



NCGA Player Points Program Policies

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NCGA POINTS YEAR: The NCGA Points Year is October 1st through September 30th of the following year. All players begin each new points year with zero points. The tournament finish date determines which points year points will be awarded. Should an event change dates that would cause the event to be played twice in one points year then points will be awarded twice within that given points year. All event date changes must be approved by the NCGA.

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 current numeric index (CI) listed on their club's Master Report prior to the start of the event. Anyone who has not established a current numeric index (CI) is ineligible for points. Players serving a suspension from NCGA competitions are not eligible to earn points.

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 players. An NCGA "senior player" is an eligible player 55 years of age or older. Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or before the start of a senior tournament. **Points earned by senior players in a regular points event will be awarded points towards their regular and senior cumulative points lists.** Approved NCGA Senior Points Tournaments are allowed to accept players 50 to 54; **however those players will not count in determining field size (see Tournament Points Levels)** and they will not earn points on either the regular or senior points list. ****New beginning in tournament year 2015: A Super Senior Player of the Year award has been established beginning with the 2015 points year. An NCGA "super senior player" must have reached 65th birthday on or before the start of a super senior tournament. (Revised)**

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

TOURNAMENT (EVENT) ELIGIBILITY: All tournaments must be approved for points by the NCGA Tournament Committee. NCGA Player Points apply only to a tournament's championship (scratch) flight which must consist of at least 1/3 NCGA members. Tournaments must be open to all NCGA members; however tournaments may use the additional criteria of handicap index and age. Any other criteria that may possibly restrict the entry of any NCGA member must be pre-approved by the NCGA. All tournaments must be conducted on an NCGA member golf course (see note below). An NCGA member club/course or associate club must administer all tournaments (events approved prior to Points Year 2002 are exempt from this requirement). All tournaments must have a championship (scratch) flight of at least 24 players. Senior division tournaments must have at least 12 players (see Exception). **Super Senior division tournaments must have at least 12 players.** All players must meet their respective maximum index requirement of 7.4 for regular division, 9.4 for senior division, **and 11.4 for super senior division.** Tournament formats must be scheduled for at least 36 holes for stroke play events or a round of 16 for match play events. All tournaments must have local rules approved by the NCGA. A tournament that fails to meet any part of the eligibility criteria will have their points revoked for the current year and players placing in a points position in these events will not receive player points.

Exception: In senior division **or super senior division** tournaments with field sizes of 10-12 **eligible senior or super senior players**, points will only be awarded to the top **five** players including ties. **(Revised)**



Note: USGA, CGA, and NCGA Championships approved for NCGA Player Points are exempt from this requirement. The NCGA reserves the right to exempt any other event from this requirement.

RULES OF PLAY: Approved NCGA Points Tournaments **MUST** conduct their events in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf. Points Tournaments **MUST** form a Committee, with at least three members, that is responsible for making all final decisions for the championship. The Committee should provide tournament entry forms outlining all conditions of competition including format, eligibility, scheduling, playoff procedure, etc., and provide contestants with competition-specific local rules on the first day of the tournament.

POINTS DISTRIBUTION: All points will be assigned by the NCGA **ONLY** based on the official results provided by the tournament. Ties for first place should be broken by playoff or by using the USGA recommended procedure "How to Decide Ties" located in Appendix I of The Rules of Golf. If a tie exists other than for first place, events are NOT to break ties when reporting results. Events may break ties for their own purposes, i.e. for gift certificates. The NCGA will add and split all points for ties other than for first place. All split points will be rounded up.

Note: Where ties are decided by playoff, the playoff will determine who earns first and second place points.

Individual Tournaments: In regular division individual tournaments, ineligible players placing in a points position will not earn points and the points will not be assigned to any player. **In senior division individual tournaments, ineligible players placing in a points position will not earn points and the points will be assigned to the next highest finisher among the eligible senior players (ineligible would mean those players that are 50 – 54 years old).** Points for tournaments that are open to both amateurs and professionals will be awarded based on the order of amateur finish (US Open and Senior Open not included). **(Revised)**

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

Four-Ball Tournaments: The overall points for four-ball tournaments listed on the NCGA Player Points grid will be divided evenly between partners. In regular division four-ball (best-ball/two-ball) tournaments, an eligible player placing in a points position with an ineligible partner (i.e. non-NCGA member) will not earn points and the points will not be assigned to any player(s). **In senior division four-ball tournaments, teams consisting of players 50-54 years of age placing in a points position will not earn points and the points will be assigned to the highest finishers among the eligible senior teams. An eligible senior player placing in a points position with an ineligible senior partner (i.e. non-NCGA member) will not earn points and the points will not be assigned to any player(s).** **In joint senior / super senior four-ball events both players must be super seniors to play in that division. If one of the partners is a senior then they will compete in the senior division. (Revised)**

REPORTING RESULTS: The tournament is responsible for reporting **COMPLETE** official results to the NCGA **within five business days**. The tournament **MUST** also report a list of current handicap indexes for all players in the Championship Division and/or Senior Division and submit a copy of the tournament's Local Rules. Completeness and timeliness of reporting are noted and taken into consideration during the tournament's annual evaluation by the NCGA. **Failure to submit ALL of the aforementioned reports to the NCGA will result in the event being placed on probation and receiving an automatic points reduction.**

Note: Match play events must also submit stroke play qualifying results.



TOURNAMENT SCORE POSTING: The tournament is required to post all players' tournament scores. It is highly recommended that tournaments are set up on the Tournament Pairing Program (TPP) as scores can be posted directly to GHIN through this program.

CONTACT PERSON / TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: Each tournament is required to provide the NCGA with an official tournament contact person. The official tournament contact person is responsible for knowing, understanding, and complying with all NCGA Player Points Program policies. The official tournament contact person is responsible for updating pertinent tournament information such as changes to a tournament's name, date, format, site, contact name, contact address, contact phone/email, and reporting such changes to the NCGA. Any tournament information change without notifying the NCGA could result in a delay in assigning player points. **(Revised)**

TOURNAMENT PROMOTION/PUBLICITY: Approved NCGA Points Tournaments will be listed in the *NCGA Golf Bluebook Edition*, other editions of *NCGA Golf*, on the NCGA website – www.ncga.org – and the NCGA Calendar of Events. The NCGA will not promote any points tournament other than using the aforementioned sources. The NCGA will not supply points tournaments with address or mailing labels for any NCGA member clubs or individuals. Approved NCGA Points Tournaments may not promote any tournament of any kind at any level of NCGA, USGA, or CGA Championships. If a tournament is promoted in any inappropriate manner, the action will be taken under consideration during the tournament's evaluation and will jeopardize its status as an NCGA Points Tournament.

NEW TOURNAMENTS / POINTS TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS: Tournaments that would like to be recognized as an NCGA Player Points Tournament must complete and submit an NCGA Points Tournament Application (contact the NCGA Championships & Events Department for an application). Applications are accepted prior to July 1st for consideration for the following points year, i.e. tournaments for Points Year 2015 (October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015) must submit an application prior to July 1, 2014. The NCGA reviews all applications and will contact the applicant official if clarification or additional information is needed. Final approval or denial will be the decision of the NCGA Championship Committee prior to the next points year. All newly approved tournaments will be on probation for one year. The tournament will be reviewed by the NCGA Tournament Committee after the probation period and will either remain on probation, receive full status at its current points level, receive full status with a points increase, or have its points revoked. The NCGA reserves the right to adjust or revoke any tournament's points or status as an NCGA Player Points Tournament at any time.

PROBATION: The NCGA Tournament Committee will place all new tournaments approved for NCGA Player Points on probation for one year. Tournaments that fail to provide the NCGA with the required reporting information will **automatically** be placed on probation and have their points decreased. Tournaments may be reinstated back to their previous point level if all required reporting information for following year's event are submitted to the NCGA. **Tournaments are ineligible for point increases while on probation. (Revised)**

POINTS TOURNAMENT EVALUATION: The Points Tournament Evaluation (PTE) is an on site evaluation conducted by a representative of the NCGA. The evaluation includes pre-tournament administration, course preparation and course set-up, local rules and application of the Rules of Golf, and on course administration. The NCGA will conduct a PTE of points tournaments on a regular basis.



TOURNAMENT POINTS LEVELS: Tournaments are placed in points levels based on their previous year's size of field. Size of field is determined by the total number of players that meet the maximum index criteria. In senior division tournaments where the minimum age is 50, size of field is determined by the total number of senior players 55 years of age and older. 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:

Regular Division

Senior Division / Super Senior Division

50 Points Level	24-39 Players	50 Points Level	12-21 Players
100 Points Level	40-69 Players	100 Points Level	22-31 Players
150 Points Level	70-119 Players	150 Points Level	32-41 Players
200 Points Level	120+ Players	200 Points Level	42+ Players

Note: The NCGA reserves the right to exempt events from this requirement.

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