

NCGA Player Points Program

What Players Need to Know

The **NCGA Player Points Program** began in 1970 as a method for selecting players to represent the NCGA in team competitions with other regional golf associations. While the NCGA still uses the points program to assist in the selection of team members, several modifications and additions have occurred since its inception.

Today, the NCGA Player Points Program for both the regular and senior divisions runs from October 1st to September 30th of the following year, culminating with the Player of the Year awards bestowed to the regular and senior points leaders at the NCGA Annual Meeting.

The tournaments recognized by the NCGA Tournament Committee as Player Points Tournaments include USGA, CGA, NCGA, city, county, and regional championships. The program has grown to become one of the largest and most competitive amateur player points programs in the country.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: In order to earn NCGA Player Points, contestants must be amateur golfers who are current members of the club they represent and whose club is a current member club, in good standing, of the NCGA. This includes being in compliance with the NCGA Handicap Certification Program. The USGA's definition of an amateur golfer is the standard of the NCGA. Players must have a Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report prior to the start of the event. Anyone who has not established a current Handicap Index is ineligible for points. Players serving a suspension from NCGA competitions are not eligible to earn points. In individual tournaments, ineligible players placing in a points position will not earn points and the points will not be assigned to any player. Points for tournaments that are open to both amateurs and professionals will be awarded based on the order of amateur finish.

AWARDS:

- Men's Player of the Year
- Senior Men's Player of the Year (Men Ages 55+)
- Super Senior Men's Player of the Year (Men Ages 65+)
- Women's Player of the Year
- Senior Women's Player of the Year (Women Ages 50+)

AGE DIVISIONS: An NCGA "regular division" tournament is open to both regular and senior players; an NCGA "senior division" tournament is only open to senior and super senior players. The following is a breakdown of age qualifications per division:

Men's Senior: Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or before the start of the tournament. (Approved points events are allowed to accept players ages 50 to 54, however those players will not earn points on either the regular or senior points list).

Women's Senior: Players must have reached their 50th birthday on or before the start of the tournament.

Men's Super Senior: Players must have reached 65th birthday on or before the start of the tournament.

Players can compete in any division, but they will only receive points for the division in which they are playing. Example: Player A, who competes in a Senior tournament, will not receive Super Senior points for the same tournament.

Exception:

Points earned by male players age 50-54 for the US Senior Open only will be applied to the regular points list.

TOURNAMENT (EVENT) ELIGIBILITY: Players earn Player of the Year points from NCGA scratch championships, USGA Qualifiers/Championships, CGA Qualifiers/Championships, as well as many city/county/regional championships that receive approval from the NCGA Tournament Committee. Points distribution for NCGA/USGA/CGA qualifiers and championships remain constant year after year. The distribution charts can be found below.

- [Men’s NCGA/USGA/CGA Points Events](#)
- [Senior/ Super Senior Men’s NCGA/USGA/CGA Points Events](#)
- [Women’s NCGA/USGA/CGA Points Events](#)
- [Senior Women’s NCGA/USGA/CGA Points Events](#)

USGA Exemptions: Players exempt into a USGA Championship will receive sectional qualifier points according to the championship they are exempt into. In order to receive exempt points, players must notify the NCGA of their exemption.

The NCGA also approves many outside tournaments to receive NCGA POY points. These events are listed on the NCGA calendar under “Other Events.” Tournaments are placed in points levels based on the field size of the tournament upon the first round. This is known as “live points.” Size of field is determined by the total number of players that meet the maximum index criteria. A tournament’s points may go up or down depending on actual participation of eligible players at that year’s event. All new points tournaments are placed in the 50 points level.

The points levels are as follows:

<u>Regular Division</u>		<u>Senior Division / Super Senior Division</u>	
50 Points Level	10-19 Players	50 Points Level	10-14 Players
75 Points Level	20-39 Players	75 Points Level	15-19 Players
100 Points Level	40-69 Players	100 Points Level	20-29 Players
150 Points Level	70-119 Players	150 Points Level	30-39 Players
200 Points Level	120+ Players	200 Points Level	40-Plus Players

Women’s Division / Senior Women’s Division

50 points level	8-12 Players
75 points level	13-16 Players
100 points level	17-20 Players
150 points level	21-24 Players
200 points level	25-Plus Players

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