How the Men's Senior Ranking Works?

Objective

Provide a Ranking in which performances in Counting Events, over a time period explained, in the section entitled **How the Ranking is Calculated** below, are used in determining a player's position.

Counting Events

Each year the GolfRSA determines which of its sanctioned Senior tournaments count towards the Ranking (known as 'Counting Events'). This is published with its schedule on www.golfrsa.co.za. Only Stroke Play tournaments are included as Counting Events.

Eligibility for Ranking

Players eligible for the Rankings must be at least 50 years of age, as at commencement date of the Counting Event, and a member of a golf club affiliated to a Union that is a member of the GolfRSA – meaning all players with an official HNA Handicap.

Who gets Points?

All players participating in a Counting Event, regardless of eligibility, are allocated points based on their finishing position as follows:

- Stroke Play: All players making the cut;
- Stroke Play: Up to 65th place and ties when there is no cut.

For examples of distribution of points by final finishing position see Figure 1 below.

How does a player win points?

Each Counting Event is allocated a total points pool. The total points pool is distributed, as a percentage of the total, by final finishing position. For example, the winner in a Stroke Play competition, gets 10% of the total points pool. If the total points pool is 1000 then the winner will receive 100 points.

How are points for players tying managed?

In the event of more than one player tying on a score, then all players on the same score will get the same number of points calculated as follows: Add all points the tied players would have got had they not tied; divide the total by the number of players tying; all players are then allocated the result (which is an average). **Exception**: In the event of a tie on the leading score, on conclusion of a Counting Event, then in the event of a playoff the winner will be given 1st place points. The remaining players will be considered tied in 2nd place and get the same number of points calculated as stated above in this paragraph.

Stroke Play

Pos	%	1500	1250	1000	800	600	500	300	Pos
1	10,0013%	150,02	125,02	100,01	80,01	60,01	50,01	30,00	1
2	8,0011%	120,02	100,01	80,01	64,01	48,01	40,01	24,00	2
3	6,9009%	103,51	86,26	69,01	55,21	41,41	34,50	20,70	3
4	5,8608%	87,91	73,26	58,61	46,89	35,16	29,30	17,58	4
5	4,9707%	74,56	62,13	49,71	39,77	29,82	24,85	14,91	5
6	4,2306%	63,46	52,88	42,31	33,84	25,38	21,15	12,69	6
7	3,8005%	57,01	47,51	38,00	30,40	22,80	19,00	11,40	7
8	3,4305%	51,46	42,88	34,30	27,44	20,58	17,15	10,29	8
9	3,0804%	46,21	38,51	30,80	24,64	18,48	15,40	9,24	9
10	2,7724%	41,59	34,65	27,72	22,18	16,63	13,86	8,32	10
11	2,4951%	37,43	31,19	24,95	19,96	14,97	12,48	7,49	11
12	2,3704%	35,56	29,63	23,70	18,96	14,22	11,85	7,11	12
13	2,2519%	33,78	28,15	22,52	18,01	13,51	11,26	6,76	13
14	2,1303%	31,95	26,63	21,30	17,04	12,78	10,65	6,39	14
15	2,0103%	30,15	25,13	20,10	16,08	12,06	10,05	6,03	15
16	1,9203%	28,80	24,00	19,20	15,36	11,52	9,60	5,76	16
17	1,8242%	27,36	22,80	18,24	14,59	10,95	9,12	5,47	17
18	1,7202%	25,80	21,50	17,20	13,76	10,32	8,60	5,16	18
19	1,6342%	24,51	20,43	16,34	13,07	9,81	8,17	4,90	19
20	1,5525%	23,29	19,41	15,53	12,42	9,32	7,76	4,66	20
21	1,4802%	22,20	18,50	14,80	11,84	8,88	7,40	4,44	21
22	1,4062%	21,09	17,58	14,06	11,25	8,44	7,03	4,22	22
23	1,3359%	20,04	16,70	13,36	10,69	8,02	6,68	4,01	23
24	1,2691%	19,04	15,86	12,69	10,15	7,61	6,35	3,81	24
25	1,2056%	18,08	15,07	12,06	9,65	7,23	6,03	3,62	25
26	1,1453%	17,18	14,32	11,45	9,16	6,87	5,73	3,44	26
27	1,1101%	16,65	13,88	11,10	8,88	6,66	5,55	3,33	27
28	1,0546%	15,82	13,18	10,55	8,44	6,33	5,27	3,16	28
29	1,0019%	15,03	12,52	10,02	8,02	6,01	5,01	3,01	29
30	0,9518%	14,28	11,90	9,52	7,61	5,71	4,76	2,86	30
31	0,9042%	13,56	11,30	9,04	7,23	5,43	4,52	2,71	31
32	0,8590%	12,89	10,74	8,59	6,87	5,15	4,30	2,58	32
33	0,8161%	12,24	10,20	8,16	6,53	4,90	4,08	2,45	33
34	0,7753%	11,63	9,69	7,75	6,20	4,65	3,88	2,33	34
35	0,7365%	11,05	9,21	7,36	5,89	4,42	3,68	2,21	35
36	0,6997%	10,50	8,75	7,00	5,60	4,20	3,50	2,10	36
37	0,6647%	9,97	8,31	6,65	5,32	3,99	3,32	1,99	37
38	0,6315%	9,47	7,89	6,31	5,05	3,79	3,16	1,89	38
39	0,5999%	9,00	7,50	6,00	4,80	3,60	3,00	1,80	39
40	0,5699%	8,55	7,12	5,70	4,56	3,42	2,85	1,71	40
41	0,5414%	8,12	6,77	5,41	4,33	3,25	2,71	1,62	41
42	0,5143%	7,71	6,43	5,14	4,11	3,09	2,57	1,54	42
43	0,4886%	7,33	6,11	4,89	3,91	2,93	2,44	1,47	43
44	0,4642%	6,96	5,80	4,64	3,71	2,79	2,32	1,39	44
45	0,4410%	6,61	5,51	4,41	3,53	2,65	2,20	1,32	45
46	0,4189%	6,28	5,24	4,19	3,35	2,51	2,09	1,26	46
47	0,3980%	5,97	4,97	3,98	3,18	2,39	1,99	1,19	47
48	0,3781%	5,67	4,73	3,78	3,02	2,27	1,89	1,13	48
49	0,3592%	5,39	4,49	3,59	2,87	2,16	1,80	1,08	49
50	0,3412%	5,12	4,27	3,41	2,73	2,05	1,71	1,02	50
51	0,3242%	4,86	4,05	3,24	2,59	1,94	1,62	0,97	51
52	0,3079%	4,62	3,85	3,08	2,46	1,85	1,54	0,92	52
53	0,2925%	4,39	3,66	2,93	2,34	1,76	1,46	0,88	53
54	0,2779%	4,17	3,47	2,78	2,22	1,67	1,39	0,83	54
55	0,2640%	3,96	3,30	2,64	2,11	1,58	1,32	0,79	55
56	0,2508%	3,76	3,14	2,51	2,01	1,50	1,25	0,75	56
57	0,2383%	3,57	2,98	2,38	1,91	1,43	1,19	0,71	57
58	0,2264%	3,40	2,83	2,26	1,81	1,36	1,13	0,68	58
59	0,2150%	3,23	2,69	2,15	1,72	1,29	1,08	0,65	59
60	0,2043%	3,06	2,55	2,04	1,63	1,23	1,02	0,61	60
61	0,1941%	2,91	2,43	1,94	1,55	1,16	0,97	0,58	61
62	0,1844%	2,77	2,30	1,84	1,48	1,11	0,92	0,55	62
63	0,1752%	2,63	2,19	1,75	1,40	1,05	0,88	0,53	63
64	0,1664%	2,50	2,08	1,66	1,33	1,00	0,83	0,50	64
65	0,1581%	2,37	1,98	1,58	1,26	0,95	0,79	0,47	65

Figure 1: Example of distribution of points for Stroke Play

How is the Ranking calculated?

A player must play in <u>a minimum of 5 Counting Events to be given a Ranking position</u>. If a player wins points in a Counting Event but has failed to play the required minimum he will appear and be ranked in the Ranking but will be indicated as being in the position '**DNQ**' (denotes – Does not Qualify for a Ranking Position).

The Overall Ranking points calculation, for each player by which they are ranked, is carried out in two steps.

Step 1: Dropping of Points

Remove points for tournaments that are no longer Counting Events. This is done as follows:

- The Ranking is intended as a rolling 12-month ranking. Meaning that the points for an annual Counting Event, on its conclusion in the current year, count after first dropping the points won, from the ranking, in the same Counting Event played the year prior. With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ranking period for the points won in a prior year Counting Event may remain counting for more than the intended 12-month period in which case these points will be managed as follows:
    - **Cancelled Counting Events**
      The points will be retained in future calculations until the future corresponding Counting Event is played or declared no longer a Counting Event (i. e. removed from the Fixture List).
    - **All Other Annual Counting Events taking place:**
      The points will be retained in future calculations until the conclusion, in the current year, irrespective of the period between the staging of the prior and current Counting Event in question;

Step 2: Calculation of Points on which Ranking is determined

Each player's average Ranking Points, from Counting Events, is determined, after having applied Step 1 above, as follows:

- **Minimum Divisor = 5**;
- **For a player who has played in 5 or less Counting Events:**
  Divide the sum of points won in each Counting Event by 5.
- **For a player who has played in 6, 7 or 8 Counting Events:**
  Disregard the Counting Event with the least number of points won; calculate the average points won from the remaining Counting Events played.
- **For a player who has played in 9, 10 or 11 Counting Events:**
  Same process as above except disregard the two Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in 12, 13 or 14 Counting Events:**
  Same process as above except disregard the three Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in <u>15, 16 or 17</u> Counting Events:**
  Same process as above except disregard the four Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in <u>18, 19 or 20</u> Counting Events:**

Same process as above except disregard the five Counting Events with the least number of points;

- **For a player who has played in 21 or more Counting Events:**
Same process as above except disregard the six Counting Events with the least number of points;

(**Example**: If a player has played 15 Counting Events, then disregard the four Counting Events in which the player has scored the least number of points. Divide the sum of points won from the remaining Counting Events by 11).

How are the various Age Groups displayed in the Ranking?

Players aged 50 but less than 55: - No asterisk after surname
Players aged 55 but less than 60: - One asterisk after surname (eg: *)
Players aged 60 or more: - Two asterisks after surname (eg: **).
Age groups are determined dynamically on the Ranking meaning the Ranking is updated in accordance with each player's date of birth (eg: Player may appear with one * after his surname at the start of a Counting Event, should he turn 60 prior to its conclusion then on his birthday it will change to **).

Who is listed in the Ranking?

Players who are eligible (see 'Eligibility for Ranking') only are given a ranking position.

What does a player's name in italics indicate?

If a player has played in at least 2 Coastal and 2 Inland Counting Events, then his name will appear in **italics** on the Ranking.
A Coastal Counting Event is defined as a Counting Event hosted by any one of the following SAGA Unions: Border, Boland, Eastern Province, Kwazulu-Natal, Southern Cape and Western Province.
An Inland Counting Event is defined as a Counting Event hosted by any one of the following SAGA Unions: Central Gauteng, Ekurhuleni, Free State, Gauteng North, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West.

Who is eligible for Team selection (or qualification for limited field events)?

An eligible player is one who has a Ranking position (i.e. he has played in the minimum required number of Counting Events) and his name is recorded, in the Ranking, in italics (i.e. he has played the above stated minimum number of Coastal and Inland Counting Events).

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