

# GA NATIONAL ORDERS OF MERIT

## Junior, Open Age & Senior

### (2024 TERMS OF THE COMPETITION)

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

## 1. Events

- 1.1 The 2024 GA OOM consists of designated events in Australia approved by Golf Australia (GA). The counting events are listed on the [GA OOM calendar](#) which can be filtered by state in the "location" dropdown menu.
- 1.2 The 2023 GA OOM season will be held between 1 November 2023 and 31 October 2024.
- 1.3 Points accumulated from the events listed in Term 1.1 will count towards the following GA OOM categories:
  - a) Junior (under 18 years): Girls' & Boys'
  - b) Open Age: Women & Men
  - c) Senior (50 years and over for women and 55 years and over for men): Women & Men

*Note:* All categories above are gross competitions.
- 1.4 All National, and State & Territory championships are automatically granted GA OOM status. For additional events to be granted GA OOM status, the event must:
  - a) Be scheduled to be played over:
    - i. Junior: at least 36-holes
    - ii. Open Age: at least 54-holes
    - iii. Senior: at least 18-holes
  - b) Not discriminate against categories of players who are eligible for the relevant GA OOM (i.e., an open-age event cannot be restricted to players aged 25-40 years, for example); *Note:* due to the recent change in senior women's age, there may be some women's senior events that do not currently meet this criteria.
- 1.5 Each GA Member Association can host a maximum of 3 national OOM events in each category (excluding national championships).

*Note:* NSW/ACT can host a fourth event, so long as the fourth event is in the ACT.
- 1.6 An event may be granted GA OOM status at the discretion of GA and the events are subject to review each season. All clubs staging designated GA 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 OOM, they must meet each of the following at the time of the GA OOM event:
  - a) Be an amateur golfer, holding an active GA handicap.
  - b) For juniors, be under 18 years 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) 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 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 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 OOM points. Players in breach of either the Code of Conduct or the Anti-Doping Policy may be removed from the GA 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 OOM events for the GA OOM is final.

### **3. General**

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

### **4. Determining the winner and other finishing positions**

- 4.1 A player's final OOM position will be determined by totalling the points gained from the respective GA OOM events during the season, taking the player's best 6 results (juniors), 8 results (open age) and 5 results (seniors).
- 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 OOMs in each category listed in Term 1.3.
- 4.3 The winner, runner-up and third place getter in each GA OOM category will receive a memento. In the case of ties, joint winners will be awarded. The men's and women's winners will receive the Ross Herbert Trophy.

### **5. Points and weightings**

- 5.1 Events are weighted as follows:
  - a) The national championship for each GA OOM is weighted 9, and the state championship for each GA OOM is weighted a minimum of 5 (however GA may increase the weighting based on the previous strength of field from the last 5 years). This recognises they are the national and state flagship events (these events are indicated by an asterisk in the list of events in Appendix 2).
  - b) Non-state championships have a minimum weighting of 4. GA may alter the weighting (to a maximum of 6) based on the previous strength of field from the last 5 years.
  - c) Professional events are weighted at the discretion of GA.

*Note:* GA will review event weightings from time to time.

- 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 OOM. Players who finish below a player without an active GA Handicap will subsequently move up a position(s) for OOM purposes.
- c) In the open age professional events, points will be awarded to amateurs based on their overall finishing positions in the field. Exception – Any event that has a pro-am format (Tasmanian Open) will award points to amateurs based on their amateur finishing position, regardless of whether they made the cut.

*Note:* Any woman playing in a professional men's event will be awarded based on their overall finishing position in the field.

- 5.3 If the number of rounds of a GA 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 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 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 OOM points allocation, but as one event for the number of events allocated to each state.  
*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 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 OOMs (eg. South Pacific Ladies Classic = GA Women's OOM & GA Women's Senior OOM). Players will be ranked based on their finishing position with respect to each OOM category (eg. a player finishes 5th overall but is the highest placed senior woman so will receive points for 5th place for the Women's OOM and points for 1st place for the Senior Women's OOM).
- 5.10 If a match play event determines a players final finishing position, (e.g. CTHGC National Seniors Match Play) points will be awarded based on the event weighting table and not the match play points allocation.

## APPENDIX 1 – 2024 GA National OOM Points Breakdown

*Applicable for Junior, Open Age & Senior OOM events*

All GA 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	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Total points	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000	3500	4000	4500	5000	5500	6000	6500	7000	7500
Win points	69	103.5	138	172.5	207	241.5	276	310.5	345	379.5	414	448.5	483	517.5
MC or >60	2	2	2	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	20	20	30	30
DQ or DNF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	6	7
Winner	69	103.5	138	172.5	207	241.5	276
Runner-Up	61	91.5	122	164.7	183	213.5	244
Semi Final	53	80	106	143	159	186	212
Quarter Final	42	63	84	113	126	147	168
Round 16	26	39	52	70	77	90	103
Round 32	14	20	27	37	41	48	55
Round 64	5	8	11	14	17	19	23



## APPENDIX 2 – 2024 GA National OOM events & weightings

*Listing as at 12 February 2024. Events, dates and weightings are subject to change.*

### 2024 GA National OOM Events – Junior Girls

State	Event	Date	Weighting
Australian	Australian Junior Amateur *	Apr 2024	9
	School Sport Aus 18 Years & Under Championship	Aug 2024	5
New South Wales / ACT	Bonville Champions Trophy	Dec 2023	4
	ACT Week of Golf	Jan 2024	4
	NSW Girls' Amateur *	Jul 2024	5
	JNJG International Junior Classic	Oct 2024	6
Northern Territory	Alice Springs Junior Open (Paul Pearson)	TBC	4
	NT Classic (inc. NT Junior Amateur) *	TBC	5
Queensland	QLD Girls' Amateur *	Jun 2024	5
	Katherine Kirk Classic	Sep 2024	5
South Australia	SA Girls' Amateur *	Jan 2024	5
	SA Junior Masters	Jan 2024	5
Tasmania	Tasmanian Girls' Amateur *	Jan 2024	5
	Tasmanian Junior Masters	Jan 2024	5
Victoria	Victorian Junior Open	Sep 2024	5
	Victorian Girls' Amateur *	Jul 2024	5
Western Australia	WA Girls' Amateur *	Jul 2024	5
	Cobra Puma Junior Championship	Jul 2024	4
	Drummond Golf 54-Hole Championship	Oct 2024	4

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## 2024 GA National OOM Events – Junior Boys

State	Event	Date	Weighting
Australian	Australian Junior Amateur *	Apr 2024	9
	School Sport Aus 18 Years & Under Championship	Aug 2024	5
New South Wales / ACT	Bonville Champions Trophy	Dec 2023	4
	ACT Week of Golf	Jan 2024	4
	NSW Boys' Amateur *	Jul 2024	5
	JNJG International Junior Classic	Oct 2024	6
Northern Territory	Alice Springs Junior Open (Paul Pearson)	TBC	4
	NT Classic (inc. NT Junior Amateur) *	TBC	5
Queensland	QLD Boys' Amateur *	Jun 2024	5
	Gary Player Classic	Sep 2024	5
South Australia	SA Boys' Amateur *	Jan 2024	6
	SA Junior Masters	Jan 2024	6
Tasmania	Tasmanian Boys' Amateur *	Jan 2024	5
	Tasmanian Junior Masters	Jan 2024	5
Victoria	Victorian Junior Open	Sep 2024	5
	Victorian Boys' Amateur *	Jul 2024	5
Western Australia	WA Boys' Amateur *	Jul 2024	5
	Cobra Puma Junior Championship	Jul 2024	4
	Drummond Golf 54-Hole Championship	Oct 2024	4

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## 2024 GA National OOM Events – Women

State	Event	Date	Weighting
Australian / Other	Australian Master of the Amateurs	Jan 2024	6
	Australian Amateur *	Jan 2024	9
Professional Events	Australian Open	Dec 2023	14
	VIC Open	Feb 2024	11
	NSW Open	Mar 2024	11
	WA Open	Oct 2024	11
New South Wales / ACT	Avondale Amateur	Jan 2024	6
	NSW Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Jan 2024	5
	ACT Amateur	Apr 2024	5
	Concord Cup	Feb 2024	5
Northern Territory	Alice Springs Open	April 2024	4
	NT Amateur *	May 2024	5
Queensland	South Pacific Ladies Classic	Jul 2024	4
	QLD Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Aug 2024	5
	Keperra Bowl	Oct 2024	5
South Australia	Rene Erichsen Salver	Mar 2024	6
	SA Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Sept 2024	5
Tasmania	Tasmanian Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Nov 2023	5
	Tasmanian Open	Feb 2024	5
Victoria	Dunes Medal	Nov 2023	6
	Port Phillip Amateur (SP) & VIC Amateur (MP) *	Mar 2024	5
	Riversdale Cup	Mar 2024	6
Western Australia	WA Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Mar 2024	5
	WA Stroke Play (Bowra & O'Dea)	Aug 2024	6
	Mandurah Open Amateur	Sept 2024	5

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## 2024 GA National OOM Events – Men

State	Event	Date	Weighting
<b>Australian / Other</b>	Australian Master of the Amateurs	Jan 2024	6
	Australian Amateur *	Jan 2024	9
<b>Professional Events</b>	Australian Open	Dec 2023	14
	VIC Open	Feb 2024	11
	NSW Open	Mar 2024	11
	WA Open	Oct 2024	11
<b>New South Wales / ACT</b>	Avondale Amateur	Jan 2024	6
	NSW Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Jan 2024	5
	ACT Amateur	Apr 2024	5
	Concord Cup	Feb 2024	5
<b>Northern Territory</b>	Alice Springs Open	April 2024	4
	NT Amateur *	May 2024	5
<b>Queensland</b>	Pacific Harbour Amateur	Aug 2024	4
	QLD Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Aug 2024	5
	Keperra Bowl	Oct 2024	5
<b>South Australia</b>	SA Classic	Mar 2024	6
	SA Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Sept 2024	5
<b>Tasmania</b>	Tasmanian Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Nov 2023	5
	Tasmanian Open	Feb 2024	5
<b>Victoria</b>	Dunes Medal	Nov 2023	6
	Port Phillip Amateur (SP) & VIC Amateur (MP) *	Mar 2024	5
	Riversdale Cup	Mar 2024	6
<b>Western Australia</b>	WA Amateur (stroke play & match play) *	Mar 2024	5
	Mandurah Open Amateur	Sept 2024	5

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## 2024 GA National OOM Events – Senior Women

State	Event	Date	Weighting
<b>Australian</b>	Australian Senior Amateur *	Oct 2024	9
<b>New South Wales/ACT</b>	NSW Senior Amateur **	Mar 2024	6
	The Australian Golf Club Medal	Apr 2024	4
	Fern Bay Trophy	Jun 2024	4
	ACT Senior Amateur	Nov 2023	5
<b>Northern Territory</b>	Darwin Senior Open Amateur	Jul 2024	4
	NT Classic (inc. NT Senior Amateur) *	Aug 2024	5
<b>Queensland</b>	South Pacific Ladies Classic	Jul 2024	4
	QLD Senior Amateur *	Aug 2024	6
<b>South Australia</b>	SA Senior Order of Merit (Royal Adelaide)	Aug 2024	3
	The Grange & Kooyonga Senior Amateur	Aug 2024	4
	SA Senior Amateur *	Sept 2024	5
<b>Tasmania</b>	Tasmanian Senior Amateur *	Feb 2024	5
<b>Victoria</b>	Victorian Senior Amateur *	Sept 2024	6
	Cobram Barooga Senior Amateur	Apri/May 2024	4
	Victorian Women's Spring Tournament	Oct 2024	4
<b>Western Australia</b>	Hartfield Senior Amateur	Mar 2024	4
	WA Senior Amateur *	Mar 2024	5
	Bowra & O'Dea Senior Amateur	Aug 2024	4

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## 2024 GA National OOM Events – Senior Men

State	Event	Date	Weighting
<b>Australian</b>	Australian Senior Amateur *	Oct 2024	9
<b>New South Wales / ACT</b>	NSW Senior Amateur **	Mar 2024	6
	NSW Senior Classic	May 2024	5
	Newcastle/Hunter Senior Classic	Aug 2024	4
	ACT Senior Amateur *	Nov 2023	5
<b>Northern Territory</b>	Darwin Senior Open Amateur	July 2024	4
	NT Classic (inc. NT Senior Amateur)	Aug 2024	5
<b>Queensland</b>	CTHGC National Seniors Match Play	Jun 2024	5
	Gold Coast Senior Amateur	Jul 2024	4
	QLD Senior Amateur *	Jul 2024	6
<b>South Australia</b>	SA Senior Order of Merit (Royal Adelaide)	Aug 2024	3
	The Grange & Kooyonga Senior Open Amateur	Aug 2024	4
	SA Senior Amateur *	Sept 2024	5
<b>Tasmania</b>	Tasmanian Senior Amateur *	Feb 2024	5
<b>Victoria</b>	Victorian Senior Amateur *	Sept 2024	6
	The National Senior Masters	Apr 2024	6
	Cobram Barooga Senior Amateur	Apr/May 2024	4
<b>Western Australia</b>	WA Senior Amateur *	Mar 2024	5
	Hartfield Senior Amateur	Mar 2024	4

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