

# How the Junior Boy's Ranking Works?

## Objective

Provide a Ranking in which performances in Counting Events, over a time period explained, in the section entitled **How the Ranking is Calculated** below, are used in determining a player's position.

There are three 'Rankings' within the GolfRSA Junior Ranking, they are:

- Boys Under 19 (Referred to as **Juniors All** on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za) )
- Boys Under 17 (Referred to as **Juniors U17** on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za))
- Boys Under 15 (Referred to as **Juniors U15** on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za))

## Counting Events

Each year the GolfRSA determines which of its sanctioned tournaments count towards the Ranking (known as 'Counting Events'). This is published with its tournament schedule on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za). Both Stroke Play and Match Play tournaments are included as Counting Events.

## Eligibility for Ranking

Players eligible for each Ranking are as follows:

- For Junior All (U19): must be under 19 years of age; or
- For U17: must be under 17 years of age; or
- For U15: must be under 15 years of age; and
- A member of a golf club affiliated to a Union that is a member of GolfRSA; are eligible – meaning all players with an official HNA Handicap.

The U19 Ranking contains performances of all U19, U17 and U15 players in Counting Events. The U17 Ranking contains all U17 and U15 players while the U15 Ranking contains only U15 players performances.

## When will a player no longer be eligible for a Ranking?

If a player, using an example as an explanation, in the U15 Ranking turns 15 years of age on his birthday, he will fall out the U15 Ranking the same day. He will however be eligible for the U17 and U19 Rankings.

## Who gets Points?

All players participating in a Counting Event, regardless of eligibility, are allocated points based on their finishing position as follows:

- Stroke Play: All players making the cut;
- Stroke Play: Up to 65<sup>th</sup> place and ties when there is no cut;
- Match Play: All qualifying players (i.e. from first round losers).

For examples on the distribution of points by final finishing position, see Figure 1 below.



score on conclusion of a Counting Event, then in the event of a playoff the winner will be given 1<sup>st</sup> place points. The remaining players will be considered tied in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and get the same number of points calculated as stated above in this paragraph.

### **How are points determined in a match play field of 32?**

Points are distributed by finishing position as detailed in Figure 1 above.

### **How is the Ranking calculated?**

A player must play in a minimum of 5 Counting Events to be given a Ranking position. If a player wins points in a Counting Event but has failed to play the required minimum he will appear and be ranked in the Ranking but will be indicated as being in the position 'DNQ' (denotes – Does not Qualify for a Ranking position).

Only once a player has won points in a Counting Event will he appear in the Ranking.

The Overall Ranking points calculation, for each player by which they are ranked, is carried out in two steps.

#### **Step 1: Dropping of Points**

Remove points for tournaments that are no longer Counting Events. This is done as follows:

- The Ranking is intended as a rolling 12-month ranking. Meaning that the points for an annual Counting Event, on its conclusion in the current year, count after first dropping the points won, from the ranking, in the same Counting Event played the year prior. With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ranking period for the points won in a prior year Counting Event may remain counting for more than the intended 12-month period in which case these points will be managed as follows:
  - **Cancelled Counting Events**
  - The points will be retained in future calculations until the future corresponding Counting Event is played or declared no longer a Counting Event (i. e. removed from the Fixture List).
  - **All Other Annual Counting Events taking place:**  
The points will be retained in future calculations until the conclusion, in the current year, irrespective of the period between the staging of the prior and current Counting Event in question;

#### **Step 2: Calculation of Points on which Ranking is determined**

Each player's average Ranking Points, from Counting Events, is determined, after having applied Step 1 above, as follows:

- **Minimum Divisor = 5;**
- **For a player who has played in 5 or less Counting Events:**  
Divide the sum of points won in each Counting Event by 5.
- **For a player who has played in 6 or 7 Counting Events:**  
Disregard the Counting Event with the least number of points won; calculate the average points won from the remaining Counting Events played.
- **For a player who has played in 8 or 9 Counting Events:**

Same process as above except disregard the two Counting Events with the least number of points;

- **For a player who has played in 10 or 11 Counting Events:**  
Same process as above except disregard the three Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in 12 or 13 Counting Events:**  
Same process as above except disregard the four Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in 14 or 15 Counting Events:**  
Same process as above except disregard the five Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in 16 or 17 Counting Events:**  
Same process as above except disregard the six Counting Events with the least number of points;
- **For a player who has played in 18 or more Counting Events:**  
Same process as above except disregard the seven Counting Events with the least number of points;

(**Example:** If a player has played 15 Counting Events, then disregard the five Counting Events in which the player has scored the least number of points. Divide the sum of points won from the remaining Counting Events by 10).

### **Who is listed in the Ranking?**

Only eligible players (see 'Eligibility for Ranking') are given a ranking position.

### **What does a player's name in italics indicate?**

If a player has played in at least 1 Coastal and 1 Inland Counting Event, then his name will appear in *italics* on the Ranking.

A Coastal Counting Event is defined as a Counting Event hosted by any one of the following SAGA Unions: Border, Boland, Eastern Province, Kwazulu-Natal, Southern Cape and Western Province.

An Inland Counting Event is defined as a Counting Event hosted by any one of the following SAGA Unions: Central Gauteng, Ekurhuleni, Free State, Gauteng North, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West.

### **Who is eligible for Team selection?**

An eligible player is one who has a Ranking position (i.e. he has played in the minimum required number of Counting Events) and his name is recorded, in the Ranking, in *italics* (i.e. he has played the above stated minimum number of Coastal and Inland Counting Events).