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**2021 PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**2021 WOMEN'S PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**2021 SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

These awards began in 1984 and are given to the PGA Professional, Senior PGA Professional and Women's PGA Professional (Board Meeting, Jan. 2018) Players of the Year. The winners are determined over a period from January 1 through December 31.

A PGA member will not be eligible to win any category of the PGA Professional Player of the Year Award if:

- a) The member has played in more than eight (8) combined Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian Tour, Dakotas Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour (formerly web.com TOUR), Ladies European Tour (LET), Symetra Tour (LPGA), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR-Canada (incl. Forme TOUR), PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR-China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour and The Sunshine Tour tournaments **between January 1 and December 31** in the same calendar year. The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship are not included in the 8-tournament count;
- b) At any point in the year the member is suspended from membership;
- c) At any point in the year the member is suspended from tournament participation for either National or Section Tournaments; or
- d) The member is classified as Class F, RM, LMC, Reserve, A-3, or Honorary;
- e) The member has not played in at least one Section event plus one National event, or two Section events during the same year. (Board Meeting, March 2015)

The following point system (which includes adjustments thereafter) was adopted at the November 1992 Board Meeting. Below is a record of adjustments since 1992:

- Effective January 1, 2002, Korn Ferry (web.com) TOUR points became awarded on the basis of each tournament, rather than based on finish on the final money list. Reason: The PGA TOUR discontinued 3-5 "National" spots in every tournament in 2001, so players could play in up to 10 of these events in a year and stockpile points which might unfairly affect the final POY results. (PGA Tournament Department, July 2001).
- Effective January 1, 2009, no player in PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry (web.com) TOUR or LPGA Tour tournaments, who gains access into any such event through their conditional status, events played status, cuts made, money list status, prior tournament finishes or tournament win status, can earn PGA Professional Player of the Year or PGA Senior Professional Player of the Year points for that event. (Annual Meeting, November 2008) Also effective January 1, 2009, the following points modifications were made: US Open/British Open, 1<sup>st</sup> place points increased from 800 to 1,000; PGA Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> place points increased from 800 to 1,000; PGA Professional Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> place points increased from 400 to 500; Winter Championship Stroke Play Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> place points increased from 200 to 250, 2<sup>nd</sup> place points decreased from 185 to 175, 3<sup>rd</sup> place points decreased from 170 to 165 and 4<sup>th</sup> place points decreased from 160 to 155. Points modifications were also made for the following Senior events: US Senior Open/Senior Open Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> place points increased from 400 to 500; Senior PGA

Professional Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> place points were increased from 200 to 250; Winter Championships Senior Stroke Play Championship, 1<sup>st</sup> place points increased from 100 to 125. (Board Meeting, February 2009)

- Effective January 1, 2013, points for the PGA Winter Championships (Senior Stroke Play and Stroke Play) and PGA Tournament Series were reduced by 50% of their 2012 value (Board Meeting, Nov. 2012).
- Effective 2015, a 10% points reduction for all PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry (web.com) TOUR events was approved. (Board Meeting, March 2015).

	US Open & Open Championship	PGA Championship	PGA Professional Champ	WC Stroke Play	PGA TOUR	Korn Ferry TOUR	PGA Tournament Series (final money list)	Section Play (See Section Performance Below)
1	1000	1000	500	125	540	450	100	
2	750	750	375	87.5	505.8	421.2	87.5	
3	700	700	350	82.5	472.5	393.3	75	
4	650	650	325	77.5	438.3	365.4	70	
5	600	600	300	75	405	337.5	65	
6	580	580	290	72.5	391.5	325.8	60	
7	560	560	280	70	378	315	57.5	
8	540	540	270	67.5	364.5	303.3	55	
9	520	520	260	65	351	292.5	52.5	
10	500	500	250	62.5	337.5	280.8	50	
11	490	490	245	60	330.3	275.4		
12	480	480	240	57.5	324	270		
13	470	470	235	55	316.8	263.7		
14	460	460	230	52.5	310.5	258.3		
15	450	450	225	50	303.3	252.9		
16	440	440	220	47.5	297	247.5		
17	430	430	215	45	289.8	241.2		
18	420	420	210	42.5	283.5	235.8		
19	410	410	205	40	276.3	230.4		
20	400	400	200	37.5	270	225		
21	390	390	195	35	262.8	218.7		
22	380	380	190	32.5	256.5	213.3		
23	370	370	185	30	249.3	207.9		
24	360	360	180	27.5	243	202.5		
25	350	350	175	25	235.8	196.2		
26	340	340	170	22.5	229.5	190.8		
27	330	330	165	20	222.3	185.4		
28	320	320	160	17.5	216	180		
29	310	310	155	15	208.8	173.7		
30	300	300	150	12.5	202.5	168.3		
31	290	290	145	10	195.3	162.9		
32	280	280	140	10	189	157.5		
33	270	270	135	10	181.8	151.2		
34	260	260	130	10	175.5	145.8		
35	250	250	125	10	168.3	140.4		
36	240	240	120	10	162	135		
37	230	230	115	10	154.8	128.7		
38	220	220	110	10	148.5	123.3		
39	210	210	105	10	141.3	117.9		
40	200	200	100	10	135	112.5		
41	198	198	99	10	133.2	110.7		

	US Open & Open Championship	PGA Championship	PGA Professional Champ	WC Stroke Play	PGA TOUR	Korn Ferry TOUR	PGA Tournament Series (final money list)	Section Play (See Section Performance Below)
42	196	196	98	10	131.4	109.8		
43	194	194	97	10	129.6	108		
44	192	192	96	10	127.8	107.1		
45	190	190	95	10	126	105.3		
46	188	188	94	10	124.2	104.4		
47	186	186	93	10	122.4	102.6		
48	184	184	92	10	120.6	101.7		
49	182	182	91	10	118.8	99.9		
50	180	180	90	10	117	99		
51	178	178	89	10	115.2	97.2		
52	176	176	88	10	113.4	96.3		
53	174	174	87	10	111.6	94.5		
54	172	172	86	10	109.8	93.6		
55	170	170	85	10	108	91.8		
56	168	168	84	10	107.1	90.9		
57	166	166	83	10	106.2	90		
58	164	164	82	10	105.3	89.1		
59	162	162	81	10	104.4	88.2		
60	160	160	80	10	103.5	87.3		
61		158	79	10	102.6	86.4		
62		156	78	10	101.7	85.5		
63		154	77	10	100.8	84.6		
64		152	76	10	99.9	83.7		
65		150	75	10	99	82.8		
66		148	74	10	98.1	81.9		
67		146	73	10	97.2	81		
68		144	72	10	96.3	80.1		
69		142	71	10	95.4	79.2		
70		140	70	10	94.5	78.3		
<b>Code</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>C*</b>	<b>D*</b>	<b>D*</b>		
Local or Open Qual.	25 For advancing							
Section Qual.	25 For advancing				50	25		
Each Win							25	

**Code\***

A\* – Points diminish in two-point increments for everyone making the cut.

B\* – Points diminish in one-point increments for everyone making the 36-hole cut.

C\* – Everyone making the 36-hole cut receives a minimum of 10 points.

D\* – Points diminish in one-point increments for everyone making the cut.

**Section Performance.** These points are based on each Section’s “Player of the Year” point standings with an additional 100 points awarded to the Section Champion only in each Section. (It was decided in July 1999 to award a similar 100 points to the winner (only) of all 41 Section PGA Professional Championships.)

There are different levels of player-strength in the various PGA Sections, therefore, a system has been developed to “weight” all Sections according to the overall playing ability of their PGA Professionals – not who has the best players, but which Sections have the most quality players. After all Sections are weighted, they are divided into four groups and this determines how many players within each Section receive points according to their final ranking on their respective “Section Player of the Year” point list. In other words, “stronger” Sections have access to more points, and more of their players earn these points.

The following formula is used:

- a. 33% - Total number of PGA Professional Championship-eligible members in the Section (at beginning of current fiscal year – July 1).
- b. 33% - Total number of Section entries into their respective current year’s Section PGA Professional Championships.
- c. 33% - Total number of Section players making the 36-hole cut at the current year’s PGA Professional Championship.

Points earned in the above are assigned to the calendar year WHEN INCURRED.

All 41 Sections are ranked 1 through 41 in all three of the above categories. After the results from these three criteria are added, the Sections are ranked 1 through 41 by their totals. (i.e., lowest to highest).

Ideally, all Sections are then divided into four equal-size groups of ten each (11 for Group A), and the following points are awarded to the top players from the various Section “Player of the Year” rankings. In the case of a tie, or ties, the sections are divided into Groups, possibly not of equal size, but what is deemed to be the “most-fair” manner.

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1 <sup>st</sup>	300	300	300	300
2 <sup>nd</sup>	250	225	200	175
3 <sup>rd</sup>	225	200	150	100
4 <sup>th</sup>	200	175	125	75
5 <sup>th</sup>	175	150	100	50
6 <sup>th</sup>	150	125	75	25
7 <sup>th</sup>	125	100	50	
8 <sup>th</sup>	100	70	40	
9 <sup>th</sup>	90	60	25	
10 <sup>th</sup>	80	50		
11 <sup>th</sup>	70	40		
12 <sup>th</sup>	60	25		
13 <sup>th</sup>	50			
14 <sup>th</sup>	40			
15 <sup>th</sup>	25			

The 41 Sections are divided into four divisions. Group “A” is considered the “strongest” and 15 of their players receive points. In Group “B”, 12 players are rewarded, followed by “C” with 9 and “D” with 6. The 1<sup>st</sup> place in all four groups receives the same number of points but differ thereafter down the list.

## Additional Point Distribution – Seniors Only

	US Senior Open & Senior Open Championship	KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	Senior PGA Professional Champ	WC Senior Stroke Play (A)	PGA TOUR Champions	Senior Section PGA Professional Champion	Senior Section Champion
1	500	500	250	62.5	270	50	50
2	375	375	187	45	252.9		
3	350	350	175	42.5	226.8		
4	325	325	162	40	218.7		
5	300	300	150	37.5	202.5		
6	290	290	145	36	195.3		
7	280	280	140	35	189		
8	270	270	135	33.5	181.8		
9	260	260	130	32.5	175.5		
10	250	250	125	31	168.3		
11	245	245	122	30	164.7		
12	240	240	120	28.5	162		
13	235	235	117	27.5	158.4		
14	230	230	115	26	154.8		
15	225	225	112	25	151.2		
16	220	220	110	23.5	148.5		
17	215	215	107	22.5	144.9		
18	210	210	105	21	141.3		
19	205	205	102	20	137.7		
20	200	200	100	18.5	135		
21	195	195	97	17.5	131.4		
22	190	190	95	16	127.8		
23	185	185	92	15	124.2		
24	180	180	90	13.5	121.5		
25	175	175	87	12.5	117.9		
26	170	170	85		114.3		
27	165	165	82		110.7		
28	160	160	80		108		
29	155	155	77		104.4		
30	150	150	75		100.8		
31	145	145	72		97.2		
32	140	140	70		94.5		
33	135	135	67		90.9		
34	130	130	65		87.3		
35	125	125	62		83.7		
36	120	120	60		81		
37	115	115	58		77.4		
38	110	110	57		73.8		
39	105	105	56		70.2		
40	100	100	55				
41	99	99	54				
42	98	98	53				
43	97	97	52				
44	96	96	51				
45	95	95	50				
46	94	94	49				
47	93	93	48				

	US Senior Open & Senior Open Championship	KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	Senior PGA Professional Champ	WC Senior Stroke Play (A)	PGA TOUR Champions	Senior Section PGA Professional Champion	Senior Section Champion
48	92	92	47				
49	91	91	46				
50	90	90	45				
51	89	89	44				
52	88	88	43				
53	87	87	42				
54	86	86	41				
55	85	85	40				
56	84	84	39				
57	83	83	38				
58	82	82	37				
59	81	81	36				
60	80	80	35				
61		79	34				
62		78	33				
63		77	32				
64		76	31				
65		75	30				
66		74	29				
67		73	28				
68		72	27				
69		71	26				
70		70	25				
<b>Code</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>C*</b>	<b>D*</b>		
Local or Open Qual.	N/A				25		
Section Qual.	50 For advancing				N/A		

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A\* – Points diminish in one-point increments for everyone making the cut.

B\* – Points diminish in one-point increments for everyone making the 36-hole cut. (All “cut” players receive 15 points from qualifying)

C\* – Points diminish in 1 ½ and 1 point increments for ties at 25<sup>th</sup>.

D\* – Points diminish in four-point increments for ties at 39<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:**

Players turning age 50 mid-calendar year may accumulate points toward their Senior POY total from all events played during the year, even if some points were accumulated while they were still 49. The eligibility criteria for this situation are that the player must turn 50 during that specific year **and** must participate in a PGA of America National Senior Championship (i.e. Senior PGA Professional Championship).

## Additional Point Distribution – Women Only

	KPMG Women's PGA Championship	U.S. Women's Open	LPGA Tour	Winter Championship-Women's Stroke Play	LPGA Teaching & Club Professional National Championship	Section Points Earned (see details below)
1	1000	1000	540	150	150	
2	750	750	505.8	130	130	
3	700	700	472.5	110	110	
4	650	650	438.3	95	95	
5	600	600	405	85	85	
6	580	580	391.5	75	75	
7	560	560	378	70	70	
8	540	540	364.5	65	65	
9	520	520	351	60	60	
10	500	500	337.5	55	55	
11	490	490	330.3	50	50	
12	480	480	324	45	45	
13	470	470	316.8	40	40	
14	460	460	310.5	35	35	
15	450	450	303.3	30	30	
16	440	440	297	25	25	
17	430	430	289.8	20	20	
18	420	420	283.5	15	15	
19	410	410	276.3	10	10	
20	400	400	270	5	5	
21	390	390	262.8			
22	380	380	256.5			
23	370	370	249.3			
24	360	360	243			
25	350	350	235.8			
26	340	340	229.5			
27	330	330	222.3			
28	320	320	216			
29	310	310	208.8			
30	300	300	202.5			
31	290	290	195.3			
32	280	280	189			
33	270	270	181.8			
34	260	260	175.5			
35	250	250	168.3			
36	240	240	162			
37	230	230	154.8			
38	220	220	148.5			
39	210	210	141.3			
40	200	200	135			
41	198	198	133.2			
42	196	196	131.4			
43	194	194	129.6			
44	192	192	127.8			
45	190	190	126			
46	188	188	124.2			
47	186	186	122.4			

	KPMG Women's PGA Championship	U.S. Women's Open	LPGA Tour	Winter Championship-Women's Stroke Play	LPGA Teaching & Club Professional National Championship	Section Points Earned (see details below)
48	184	184	120.6			
49	182	182	118.8			
50	180	180	117			
51	178	178	115.2			
52	176	176	113.4			
53	174	174	111.6			
54	172	172	109.8			
55	170	170	108			
56	168	168	107.1			
57	166	166	106.2			
58	164	164	105.3			
59	162	162	104.4			
60	160	160	103.5			
61	158	158	102.6			
62	156	156	101.7			
63	154	154	100.8			
64	152	152	99.9			
65	150	150	99			
66	148	148	98.1			
67	146	146	97.2			
68	144	144	96.3			
69	142	142	95.4			
70	140	140	94.5			
<b>Code</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>A*</b>	<b>D*</b>			
Section Qual.		50 for making the Open				

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A\* – Points diminish in two-point increments for everyone making the cut.

D\* – Points diminish in one-point increments for everyone making the cut.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a Woman PGA Member in good standing and in an eligible classification.
- Points can only be earned as a Woman PGA Member (i.e. an Associate that plays well in the PGA Winter Championships - Women's Stroke Play Championship will not earn points.)

**Section Tournaments:** A key component of the points system is identifying each Section's Women's Player of the Year. These points are based on women's participation in Section individual events. For an event to be eligible to count as a points event, it must be run by the Section. Players must compete in at least two (2) Section events to earn National points.

There are different levels of player-strength in the various Sections, therefore, a system has been developed to "weight" all Sections according to the overall number of women PGA Professionals in each (not which Section has the best players, but which has the most women PGA members). After all Sections are weighted, they are divided into four groups and this grouping determines how many players within each Section receive points, according to



their final money rankings. In other words, Sections with more women Professionals have access to more points, and more of their players earn these points.

The following formula will be used:

100% - Total number of eligible women PGA members in the Section (on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year).

The Sections are then ranked 1 through 41 by their totals (i.e., highest to lowest) and divided into four equally-sized groups of ten each (11 for Group A). In the case of a tie, or ties, sections will be divided into Groups, possibly not of equal size, but in what is deemed to be the “most-fair” manner.

Group “A” has the largest number of female PGA Professional members and 10 of their players receive points. In Group “B”, 7 players are rewarded, followed by “C” with 4 and “D” with 3. The 1<sup>st</sup> place in all four groups receive the same number of points, but points differ thereafter down the list.

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	100	100	100
2 <sup>nd</sup>	90	80	60	50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	80	60	30	25
4 <sup>th</sup>	70	40	10	
5 <sup>th</sup>	60	30		
6 <sup>th</sup>	50	20		
7 <sup>th</sup>	40	10		
8 <sup>th</sup>	30			
9 <sup>th</sup>	20			
10 <sup>th</sup>	10			

### **Section Responsibilities:**

Sections are urged to track their own Women’s Player of the Year point standings and report final results prior to December 20 of the current year, similar to tracking “Regular”, Senior and Assistant Players of the Year. This will enable PGA to apply Section Player of the Year points toward the calculation of all National Players of the Year Awards and would give each section an opportunity to honor their own Women’s PGA Player of the Year as well. It is suggested that the specific Section Events/Championships used to calculate Women’s Player of the Year points be identified and published so all members are aware of this opportunity. Only women PGA members should be included in your points list reported to the PGA of America.

If a Section has very few women members and will require PGA to track, the Section must report results within three (3) business days of the conclusion of each event, women members must have played well and finished in the top 20, or tied for 20<sup>th</sup> place, and have earned prize money. Points will be based on final money earned from participating in individual Section events.