

Alabama State Junior Golf Rankings Policies

(New Rankings are released the 1st business day of the month)

Overview

Alabama Junior State Golf Rankings serves as the official rankings system for junior golfers in the State of Alabama. These rankings consider various tournament organizations results including, but not limited to – Alabama Golf Association (AGA), Southern Golf Association (SGA), American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), Alabama-NW Florida PGA Junior Tour (PGA Section), Southeastern Junior Golf Tour (SJGT), and various other organizations and championships. All events that are being considered for points must take place within the state of Alabama, in addition to selected events within the southern footprint (Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, and other selected national events. Points awarded, tier and multiplier are determined based on the strength of field and participants in the event. The AGA Staff reserves the right to award points for competitions that takes place outside of the state, pending review.

Junior Rankings Calendar

Alabama Junior State Golf Rankings will run on a twelve-month rolling calendar (September 1 – August 31). Players that graduate 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, and the Boys and Girls Alabama State Junior Players of the Year.

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)
- Southern Golf Association (SGA)
- Augusta National Women's Amateur (ANWA)
- Western Junior Championship (WJC)
- Southwestern Amateur (SWA)
- Northeastern Amateur (NEA)
- North-South Junior Championship (NSJR)
- IMG Junior World Championship (IMG)
- Bubba Conlee National (BCN)
- Trans-Miss Amateur Championship (TMGA)
- Bobby Chapman Invitational (BCI)
- Tommy Moore Memorial (TMM)
- Jones Cup Junior Invitational (JCI)

- American Junior Golf Association (AJGA)
- PGA Junior Championships (PGA)
- Gator Invitational (GI)
- Sage Valley Junior Invitational (JI)
- Future Masters
- Alabama-NW Florida PGA Junior Tour (PGA Section)
- Birmingham Golf Association (BGA)
- Southeastern Junior Golf Tour (SJGT)
- Alabama Junior Golf Association (AJGO)
- Jimmy Green Junior Golf Tour

Sanctioned Junior Events (In-State) Qualifications

- Play must be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf
- Event must be an individual event
 - No Four-Ball, Foursomes, Ryder Cups, Scramble
- Event must be a recognized USGA format
- 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 due to weather or any other reason will not be awarded rankings points

Sanctioned Junior Events (National) Qualifications

- Event must meet all In-State Event Qualifications
- Event must take place within the Southern States footprint
- National Events outside of Southern States may be awarded points pending committee review

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
- Any emergency or withdraw will not affect a player's ranking
- When two or more divisions play the same yardage, the division are merged into an overall division and points are awarded according to overall scores
- Ties are not split unless an on-course playoff is held
- 36-hole events shortened due to weather after 27-holes will be awarded points based on the 27-hole events
- Cheating or shaving strokes may result in a player being permanently removed from the State Rankings

- Unless a catastrophic error is found, mistakes are fixed for the next update

Potential reasons a Player did not receive Rankings Points

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

How Points are Awarded

- Individual events are judged off historical data. Tiers and multipliers are determined off that historical data may be up or down if field strengths differentiate from previous years. The corresponding points are then multiplied by the event multiplier. Players finishing outside of their tier point scale will receive one participation point. We reserve the right to adjust tiers and multipliers at any time, with or without notice.

Tier and Multiplier Breakdown

Tier I

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 Structure

- 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
- 10000 points for USGA US Open 1st Place
- 5000 points for USGA US Amateur 1st Place
- 1000 points for USGA US Junior 1st Place
- 30 points for Qualifying for any USGA Championship
 - Additional 50 points for making the cut and qualifying for Match Play
- 5 points for Qualifying for AGA Men's State Amateur Championship
 - Additional 15 points for making cut in any AGA State Championship
- 5 points for made-cut at AGA Boys State Junior Championship
- 15 points for Qualifying for SGA Southern Amateur Championship
 - Additional 30 points for making cut in the SGA Southern Amateur
- 5 points for made-cut at Future Masters and State Junior Championship

- 10 points for Qualifying for PGA Junior Championship
 - Additional 5 for made-cut