full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions.
- 2.2 Golf Australia's decision on matters affecting the Ranking System will be final.

### 3. Determining the Winner and Other Finishing Positions

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- 3.1 A player's points will be divided by either the minimum divisor of nine (9) or the number of events played (whichever is greater). This figure will be the player's Australian Men's Amateur Ranking Average.
- 3.2 After 3.1 has been executed, the player with the highest Australian Men's Amateur Ranking Average for Counting Events played between 1 November 2013 and 31 October 2014, will be the winner of the 2014 Australian Men's Amateur Rankings.
- 3.3 The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters will receive a gold, silver and bronze Golf Australia Medallion respectively. In the case of ties, joint winners will be awarded.
- 3.4 A player remains eligible to win the 2014 Australian Men's Amateur Rankings if for example they turn professional between 1 November 2013 and 31 October 2014 as any legitimately accrued points (as per condition 1.1) will remain 'live' until the end of the Ranking period.

### 4. Australian Men's Amateur Ranking Events and Points Tables

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- 4.1 The events listed in 4.10 are the Counting Events for the Australian Men's Amateur Ranking System. Each event includes its approximate weighting. Points will be awarded to each finishing position based on the Stroke Play and Match Play Points Tables.
- 4.2 The actual event weighting will be determined on the starting field for that year, based on the following:
  - Australian Open is weighted: Stroke Play 14
  - State Opens are weighted: Stroke Play 13
  - Australian Amateur is weighted: Qualifying Rounds - Stroke Play six (6); Match Play Rounds – Match five (5)
  - State Championships are weighted a minimum of: Qualifying Rounds - Stroke Play three (3); Match Play Rounds – Match one (1)
  - Territory Championships are weighted a minimum of: Qualifying Rounds - Stroke Play two (2); Match Play Rounds – Match one (1)

Note i: With respect to State and Territory Championships, where the Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds are followed by Match Play Rounds, the Match Play Weighting is two Weightings below the Stroke Play Weighting. Events are considered ONE event with respect to the divisor.

Note ii: After the above has been applied, the following criteria (table below) are then executed to determine the event's actual weighting. Additionally, if an event includes five (5) or more players (excluding Australians) from the Top 250 of WAGR, the event's weighting will automatically be increased by 1 level.

No. of players who compete from the Aust Top 20	No. of players who compete from the Aust Top 100	Actual Weighting
<b>0-4 players</b>		2
<b>4 players</b>	and >25	3
<b>5-9 players</b>		3
<b>9 players</b>	and >25	4
<b>10-14 players</b>		4
<b>14 players</b>	and >25	5
<b>15 or more players</b>		5

#### Example 1:

##### Lake Macquarie Amateur:

- a. There are 14 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- b. There are 21 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- c. Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting is 4.
- d. However, there are also 6 players from the top 250 of the WAGR who contest the event, therefore the Stroke Play Weighting is increased by 1 Weighting, giving the event a Stroke Play Weighting of 5.

#### Example 2:

##### Qld Stroke Play and Amateur:

- a. There are 9 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- b. There are 26 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- c. Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting is 4 and the Match Play Weighting is 2.

#### Example 3:

##### SA Stroke Play and Amateur:

- a. There are 4 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- b. There are 12 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- c. Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting based on the table is 2, however as it is a State Championship and the minimum weighting in the Stroke Play section of a State Championship can be is 3, the Stroke Play Weighting is increased to 3. The Match Play weighting is 1.

- 4.3 If the number of rounds of a Counting Event is reduced, the following points will be allocated:
  - An event reduced from 72 holes to 54 holes: no change
  - An event reduced from 54 holes to 36 holes: no change
  - An event reduced from 72 holes to 36 holes: the points weighting is reduced by 1 level
  - An event reduced to 18 holes: the points weighting is reduced to level 1 (ie 70 points)
- 4.4 Points gained in the Australian Open will be "bonus" points – i.e. the Australian Open is NOT counted in the player's divisor.
- 4.5 Events comprising stroke play rounds followed by match play rounds are considered ONE event with respect to the divisor.
- 4.6 Where an event has more than one Grade/Division (e.g. A Grade, B Grade, etc) only scores from the A Grade players count for Ranking purposes.
- 4.7 Where players finish in tied positions in Counting Events, the points allocated to those finishing positions will be averaged and split evenly among the tied players. Exception: where there is a play-off to determine the winner, the winner of the play-off will be allocated the points for the first position.
- 4.8 If a player is disqualified from a Counting Event, or fails to complete a round without reasonable justification (as determined by Golf Australia), the player will be deemed to have been disqualified which will result in 0 points being allocated and the event counting as a divisor.

- 4.9 a) All National, and State and Territory Championships are automatically granted Ranking Status. For additional events to be granted Ranking Status, the event must:
- Be scheduled to be played over at least 54 holes; and
  - Must not discriminate against categories of players who are eligible for the relevant Australian Ranking System (ie it cannot be restricted to players aged 25-40 years, for example)
  - Where it is a Nominated Event, meet the Regulations in respect to the payment of expenses for the Nominated Players. Should these Regulations not be met, the event may lose its Nominated Event status.
- b) An event will be granted Australian Amateur Ranking Status at the discretion of Golf Australia, but must meet the criteria in 4.9a).
- c) It is Golf Australia's intent that a competition with Ranking Event status be open to a significant number of players who are eligible to accrue ranking points. Nonetheless, Golf Australia recognises that this desire is sometimes compromised by the benefits of recognising performance in Open events. Golf Australia will continue to monitor the Ranking Event status of various competitions with this in mind.

#### 4.10 2014 Counting Events:

State	Event	Approx Weighting*
<b>Australian</b>	Australian Amateur Championship	Qual Rds (6) + Match Play (5)
	Australian Open	14
<b>New South Wales</b>	NSW Medal and Amateur	Qual Rds (4) + Match Play (2)
	Lake Macquarie Amateur	5
	NSW Open	13
<b>Queensland</b>	Qld Stroke Play and Amateur	Stroke Play (3) + Match Play (1)
	Keperra Bowl	3
	Qld Open	13
<b>South Australia</b>	SA Amateur	Qual Rds (3) + Match Play (1)
	Golf SA Amateur Classic	4
<b>Tasmania</b>	Tasmanian Amateur	Qual Rds (2) + Match Play (1)
	Tasmanian Open	3
<b>Victoria</b>	Victorian Medal (Port Phillip Amateur) and Amateur	Port Phillip (5) + Match Play (3)
	Riversdale Cup	4
	Victorian Open	13
	The Dunes Medal	4
	Australian Master of the Amateurs	5
<b>Western Australia</b>	WA Medal and Amateur	Qual Rds (3) + Match Play (1)
	WA Open	13
	Mandurah Open Amateur	3
<b>ACT</b>	Federal Open Amateur	4
<b>Northern Territory</b>	NT Open Amateur	2

\*Based on 2013 fields

#### 4.11 Points Tables:

##### Stroke Play

Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 (State Opens)	14 (Aus Open)	%
1	70	100	130	160	190	220	250	280	310	340	370	400	450	600	
2	57	82	107	131	156	180	205	230	254	279	303	328	369	492	0.18
3	51	73	95	117	139	161	182	204	226	248	270	292	328	438	0.11
4	48	68	88	109	129	149	170	190	210	231	251	271	305	407	0.07
5	45	64	83	103	122	141	160	180	199	218	237	257	289	385	0.055
6	43	61	79	98	116	134	153	171	189	208	226	244	275	367	0.047



**Match Play**

	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Match 7	Match 8	Match 9
Winner	70	100	130	160	190	220	250	280	310
Rup	57	82	107	131	156	180	205	230	254
SF	49	70	92	113	134	155	176	197	218
QF	42	60	78	96	114	132	150	168	186
Rd 16	32	46	60	73	87	101	115	128	142
Rd 32	20	28	37	46	54	63	71	80	88
Rd 64	8	12	15	19	23	26	30	33	37