

2015 AUSTRALIAN BOYS' 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, Australian Boys' 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 Boys' Amateur), as well as each State and Territory Championship (e.g. SA Junior 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. Victorian Junior Masters). Golf Australia may at times, approve Ranking Status for other high quality events (e.g. Handa Junior Masters).

Junior 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 Junior Rankings (i.e. a junior event must be open to players aged under 18 years; it cannot be open solely to players aged 12-16 years, for example).

3. How Do I Get on the Australian Rankings?

Once you contest a Ranking Event (either a Junior Event or Open-Age Event), you automatically gain a Boys' Ranking (provided Golf Australia is aware of your date of birth). 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 Does the Asterisk Mean Next to a Player's Name?

The asterisk denotes that the player is not an Australian citizen. To be selected in State and Australian Teams, players must be Australian Citizens.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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:

- Australian Boys' Amateur is weighted six (6)
- State Championships are weighted a minimum of three (3);
- Territory Championships are weighted a minimum of two (2)

Note i: 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.

Note ii: 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.

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 Boys' 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:

SA Boys' 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)

The Open-Age Events included in the Junior Rankings are weighted approximately 1½ times that of which they are weighted in the Open-Age Rankings. (Note: the table above is irrelevant for Open-Age Events in the Boys' Rankings). For example, the Men's Lake Macquarie Amateur may be weighted 5 in the Open Age Rankings, so would be weighted 7 in the Junior Rankings (5 x 1.5 = 7.5); 0.5 being rounded down. This recognises that finishing first in the Australian Junior Championship (6 weighting) is approximately the equivalent of finishing second in the Lake Macquarie Amateur.

Please note that events comprising stroke play rounds followed by match play rounds are considered ONE event with respect to the divisor.

9. 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	9	10	11 (State Open)	12	13 (Aus Open)	14	%
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
7	41	58	76	93	111	128	146	163	181	198	216	233	263	350	0.045
8	39	56	72	89	106	123	139	156	173	190	206	223	251	334	0.045
9	37	53	69	85	101	117	133	149	165	181	197	213	240	319	0.045
10	36	51	66	81	97	112	127	142	158	173	188	203	229	305	0.045
11	34	49	63	78	92	107	121	136	151	165	180	194	218	291	0.045
12	33	47	60	74	88	102	116	130	144	158	172	186	209	279	0.042
13	31	45	58	71	85	98	111	125	138	152	165	178	201	267	0.042
14	30	43	55	68	81	94	107	120	132	145	158	171	192	256	0.042
15	29	41	53	65	78	90	102	115	127	139	151	164	184	245	0.042
16	27	39	51	63	74	86	98	110	121	133	145	157	176	235	0.042
17	26	38	49	60	72	83	94	105	117	128	139	151	169	226	0.039
18	25	36	47	58	69	80	90	101	112	123	134	145	163	217	0.039
19	24	35	45	56	66	76	87	97	108	118	129	139	156	209	0.039
20	23	33	43	53	63	74	84	94	104	114	124	134	150	200	0.039
21	22	32	42	51	61	71	80	90	100	109	119	128	145	193	0.039
22	22	31	40	49	59	68	77	86	96	105	114	123	139	185	0.039
23	21	30	39	47	56	65	74	83	92	101	110	119	133	178	0.039
24	20	28	37	46	54	63	71	80	88	97	105	114	128	171	0.039
25	19	27	36	44	52	60	68	77	85	93	101	110	123	164	0.039
26	18	26	34	42	50	58	66	74	82	89	97	105	118	158	0.039
27	18	25	33	41	48	56	63	71	78	86	94	101	114	152	0.038
28	17	24	32	39	46	54	61	68	76	83	90	97	110	146	0.038
29	16	23	30	37	45	52	59	66	73	80	87	94	105	141	0.038
30	16	23	29	36	43	50	56	63	70	77	83	90	101	135	0.038
31	15	22	28	35	41	48	54	61	67	74	80	87	98	130	0.038
32	15	21	27	33	40	46	52	58	65	71	77	83	94	125	0.038
33	14	20	26	32	38	44	50	56	62	68	74	80	90	120	0.038
34	14	19	25	31	37	42	48	54	60	66	71	77	87	116	0.038
35	13	19	24	30	35	41	46	52	58	63	69	74	84	111	0.038
36	13	18	23	29	34	39	45	50	55	61	66	71	80	107	0.038
37	12	17	22	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	64	69	77	103	0.037
38	12	17	22	27	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	75	99	0.037
39	11	16	21	26	30	35	40	45	49	54	59	64	72	96	0.037
40	11	15	20	25	29	34	38	43	48	52	57	61	69	92	0.037
41	10	15	19	24	28	33	37	41	46	50	55	59	67	89	0.037
42	10	14	19	23	27	31	36	40	44	48	53	57	64	85	0.037
43	10	14	18	22	26	30	34	38	43	47	51	55	62	82	0.037
44	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	59	79	0.037
45	9	13	17	20	24	28	32	36	39	43	47	51	57	76	0.037
46	9	12	16	20	23	27	31	34	38	42	45	49	55	74	0.037
47	8	12	15	19	22	26	30	33	37	40	44	47	53	71	0.037
48	8	11	15	18	22	25	28	32	35	39	42	45	51	68	0.037
49	8	11	14	18	21	24	27	31	34	37	40	44	49	66	0.037

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50	7	11	14	17	20	23	26	30	33	36	39	42	47	63	0.037
51	7	10	13	16	19	22	25	28	31	35	38	41	46	61	0.037
52	7	10	13	16	19	22	24	27	30	33	36	39	44	59	0.036
53	7	9	12	15	18	21	24	26	29	32	35	38	42	57	0.036
54	6	9	12	15	17	20	23	25	28	31	34	36	41	55	0.036
55	6	9	11	14	17	19	22	25	27	30	32	35	39	53	0.036
56	6	8	11	14	16	19	21	24	26	29	31	34	38	51	0.036
57	6	8	11	13	15	18	20	23	25	28	30	33	37	49	0.036
58	5	8	10	13	15	17	20	22	24	27	29	31	35	47	0.036
59	5	8	10	12	14	17	19	21	23	26	28	30	34	45	0.036
60	5	7	9	12	14	16	18	20	23	25	27	29	33	44	0.036
MC	1	1	2	2	5	5	10	10	10	15	15	15	25	30	
DQ	0	0	0	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	Match 10	Match 11	Match 12
Winner	70	100	130	160	190	220	250	280	310	340	370	400
Rup	57	82	107	131	156	180	205	230	254	279	303	328
SF	49	70	92	113	134	155	176	197	218	239	261	282
QF	42	60	78	96	114	132	150	168	186	203	221	239
Rd 16	32	46	60	73	87	101	115	128	142	156	169	183
Rd 32	20	28	37	46	54	63	71	80	88	97	105	114
Rd 64	8	12	15	19	23	26	30	33	37	40	44	47

10. 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 Boys' Rankings is eight (8), however five (5) of these events must be junior events (this encourages juniors to continue to contest junior events).

The Divisor (i.e. the number in the "Event" column) in the Boys' Rankings is shown as $x(y)$ with x being the actual number of events played, and y being the total number of events including five junior events played or not played.

11. 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: 11(12); Total Points: 1198.6 Average: 99.88

Player A has physically contested 11 events, however as only four of these are junior events, and the conditions state that five junior events are counted in the Divisor, the Total Points are divided by 12. Should Player A contest one more junior event, his Ranking will read:

Player A Events: 12; Total Points: 1250 Average: 104.17
(Note: the Total Points and Average will obviously depend on the points gained from the 12th event)

12. Why Might My Average Go Down When I Play In An Event and Earn Points?

As explained in question 11, your Ranking is calculated by totaling the points gained in the events played, and dividing that by your Divisor. This means that although you may earn points for competing in an event, your average goes down as your total will be divided by a divisor one greater than your previous divisor. For example if a player who has contested 6 events (5 of which are junior) and is on 900 points plays in 3 events each earning 45 points, the average will change as follows:

	No. Events actually played	Points Earned	Total Points	Divisor (min 8)	Average
1	7	+45	945	8	118.13
2	8	+45	990	8	123.75
3	9	+45	1035	9	115

13. 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.

14. At What Point Am I No Longer Considered a Junior?

So long as you are under 18 on the first day of the Ranking Period (i.e. 1 November 2014) you will be included in the Boys' Rankings. However, once you turn 18, points gained in events when you are 18 will no longer count towards your Boys' Ranking. For example, you may turn 18 on 1 May 2015, so points gained in any event up until 1 May 2015 will count towards your Boys' Ranking. After 1 May 2015, should you contest an Open-Age Event, results from this will NOT be included in your Boys' Ranking as you are no longer under 18 years of age.

15. 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 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).