



## 2014 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SENIOR RANKINGS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What Does Golf Australia use the Rankings For?

The Golf Australia Championships Area uses the Rankings as an entry criterion for their events (e.g. exemption categories for the Australian Senior Amateur Championship). The Rankings are also used to select various Senior Representative Teams.

The Rankings provide players, as well as the industry, the opportunity to monitor player movements based on results from particular events (known as Australian Ranking Events), across the peak of amateur golf in Australia.

### 2. What Events are Granted Australian Ranking Status?

Each National Championship (e.g. Australian Senior Amateur), as well as each State or Territory Championship (e.g. NSW Men's Senior Amateur), are automatically granted Ranking Status. Each State Association can also nominate one other major event in their State to be granted Ranking Status (e.g. Gold Coast Senior Amateur). Golf Australia may at times, approve Ranking Status for other high quality events (e.g. Royal Melbourne Senior Classic).

Ranking Events must be scheduled to be played over at least 36-holes, and must not discriminate against categories of players who are eligible for the Rankings (i.e. it cannot be restricted to players aged 55-65 years, for example).

### 3. How Do I Get on the Australian Rankings?

Once you contest a Ranking Event, you automatically gain a Men's Senior Ranking. You must have played in at least one event however. If you have not contested at least one event in the previous 12-month period, your Ranking is removed.

### 4. What Time Period Does the Rankings Cover?

The Rankings cover the last 12-month period. This ensures the Rankings are current and reflects more recent form – as opposed to including events from the previous two years.

### 5. How Does Golf Australia Obtain the Results of the Ranking Events?

In the majority of cases, the results are sourced from the website of the Tournament's organising body.

### 6. How Long Does it Take for the Rankings to be Updated?

This depends on when the event concludes, how quickly the results can be sourced from the Tournament Organiser, and how quickly they can be entered into the Ranking System. In the majority of cases, Rankings will be updated within five (5) days of the event's conclusion.

### 7. How are the Event Weightings Determined?

The event weighting is determined on the starting field of the event for that year, based in the first instance on the following:

- The Australian Senior Amateur Championship is weighted six (6)
- The Australian Senior Match Play Championship is weighted a maximum of five (5)
- State and Territory Championships are weighted a minimum of three (3)

After the above has been applied, the following criteria 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 500 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
0-4 players		2
4 players	and >25	3
5-9 players		3
9 players	and >25	4
10-14 players		4
14 players	and >25	5
15 or more players		5

**Example 1:**

NSW Senior Amateur

- There are 14 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- There are 21 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting is 4.

**Example 2:**

Qld Senior Amateur

- There are 4 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- There are 12 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
- Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting based on the table is 2, however as it is a State Championship and the minimum weighting for a State Championship is 3, the weighting is increased.

If the number of rounds of a Ranking Event is reduced, the following points are 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)

**8. What Points are Allocated to Each Finishing Position?**

The following tables illustrate what points are allocated to each finishing position. Where players finish in tied positions, the points allocated to those finishing positions are 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.

If you are disqualified from a Ranking Event, or fail to complete a round without reasonable justification (as determined by Golf Australia), you will be deemed to have been disqualified which will result in 0 points being allocated and the event counting as a divisor.

**Stroke Play**

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	%
1	70	100	130	160	190	220	250	280	310	340	370	400	
2	57	82	107	131	156	180	205	230	255	280	305	330	0.18
3	51	73	95	117	139	161	182	203	224	245	266	287	0.11
4	48	68	88	109	129	149	170	191	212	233	254	275	0.07
5	45	64	83	103	122	141	160	179	198	217	236	255	0.055
6	43	61	79	98	116	134	153	172	191	210	229	248	0.047
7	41	58	76	93	111	128	146	164	182	200	218	236	0.045
8	39	56	72	89	106	123	139	155	171	187	203	219	0.045
9	37	53	69	85	101	117	133	149	165	181	197	213	0.045

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10	36	51	66	81	97	112	127	142	157	172	187	202	0.045
11	34	49	63	78	92	107	121	135	149	163	177	191	0.045
12	33	47	60	74	88	102	116	130	144	158	172	186	0.042
13	31	45	58	71	85	98	111	124	137	150	163	176	0.042
14	30	43	55	68	81	94	107	120	133	146	159	172	0.042
15	29	41	53	65	78	90	102	114	126	138	150	162	0.042
16	27	39	51	63	74	86	98	110	122	134	146	158	0.042
17	26	38	49	60	72	83	94	105	116	127	138	149	0.039
18	25	36	47	58	69	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	0.039
19	24	35	45	56	66	76	87	98	109	120	131	142	0.039
20	23	33	43	53	63	74	84	94	104	114	124	134	0.039
21	22	32	42	51	61	71	80	89	98	107	116	125	0.039
22	22	31	40	49	59	68	77	86	95	104	113	122	0.039
23	21	30	39	47	56	65	74	83	92	101	110	119	0.039
24	20	28	37	46	54	63	71	79	87	95	103	111	0.039
25	4	27	36	44	52	60	68	76	84	92	100	108	0.039
26	4	26	34	42	50	58	66	74	82	90	98	106	0.039
27	4	25	33	41	48	56	63	70	77	84	91	98	0.038
28	4	24	32	39	46	54	61	68	75	82	89	96	0.038
29	4	23	30	37	45	52	59	66	73	80	87	94	0.038
30	4	23	29	36	43	50	56	62	68	74	80	86	0.038
31	4	22	28	35	41	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	0.038
32	4	21	27	33	40	46	52	58	64	70	76	82	0.038
33	4	20	26	32	38	44	50	56	62	68	74	80	0.038
34	4	6	25	31	37	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	0.038
35	4	6	24	30	35	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	0.038
36	4	6	23	29	34	39	45	51	57	63	69	75	0.038
37	4	6	22	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	0.037
38	4	6	22	27	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	0.037
39	4	6	21	26	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	0.037
40	4	6	20	25	29	34	38	42	46	50	54	58	0.037
41	4	6	7	24	28	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	0.037
42	4	6	7	23	27	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	0.037
43	4	6	7	22	26	30	34	38	42	46	50	54	0.037
44	4	6	7	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	0.037
45	4	6	7	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	0.037
46	4	6	7	20	23	27	31	35	39	43	47	51	0.037
47	4	6	7	8	22	26	30	34	38	42	46	50	0.037
48	4	6	7	8	22	25	28	31	34	37	40	43	0.037
49	4	6	7	8	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	0.037
50	4	6	7	8	20	23	26	29	32	35	38	41	0.037
51	4	6	7	8	10	22	25	28	31	34	37	40	0.037
52	4	6	7	8	10	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	0.036
53	4	6	7	8	10	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	0.036
54	4	6	7	8	10	20	23	26	29	32	35	38	0.036

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	%
55	4	6	7	8	10	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	0.036
56	4	6	7	8	10	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	0.036
57	4	6	7	8	10	11	20	29	38	47	56	65	0.036
58	4	6	7	8	10	11	20	29	38	47	56	65	0.036
59	4	6	7	8	10	11	15	19	23	27	31	35	0.036
60	4	6	7	8	10	11	15	19	23	27	31	35	0.036
400	1	1	2	3	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	

### Match Play

	Match (3)	Match (4)	Match (5)	Match (6)	Match (7)	Match (8)	Match (9)
Winner	130 pts	160 pts	190 pts	220 pts	250 pts	400 pts	530 pts
Runner-up	107 pts	131 pts	156 pts	180 pts	205 pts	330 pts	467 pts
Semi-finalists	92 pts	113 pts	134 pts	155 pts	176 pts	275 pts	418 pts
Quarter-finalists	78 pts	96 pts	114 pts	132 pts	150 pts	219 pts	376 pts
Round of 16	59 pts	73 pts	87 pts	101 pts	114 pts	158 pts	224 pts
Round of 32	37 pts	45 pts	54 pts	64 pts	71 pts	82 pts	186 pts
Round of 64	NA	NA	NA	24 pts	29 pts	33 pts	37 pts

## 9. What is a Divisor?

The Divisor is the number that your Total Points is divided by to determine your Average. The Divisor is either the minimum number of events that is reasonably expected you contest in a 12-month period, or the number of events actually played, whichever is greater. The Divisor for the Men's Senior Rankings is seven (7).

## 10. How is My Ranking Calculated?

Your Ranking is calculated by totaling the points gained in the events played, and dividing that by your Divisor. For example:

Player A                      Events: 6;                      Total Points: 429.1                      Average: 61.30

Player A has physically contested 6 events, however as the Divisor is 7, the Total Points are divided by 7. Should Player A contest one more event, his Ranking will read:

Player A                      Events: 7;                      Total Points: 505.1                      Average: 72.16  
(Note: the Total Points and Average will obviously depend on the points gained from the 7<sup>th</sup> event)

## 11. When Am I Eligible for the Super Senior Category?

You are eligible to win the Super Senior category if for example you turn 65 between 1 November 2013 and 31 October 2014 as any legitimately accrued points will become 'live' for the Super Senior category from the time they turn 65. Points gained by a player 65 years and over continue to remain live for the Australian Senior Ranking System.

The Australian Senior Ranking System takes precedence over the Super Senior category (e.g. a player who finishes 1<sup>st</sup> in the Super Senior category and finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Australian Senior Ranking System will be awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Australian Senior Ranking System).

## 12. What Should I Do If I See an Error in My Ranking?

Please contact Golf Australia on 03 9626 5050 or [championships@golf.org.au](mailto:championships@golf.org.au) as soon as possible. Errors are very possible for a number of reasons:

- There may be one or more players with the same or similar names;
- There may have been an error on the results gained from the Tournament Organisers;
- There may have been an error when inputting the results into the Rankings (the Rankings are managed manually, with over 3,500 players' results across over 140 events having to be physically inputted).