

2019 GOLF AUSTRALIA ORDER OF MERIT: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the changes to the GA OOM for 2019?

Golf Australia has looked to streamline the administration of the OOM system to provide a better user experience. The Golfbox interface will be used as it is in many of the current state OOMs. Only golfers with an Australian Golflink number will be listed on the GA OOM.

Each OOM event carries a specific weighting, with points allocations reflecting that. Points allocated reflect a percentage of the overall points for an event and are designed to mirror the allocations from previous years.

Each OOM is mutually exclusive and points gained in a particular OOM event will be allocated to that OOM only. For example, junior OOM points can only be gained from junior events.

2. What does Golf Australia use the GA OOM for?

Golf Australia uses the GA OOM to encourage participation among low-handicap golfers. It is also used as an entry criterion for various championships. The GA OOM is used to select some senior representative teams.

3. Does Golf Australia's High-Performance Program use the GA OOM for selecting benchmark players and/or Australian teams?

The GA OOM recognises the best performed player over the designated 12-month period in Golf Australia's OOM events. The High-Performance Program, when selecting benchmark players and Australian Teams, considers many factors, one of which is the OOM.

4. Differences between WAGR and the GA OOM.

Players highly ranked on the WAGR tend to play a greater number of overseas events and perform well in these events, which count towards the WAGR but not towards the GA OOM. As they compete overseas, the number of GA OOM events they contest is usually minimal.

5. What events are granted GA OOM status?

Each National Championship (e.g. Australian Amateur, Australian Junior Championships, Australian Senior Amateurs), as well as each State and Territory Championship (e.g. SA Junior Championships), are automatically granted GA OOM status. Each State/NT can also nominate one other major event in their State or Territory to be granted GA OOM status (e.g. Victorian Junior Masters). Golf Australia may at times, approve GA OOM status for other high-quality events (e.g. The Dunes Medal). Amateur results from State Opens are also included in the respective GA OOM.

6. How do I get on the GA OOM?

Once you contest a GA OOM event, you automatically gain a GA OOM position. If you have not contested at least one event in the current period, you will not appear on the GA OOM.

7. What time does the GA OOM cover?

The current GA OOM commences on 1/11/2018 and concludes on 31/10/2019.

8. How does Golf Australia obtain the results of GA OOM events?

In most cases, the results are sourced from the website of the Tournament's organising body or from Golflink.

9. How long does it take for the GA OOM to be updated?

This depends on when the event concludes, how quickly the results can be sourced from the Tournament Organiser, and how quickly they can be entered into the GA OOM system. In most cases, GA OOMs will be updated within five (5) days of the event's conclusion.

10. How are the event weightings determined?

The event weighting is based on the status of the event and the customary strength of the field, but with the following initial criteria:

- Australian Opens are weighted ten (10);
- Victorian Open (courtesy of its European Tour status) is weighted nine (9);
- Other State Opens are weighted eight (8);
- Australian Amateur/Junior/Senior Championships are weighted six (6)
- State Championships are weighted a minimum of three (3);
- Territory Championships are weighted a minimum of two (2);
- Junior events played over 72-holes are weighted at least three (3)

Note i: Events with stronger traditional fields may have an increased weighting.

Note ii: Golf Australia will review event weightings from time to time.

If the number of rounds of a GA OOM event is reduced, the following points are allocated:

- An event reduced from 72 holes to 54 holes: no change
- An event reduced from 54 holes to 36 holes: no change
- An event reduced from 72 holes to 36 holes: the points weighting is reduced by 1 level
- An event reduced to 18 holes: the points weighting is reduced to level 1 (i.e. 70 points)

Please note that events comprising stroke play rounds followed by match play rounds are considered TWO events with respect to the number of events played.

11. What points are allocated to each finishing position?

The tables included in the GA OOM conditions illustrate what percentage of the total points are allocated to each finishing position. Where players finish in tied positions, the points allocated to those finishing positions are averaged and split evenly among the tied players. Exception: where there is a play-off to determine the winner, the winner of the play-off will be allocated the points for the first position.

If you are disqualified from a GA OOM event, or fail to complete a round without reasonable justification (as determined by Golf Australia), you will be deemed to have been disqualified which will result in 0 points being allocated.

12. How is my position calculated?

Your position is calculated by totalling all points gained in GA OOM events.

13. For the Junior OOM, at what point am I no longer considered a junior?

So long as you are under 18 on the first day of the GA OOM period (i.e. 1 November 2018) you will be included in the Junior GA OOM. Only points gained in junior events count towards the Junior GA OOM.

14. What should I do if I believe I see an error in my position?

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