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**2023 PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**2023 WOMEN'S PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**2023 SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

PGA Professional Player of the Year recognition began in 1984; awarded to the PGA Professional, Senior PGA Professional and Women's PGA Professional (Women's POY: Board Meeting, Jan. 2018) Players of the Year. The winners are determined and points are accumulated during the January 1 through December 31 time range for any given year..

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, DP World Tour (formerly the European Tour), Epson Tour (formerly the Symetra Tour-LPGA), European Challenge Tour, European Legends Tour (formerly the European Senior Tour), GPro Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR-Canada, PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR-China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, 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;  
*\*Beginning January 2024, the maximum number of combined "Professional Tours" that a PGA Member may participate in, and still remain eligible to compete in PGA Member Championships, will be **reduced from eight (8) to a total of four (4)**. This 4-tournament rule will be applied to all respective Championships & Player of the Year eligibility date ranges. (Exception: The current year's PPC champion will be allowed a total maximum of eight (8) tournaments during their winning year only. Reason: The PPC Champion earns exemptions into six (6) PGA TOUR open tournaments with their win, which leaves room for them to qualify for two (2) additional events during the year.) (Board Meeting, June 2022)*
- 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 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, Senior Professional or Women's 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 TOUR events was approved (Board Meeting, March 2015).
- Effective 2023, increase the Women's Stroke Play Championship and LPGA Professionals National Championship points to twice the 2022 point values. (Board Meeting, August 2022)

	US Open & Open Championship	PGA Championship	PGA Professional Championship	PGA 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		



## 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 PGA Professional Champion only and additional 50 points awarded to the Section Senior PGA Professional Champion only in each Section. (August 2022 BOD decision to no longer award points to the Section Champion or the Senior Section Champion, effective 2023). (It was decided in July 1999 to award a similar 100 points to the winner (only) of all 41 Section PGA Professional Championships - BOD. SENIOR Section Champions and SENIOR PGA Professional Champions receive 50 points, accordingly).

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

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.

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 Championship	PGA WC <i>Senior</i> Stroke Play (A)	PGA TOUR- Champions
1	500	500	250	62.5	270
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		

	US Senior Open & Senior Open Championship	KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	Senior PGA Professional Championship	PGA WC Senior Stroke Play (A)	PGA TOUR-Champions
42	98	98	53		
43	97	97	52		
44	96	96	51		
45	95	95	50		
46	94	94	49		
47	93	93	48		
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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B\* – Points diminish in one-point increments for everyone making the 36-hole cut.

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 that 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	PGA WC- Women's Stroke Play	LPGA Professionals National Championship	Section Points Earned (see details below)
1	1000	1000	540	300	300	
2	750	750	505.8	260	260	
3	700	700	472.5	220	220	
4	650	650	438.3	190	190	
5	600	600	405	170	170	
6	580	580	391.5	150	150	
7	560	560	378	140	140	
8	540	540	364.5	130	130	
9	520	520	351	120	120	
10	500	500	337.5	110	110	
11	490	490	330.3	100	100	
12	480	480	324	90	90	
13	470	470	316.8	80	80	
14	460	460	310.5	70	70	
15	450	450	303.3	60	60	
16	440	440	297	50	50	
17	430	430	289.8	40	40	
18	420	420	283.5	30	30	
19	410	410	276.3	20	20	
20	400	400	270	10	10	
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			

	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)
46	188	188	124.2			
47	186	186	122.4			
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 qualifying				

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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:

$$100\% - \text{Total number of eligible women PGA members in the Section (on January 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ of the current year).}$$

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 (date subject to change for any given year) of the current year, similar to tracking “Regular”, Senior and Assistant Players of the Year. This will enable the PGA to apply Section Player of the Year points towards 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.