



GA STATE ORDERS OF MERIT

Junior, Open Age & Senior

(2024 TERMS OF THE COMPETITION)

The Golf Australia State Order of Merit (GA State OOM) provides players the opportunity to track their performance against others based on results from designated events in NT, QLD, SA, TAS and VIC. These Terms relate to eligibility of players and the determination of the winner, place getters and other positions for the 2024 GA State OOM.

1. Events

- 1.1 The 2024 GA State OOM programs consists of designated events in NT, QLD, SA, TAS and VIC approved by Golf Australia (GA). The counting events are listed on the GA State OOM calendar which can be filtered by state in the “location” dropdown menu.
- 1.2 The 2024 GA State OOM season will be held between 1 November 2023 and 31 October 2024, with exceptions as follows:
 - a) QLD Junior & Open Age OOM season – 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
 - b) QLD Senior OOM season – 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024
 - c) VIC Senior OOM season – 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024
- 1.3 Points accumulated from the events listed in Term 1.1 will count towards the following GA State OOM categories:
 - a) NT: Girls’ (gross & net), Boys’ (gross & net), Women’s (gross & net) & Men’s (gross & net)
 - b) QLD: Girls’, Boys’, Women’s, Men’s, Senior Women’s (gross & net), Senior Men’s (gross & net), Super Senior Women’s & Super Senior Men’s
 - c) SA: Girls’ (Vardon), Boys’ (Vardon), Women’s (Vardon), Men’s (Vardon), Senior Women’s (gross & net), Senior Men’s (John Beaumont – 55-64 years), Super Senior Men’s (Tony Mazzone – 65+ years), Senior Men’s (net – 55+ years)
 - d) TAS: Girls’ (Tammy Hall), Boys’ (Athol Shepard), Women’s (Lindy Goggin), Men’s (Peter Toogood), Senior Women (Vardon) & Senior Men (Vardon)
 - e) VIC: Girls’ (Future Champions), Boys’ (Geoff Ogilvy), Women’s (Susie Tolhurst), Men’s (Ivo Whitton), Senior Women’s (Scratch Stableford & Stableford) & Senior Men’s (gross – Doug Bachli & net – Paul Lulofs)

Note: All categories above are gross competitions unless otherwise stated.

- 1.4 An event may be granted GA State OOM status at the discretion of GA and the events are subject to review each season. All clubs staging designated GA State OOM events are required to comply with the GA Event Organiser agreements.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 For players to accrue points towards their respective GA State OOM, they must meet each of the following at the time of the GA State OOM event:
 - a) Be an amateur golfer, holding an active GA handicap.
 - b) For juniors, be under 18 on the first day of the event.
 - c) For seniors, be 50 years of age or over on the first day of the event for women and 55 years of age or over on the first day of the event for men.
 - d) For super seniors, be 65 years of age or over on the first day of the event.
 - e) Conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Ltd.



- 2.2 A player remains eligible to win their respective GA State OOM if for example they turn professional during the season, as any legitimately accrued points (as per Term 2.1) will remain 'live' until the end of the season. The same applies for juniors turning 18 during the respective GA State OOM season.
- 2.3 Players who breach the GA Code of Conduct or the GA Anti-Doping Policy may incur penalties which could impact upon their capacity to accrue GA State OOM points. Players in breach of either the Code of Conduct or the Anti-Doping Policy may be removed from the GA State OOM. Any decision relating to this Term will be in the sole purview of GA.
- 2.4 The decision of GA as to acceptance or refusal of a player's results from GA State OOM events for the GA State OOM is final.

3. General

- 3.1 GA will have the sole management and control of the GA State OOM, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the Terms.
- 3.2 All GA State OOMs will be administered online through tournament management system used by GA.
- 3.3 GA's decision on matters affecting the GA State OOM will be final.

4. Determining the winner and other finishing positions

- 4.1 Note: A player's final OOM position will be determined by totaling the points gained from the respective GA State OOM events during the season, taking the player's best results in 33% (rounded up) of the total number of events on the respective GA State OOM calendar during the season with exception as follows for South Australia:
A player's final OOM position will be determined by totaling the points gained from the respective GA SA OOM events during the season, taking the player's best six results from events on the respective GA State OOM calendar during the season. In addition to be eligible towards the respective GA SA OOM, a player must play a minimum of five events during the season.
- 4.2 The players with the highest points total (as per Term 4.1), gained during the season (as per Term 1.2), will be the winners of the 2024 GA State OOMs in each category listed in Term 1.3.
- 4.3 The winner, runner-up and third place getter in each GA State OOM category will receive a memento. In the case of ties, joint winners will be awarded.

5. Points and weightings

- 5.1 Events are weighted as follows:
 - a) All GA State OOM events that are also GA National OOM events will be allocated as weighting 5 (*Exception – Royal Adelaide Senior Amateur is weighted 3*).
 - b) All other GA State OOM events will be weighted as follows:
 - i. 72-hole events: weighting 4
 - ii. 54-hole events: weighting 3
 - iii. 36-hole events: weighting 2
 - iv. 18-hole events: weighting 1

Note: GA State OOM events can also count towards the GA National OOM and may carry different weightings in both OOMs.

- 5.2 Points will be awarded to each finishing position based on a percentage breakdown of the total points allocated to each event (based on the weighting) as outlined in Appendix 1.



Notes:

- a) If the cut for an event is less than 60 players, any players who missed the cut will be awarded points based on the minimum amount awarded for the event.
- b) Players without an active GA Handicap will be disregarded for the purposes of the final field position for the GA State OOM. Players who finish below a player without an active GA Handicap will subsequently move up a position(s) for OOM purposes.

5.3 If the number of rounds of a GA State OOM event is reduced, the points weighting will be adjusted as follows:

- a) An event reduced from 72 holes to 54 holes: no change
- b) An event reduced from 54 holes to 36 holes: no change
- c) An event reduced from 72 holes to 36 holes: the points weighting is reduced by 1 level
- d) An event reduced to 18 holes: the points weighting is reduced by 1 level

5.4 If players finish in tied positions in a GA State OOM event, the points allocated to those finishing positions will be averaged and split evenly amongst the tied players.

Exception: if there is a play-off to determine the winner, the winner of the play-off will be allocated the points for the first position.

5.5 If a player is disqualified from a GA State OOM event or fails to complete any round (with the exception of an approved reason ratified by GA), the player will be deemed disqualified from that event and will be allocated 0 points.

Exception: If a player makes the cut in an event where the cut is less than 60 players, and then subsequently withdraws, the player will be awarded the minimum number of points allocated to those who make the cut.

5.6 Events comprising stroke play qualifying rounds followed by match play rounds are considered two events with respect to GA State OOM points allocation.

Note: The match play event will hold the same weighting as the stroke play event unless otherwise stated.

5.7 Where an event has multiple formats (eg. stroke & stableford), only scores from the stroke play section will count for GA State OOM purposes.

5.8 Where an event has more than one grade/division (e.g. A&B Grade, U16 years, 55-59 years, open/closed etc), if the event doesn't already have an overall section encompassing all grades/divisions, the scores will be combined to create an overall leaderboard to which OOM points will be assigned.

5.9 The one event can count for multiple GA State OOMs (eg. Royal Hobart Cup = TAS Men's & TAS Boys' OOM). Players will be ranked based on their finishing position with respect to each OOM category (eg. a junior boy finishes 5th overall but is the highest placed junior so will receive points for 5th place for the Men's OOM and points for 1st place for the Boys' OOM).



APPENDIX 1 – 2024 GA State OOM Points Breakdown

Applicable for Junior, Open Age & Senior OOM events

All GA State OOM events have a total points allocation based on their weighting (see Term 5.1). There is also a direct allocation of points for those players missing the cut or not completing an event.

Event weighting & points table

Weighting	1	2	3	4	5
	18-holes	36-holes	54-holes	72-holes	National OOM
Total points	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000
Win points	69	103.5	138	172.5	207
MC or >60	2	2	2	5	5
DQ or DNF	0	0	0	0	0

Points will be allocated via a percentage breakdown of the total points allocation for events as follows:

Points allocation

Pos	%	Pos	%	Pos	%	Pos	%	Pos	%	Pos	%
1	6.90	11	2.86	21	1.50	31	1.08	41	0.66	51	0.51
2	6.10	12	2.62	22	1.50	32	0.96	42	0.66	52	0.51
3	5.50	13	2.40	23	1.35	33	0.96	43	0.66	53	0.45
4	5.10	14	2.20	24	1.35	34	0.96	44	0.66	54	0.45
5	4.72	15	2.01	25	1.35	35	0.85	45	0.58	55	0.45
6	4.36	16	2.01	26	1.21	36	0.85	46	0.58	56	0.45
7	4.02	17	1.83	27	1.21	37	0.85	47	0.58	57	0.40
8	3.70	18	1.83	28	1.21	38	0.75	48	0.58	58	0.40
9	3.40	19	1.66	29	1.08	39	0.75	49	0.51	59	0.40
10	3.12	20	1.66	30	1.08	40	0.75	50	0.51	60	0.40

Points will be allocated directly for match play events as follows:

Match play points allocation

Weighting	1	2	3	4	5
Winner	69	103.5	138	172.5	207
Runner-Up	61	91.5	122	164.7	183
Semi Final	53	80	106	143	159
Quarter Final	42	63	84	113	126
Round 16	26	39	52	70	77
Round 32	14	20	27	37	41
Round 64	5	8	11	14	17