



## 2014 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S 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 Amateur, and Australian Foursomes Championship).

The High Performance Program also uses the Rankings (along with other ranking systems that exist within amateur golf) as one of a number of tools, not a benchmark, when selecting teams/squads for national or international competition.

The Rankings also 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 Open, Australian Amateur), as well as each State Open (e.g. WA Open), and each State or Territory Championship (e.g. SA Amateur Championships), 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. Riversdale Cup). Golf Australia may at times, approve Ranking Status for other high quality events (e.g. The Dunes Medal).

Ranking Events must be scheduled to be played over at least 54-holes, and must not discriminate against categories of players who are eligible for the Rankings (i.e. it cannot be restricted to players aged 25-40 years, for example).

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

Once you contest a Ranking Event, you automatically gain a Men's 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 actual event weighting will be determined on the starting field for that year, based on the following:

- Australian Open is weighted: Stroke Play 10
- State Opens are weighted: Stroke Play 8
- 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 |
|---|--|------------------|
| 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:

##### Lake Macquarie 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.
- 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:

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

#### Example 3:

##### SA Stroke Play and 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 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.

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

| Pos | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8<br>(State<br>Open) | 9   | 10<br>(Aus<br>Open) | 11  | %     |
|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1   | 70 | 100 | 130 | 160 | 190 | 220 | 250 | 280                  | 310 | 340                 | 370 |       |
| 2   | 57 | 82  | 107 | 131 | 156 | 180 | 205 | 230                  | 254 | 279                 | 303 | 0.18  |
| 3   | 51 | 73  | 95  | 117 | 139 | 161 | 182 | 204                  | 226 | 248                 | 270 | 0.11  |
| 4   | 48 | 68  | 88  | 109 | 129 | 149 | 170 | 190                  | 210 | 231                 | 251 | 0.07  |
| 5   | 45 | 64  | 83  | 103 | 122 | 141 | 160 | 180                  | 199 | 218                 | 237 | 0.055 |
| 6   | 43 | 61  | 79  | 98  | 116 | 134 | 153 | 171                  | 189 | 208                 | 226 | 0.047 |
| 7   | 41 | 58  | 76  | 93  | 111 | 128 | 146 | 163                  | 181 | 198                 | 216 | 0.045 |
| 8   | 39 | 56  | 72  | 89  | 106 | 123 | 139 | 156                  | 173 | 190                 | 206 | 0.045 |
| 9   | 37 | 53  | 69  | 85  | 101 | 117 | 133 | 149                  | 165 | 181                 | 197 | 0.045 |
| 10  | 36 | 51  | 66  | 81  | 97  | 112 | 127 | 142                  | 158 | 173                 | 188 | 0.045 |
| 11  | 34 | 49  | 63  | 78  | 92  | 107 | 121 | 136                  | 151 | 165                 | 180 | 0.045 |
| 12  | 33 | 47  | 60  | 74  | 88  | 102 | 116 | 130                  | 144 | 158                 | 172 | 0.042 |
| 13  | 31 | 45  | 58  | 71  | 85  | 98  | 111 | 125                  | 138 | 152                 | 165 | 0.042 |
| 14  | 30 | 43  | 55  | 68  | 81  | 94  | 107 | 120                  | 132 | 145                 | 158 | 0.042 |
| 15  | 29 | 41  | 53  | 65  | 78  | 90  | 102 | 115                  | 127 | 139                 | 151 | 0.042 |
| 16  | 27 | 39  | 51  | 63  | 74  | 86  | 98  | 110                  | 121 | 133                 | 145 | 0.042 |
| 17  | 26 | 38  | 49  | 60  | 72  | 83  | 94  | 105                  | 117 | 128                 | 139 | 0.039 |
| 18  | 25 | 36  | 47  | 58  | 69  | 80  | 90  | 101                  | 112 | 123                 | 134 | 0.039 |
| 19  | 24 | 35  | 45  | 56  | 66  | 76  | 87  | 97                   | 108 | 118                 | 129 | 0.039 |
| 20  | 23 | 33  | 43  | 53  | 63  | 74  | 84  | 94                   | 104 | 114                 | 124 | 0.039 |
| 21  | 22 | 32  | 42  | 51  | 61  | 71  | 80  | 90                   | 100 | 109                 | 119 | 0.039 |
| 22  | 22 | 31  | 40  | 49  | 59  | 68  | 77  | 86                   | 96  | 105                 | 114 | 0.039 |
| 23  | 21 | 30  | 39  | 47  | 56  | 65  | 74  | 83                   | 92  | 101                 | 110 | 0.039 |
| 24  | 20 | 28  | 37  | 46  | 54  | 63  | 71  | 80                   | 88  | 97                  | 105 | 0.039 |
| 25  | 19 | 27  | 36  | 44  | 52  | 60  | 68  | 77                   | 85  | 93                  | 101 | 0.039 |
| 26  | 18 | 26  | 34  | 42  | 50  | 58  | 66  | 74                   | 82  | 89                  | 97  | 0.039 |
| 27  | 18 | 25  | 33  | 41  | 48  | 56  | 63  | 71                   | 78  | 86                  | 94  | 0.038 |
| 28  | 17 | 24  | 32  | 39  | 46  | 54  | 61  | 68                   | 76  | 83                  | 90  | 0.038 |
| 29  | 16 | 23  | 30  | 37  | 45  | 52  | 59  | 66                   | 73  | 80                  | 87  | 0.038 |
| 30  | 16 | 23  | 29  | 36  | 43  | 50  | 56  | 63                   | 70  | 77                  | 83  | 0.038 |
| 31  | 15 | 22  | 28  | 35  | 41  | 48  | 54  | 61                   | 67  | 74                  | 80  | 0.038 |
| 32  | 15 | 21  | 27  | 33  | 40  | 46  | 52  | 58                   | 65  | 71                  | 77  | 0.038 |
| 33  | 14 | 20  | 26  | 32  | 38  | 44  | 50  | 56                   | 62  | 68                  | 74  | 0.038 |
| 34  | 14 | 19  | 25  | 31  | 37  | 42  | 48  | 54                   | 60  | 66                  | 71  | 0.038 |
| 35  | 13 | 19  | 24  | 30  | 35  | 41  | 46  | 52                   | 58  | 63                  | 69  | 0.038 |
| 36  | 13 | 18  | 23  | 29  | 34  | 39  | 45  | 50                   | 55  | 61                  | 66  | 0.038 |
| 37  | 12 | 17  | 22  | 28  | 33  | 38  | 43  | 48                   | 53  | 58                  | 64  | 0.037 |
| 38  | 12 | 17  | 22  | 27  | 31  | 36  | 41  | 46                   | 51  | 56                  | 61  | 0.037 |
| 39  | 11 | 16  | 21  | 26  | 30  | 35  | 40  | 45                   | 49  | 54                  | 59  | 0.037 |
| 40  | 11 | 15  | 20  | 25  | 29  | 34  | 38  | 43                   | 48  | 52                  | 57  | 0.037 |
| 41  | 10 | 15  | 19  | 24  | 28  | 33  | 37  | 41                   | 46  | 50                  | 55  | 0.037 |
| 42  | 10 | 14  | 19  | 23  | 27  | 31  | 36  | 40                   | 44  | 48                  | 53  | 0.037 |
| 43  | 10 | 14  | 18  | 22  | 26  | 30  | 34  | 38                   | 43  | 47                  | 51  | 0.037 |
| 44  | 9  | 13  | 17  | 21  | 25  | 29  | 33  | 37                   | 41  | 45                  | 49  | 0.037 |
| 45  | 9  | 13  | 17  | 20  | 24  | 28  | 32  | 36                   | 39  | 43                  | 47  | 0.037 |
| 46  | 9  | 12  | 16  | 20  | 23  | 27  | 31  | 34                   | 38  | 42                  | 45  | 0.037 |
| 47  | 8  | 12  | 15  | 19  | 22  | 26  | 30  | 33                   | 37  | 40                  | 44  | 0.037 |
| 48  | 8  | 11  | 15  | 18  | 22  | 25  | 28  | 32                   | 35  | 39                  | 42  | 0.037 |
| 49  | 8  | 11  | 14  | 18  | 21  | 24  | 27  | 31                   | 34  | 37                  | 40  | 0.037 |
| 50  | 7  | 11  | 14  | 17  | 20  | 23  | 26  | 30                   | 33  | 36                  | 39  | 0.037 |
| 51  | 7  | 10  | 13  | 16  | 19  | 22  | 25  | 28                   | 31  | 35                  | 38  | 0.037 |
| 52  | 7  | 10  | 13  | 16  | 19  | 22  | 24  | 27                   | 30  | 33                  | 36  | 0.036 |

| Pos | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8<br>(State<br>Open) | 9  | 10<br>(Aus<br>Open) | 11 | %     |
|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|----|-------|
| 53  | 7 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 26                   | 29 | 32                  | 35 | 0.036 |
| 54  | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 25                   | 28 | 31                  | 34 | 0.036 |
| 55  | 6 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 22 | 25                   | 27 | 30                  | 32 | 0.036 |
| 56  | 6 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 21 | 24                   | 26 | 29                  | 31 | 0.036 |
| 57  | 6 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 23                   | 25 | 28                  | 30 | 0.036 |
| 58  | 5 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 22                   | 24 | 27                  | 29 | 0.036 |
| 59  | 5 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 21                   | 23 | 26                  | 28 | 0.036 |
| 60  | 5 | 7 | 9  | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20                   | 23 | 25                  | 27 | 0.036 |
|     |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                      |    |                     |    |       |
| MC  | 1 | 1 | 2  | 2  | 5  | 5  | 10 | 10                   | 10 | 15                  | 15 |       |
| DQ  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0                    | 0  | 0                   | 0  |       |

### 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      |

## 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 Rankings is nine (9).

## 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: 10;                            Total Points: 998.8                            Average: 99.88

Player A has physically contested 8 events, however as the Divisor is 9, the Total Points are divided by 9. Should Player A contest one more event, his Ranking will read:

Player A            Events: 9;                            Total Points: 1101.8                            Average: 122.42  
(Note: the Total Points and Average will obviously depend on the points gained from the 9<sup>th</sup> event)

## 11. What Happens with Points Gained in the Australian Open?

To recognise the significance of the Australian Open, if you gain points from the Australian Open, these are counted in your Total Points, however the event is not counted in your Divisor – they are effectively Bonus Points.

## 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).