

GOLF AUSTRALIA ORDER OF MERIT 2023 FAQs

1. What are the changes to the GA OOM for 2023?

Golf Australia has looked to streamline the administration of the OOM system to provide a more consistent user experience from State to National OOMs. Each OOM event carries a specific weighting, with a total points allocation reflecting that weighting. Points allocated to finishing positions reflect a percentage of the overall points for an event.

For all OOMs (junior, open age and senior), a player's OOM position will be determined by totalling the points gained from the respective GA OOM events, taking the player's best 6 results (juniors), 8 results (open age) and 5 results (senior) for National OOMs and the best results in 33% (rounded up) of the total events available for the season for state OOMs.

Each OOM is mutually exclusive, and points gained in a particular OOM event will be allocated to that OOM only. For example, junior OOM points can only be gained from junior events.

2. What does Golf Australia use the GA OOM for?

The GA OOM recognises the best performed player over the season in designated GA OOM events. Golf Australia uses the GA OOM to encourage participation among low-handicap golfers. It is also used as an entry criterion for various championships. The GA Senior OOM is used as a reference to select some senior representative teams.

3. Does Golf Australia's High-Performance Program use the GA OOM for selecting benchmark players and/or Australian teams?

The High-Performance Program, when selecting benchmark players and Australian Teams, considers many factors, one of which is the OOM.

4. Differences between WAGR and the GA OOM.

Players highly ranked on the WAGR tend to play a greater number of overseas events and perform well in these events, which count towards the WAGR but not towards the GA OOM. As they compete overseas, the number of GA OOM events they contest is usually minimal. The WAGR is a rolling OOM whereas the GA OOM is based on a year long designated OOM season.

5. What events are granted GA OOM status?

National OOM

Each National Championship (e.g. Australian Amateur, Australian Junior Amateur, Australian Senior Amateur), as well as each State and Territory Championship (e.g. SA Junior Championships), are automatically granted GA OOM status. Each State/NT can also nominate other major events in their State or Territory to be granted GA OOM status (e.g. Avondale Amateur) up to the maximum levels. This is done to achieve some parity between the states and associated travel requirements for players.

Amateur results from State Opens are also included in the respective GA OOM.

State OOM

Each states respective state championships are included (e.g. state amateur, state junior, state senior) as well as other suitable events as approved by GA.

6. How do I get on the GA OOM?

Once you contest a GA OOM event, you automatically gain a GA OOM position. If you have not contested at least one event in the current period, you will not appear on the GA OOM

7. What time does the GA OOM cover?

The current GA OOM commences on 1/11/2022 and concludes on 31/10/2023. Please refer to the National OOM Terms and State OOM Terms for counting events.

8. How does Golf Australia obtain the results of GA OOM events?

In most cases, the results are sourced from the software and/or website of the event organisers or from GolfLINK.

9. How long does it take for the GA OOM to be updated?

This depends on when the event concludes, how quickly the results can be sourced from the event organiser, and how quickly they can be entered into the GA OOM system. In most cases, GA OOMs will be updated within 1 week of the event's conclusion.

10. How are the event weightings determined?

The event weighting is based on the status of the event and the customary strength of the field, but with the following initial criteria:

- Australian Opens are weighted 14;
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- Other State Opens are weighted 11;
- Australian Amateur/Junior/Senior Championships are weighted 9;
- State Championships are weighted a minimum of 5;
- Territory Championships are weighted a minimum of 4;
- Junior events played over 72-holes are weighted a minimum of 5;
- State OOM events are weighted 1, 2 or 3 based upon the number of rounds played.

Notes:

- i. Events with stronger traditional fields may have an increased weighting.
- ii. Golf Australia will review event weightings from time to time and may adjust the weightings table in the OOM Conditions.

11. What points are allocated to each finishing position?

The tables included in the GA OOM Terms illustrate what percentage of the total 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 GA OOM 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.

12. How is my position calculated?

For junior and open age OOMs, a player's OOM position will be determined by totalling the points gained from the respective GA OOM events, taking the player's best 6 results (juniors) and 8 results (open age) for National OOMs and the best results in 33% of the total events for state OOMs.

13. For the Junior OOM, at what point am I no longer considered a junior?

So long as you are under 18 on the first day of a GA OOM event. Only points gained in junior events count towards the GA Junior OOM.

14. For the Senior OOM, at what point am I considered a senior?

So long as you are at 55 years of age (men) and 50 (women) or older on the first day of a GA OOM event. Only points gained in senior events count towards the GA Senior OOM.

15. What should I do if I believe I see an error in my position?

Please contact Golf Australia on (03) 9626 5050 or golfoperations@golf.org.au to have the issue assessed.