



ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

Alabama State Junior Golf Rankings Policies

(Effective September 1, 2025)

(Ranking are updated on the 1st Wednesday of each month)

Overview

Alabama State Junior Golf Rankings serves as the official rankings system for junior golfers in the State of Alabama. Rankings consider various tournament organizations results including but not limited to – Alabama Golf Association (AGA), United States Golf Association (USGA), American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), Alabama-NW Florida PGA Junior Tour (PGA Section), Southeastern Junior Golf Tour (SJGT), and various other organizations and championships. Points awarded, tier and multiplier are determined based on the strength of field and participants in the event.

Junior Rankings Calendar

Alabama Junior State Golf Rankings will run on a twelve-month rolling calendar (September 1 – August 31). Players that graduated the previous year will be removed August 31, prior to the September 1 release of the new rankings calendar. Graduated players remain eligible for end-of-year awards, selected August 31.

Use of Rankings

Alabama State Junior Rankings will be used to select the Southern Junior Cup Team, All-State Teams, Boys and Girls Alabama State Junior Players of the Year, and USNDP Team Alabama Members.

Sanctioned Organizations & Championships

*AGA reserves the right to add and/or remove sanctioned events with or without notice

- Alabama Golf Association (AGA)
- United State Golf Association (USGA)
- Elite Amateur Golf Series (EAGS)
- National Competitions with a WAGR Power Ranking
- American Junior Golf Association (AJGA)
- Future Masters
- Junior Golf Alabama (JGA Tour)
- Birmingham Golf Association (BGA)
- Southeastern Junior Golf Tour (SJGT)
- Apex Junior Golf Organization (AJGO)
- Jimmy Green Junior Golf Tour

Sanctioned Junior Events Qualifications

- Play must be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf
- Event must be an individual event
 - Four-Balls, Foursomes, Ryder Cups, and Scrambles are ineligible
- Event must be a USGA recognized format of play
- Event must meet participation minimums
 - 40 Boys and 30 Girls for Tier I events
 - 20 Boys and 15 Girls for Tier II events
 - 15 Boys and 10 Girls for Tier III events
 - 12 Boys and 8 Girls for Tier IV events
- Events must be a minimum of 18 holes
 - Rounds shortened to 9-holes, regardless of reason will not be awarded rankings points

Rankings Rules and Regulations

- Golfer must be a bona fide resident of Alabama
- Golfer must be 18 years of age or under
- Golfer must not have started college or organized team activities
- Golfer does not have to play in a minimum number of tournaments to be ranked
- Golfer must not play as a representative of a team and/or school in the ranked event
- Any emergency or withdraw will not affect a player's ranking
- When two or more divisions play the same yardage, divisions are merged into an overall division and points are awarded, according to overall results
- For events with multiple yardages, only the division (Male & Female) playing the longest available yardage are awarded points
- Ties are not split unless an on-course playoff is used
- 36-hole events shortened due to weather after 27-holes will be awarded points based on the 27-hole results
- Cheating or shaving strokes may result in a player being permanently removed and banned from the Alabama State Junior Golf Rankings
- Unless a catastrophic error is found, errors are corrected with the next month's ranking release

Potential reasons a Player does not receive Rankings Points

- 9-hole round
- Minimum participation is not met
- Golfer did not complete the event
 - WD
 - NS
 - DQ
 - NC
- Event is not an individual event
- Event is a school-based event sanctioned by the AHSAA or AISA
- Event is hosted on a short course
- Event is a qualifier to gain entry into a Championship
- Results are not posted or submitted by the tournament organization

How Points are Awarded

*AGA reserves the right to adjust tiers and multipliers at any time, with or without notice.

- Individual event tiers and multipliers are determined using the following: WAGR Power Ranking, Strength of Field, and Participation Numbers. The corresponding points are then multiplied by the applicable event multiplier. Players finishing outside of the respective tier point scale receive one (1) participation point.

Tier and Multiplier Breakdown

Tier I - AGA Championships and National Events with WAGR Power Ranking over 100.0000

- 8x - 12x Events

Tier I Stroke-Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 20
 - 2nd: 14
 - 3rd: 13
 - 4th: 12
 - 5th: 11
 - 6th: 10
 - 7th: 9
 - 8th: 8
 - 9th: 7
 - 10th: 6
 - 11th: 5
 - 12th: 4
 - 13th: 3
 - 14th: 2
 - 15th: 1

Tier I Match-Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 20
 - 2nd: 14
 - Semis: 12
 - Quarters: 9
 - Round of 16: 7
 - Round of 32: 5
 - Round of 64: 3
 - Missed Cut: 1

Tier II – 54 Hole National Events with a WAGR Power Ranking of 99.9999 or less

- 5x - 7x Events

Tier II Stroke Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 15
 - 2nd: 9
 - 3rd: 8
 - 4th: 7
 - 5th: 6
 - 6th: 5
 - 7th: 4
 - 8th: 3
 - 9th: 2
 - 10th: 1

Tier II Match-Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 15
 - 2nd: 9
 - Semis: 7
 - Quarters: 4
 - Round of 16: 3
 - Round of 32: 2
 - Round of 64: 1
 - Missed Cut: 1

Tier III – 36 Hole events without a WAGR Power Ranking

- 3x - 4x Events

Tier III Stroke Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 8
 - 2nd: 4
 - 3rd: 3
 - 4th: 2
 - 5th: 1

Tier III Match-Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 8
 - 2nd: 4
 - Semis: 2

Tier IV – 18 Hole Regional and In-State Events without a WAGR Power Ranking

- 1x - 2x Events

Tier IV Stroke Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 8
 - 2nd: 4
 - 3rd: 3

Tier IV Match-Play Point Scale

- Overall winner(s) will receive all applicable bonus points
 - 1st: 8
 - 2nd: 4
 - Semis: 2

Bonus Points Allocation

- 10000 points for USGA US Open 1st Place
- 7500 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 1000.0000 and 2000.0000 1st Place
- 5000 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 999.9999 and 900.0000 1st Place (Boys)
- 5000 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 999.9999 and 725.0000 1st Place (Girls)
- 1000 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 899.9999 and 600.0000 1st Place (Boys)
- 1000 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 724.9999 and 485.0000 1st Place (Girls)
- 100 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 599.9999 and 350.0000 1st Place (Boys)
- 100 points for WAGR Power Ranked events between 484.9999 and 375.0000 1st Place (Girls)
- 50 points for Qualifying for WAGR Power Ranked events of 1000.0000 or greater
- 30 points for making cut in an Elite Amateur Golf Series Championship
- 30 points for Qualifying for any USGA Championship
 - Additional 30 points for making the cut and qualifying for Match Play
- 20 Additional points for 1st place finish Tier I
- 10 Additional points for 1st place finish Tier II
- 5 Additional points for 1st place finish Tier III & IV
- 5 points for Qualifying for AGA Men's State Amateur Championship
 - Additional 10 points for making cut in any AGA State Championship
- 5 points for made-cut at AGA Boys State Junior Championship
- 5 Points for made-cut at Southern Junior Championship
- 5 points for Qualifying for PGA Junior Championship
 - Additional 10 for made-cut