



THE RANKING FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY (RGD)

The Ranking system allows players to receive points based on their performance in every counting round and to receive additional points for finishing in the top places depending on the Tournament Rating (strength of the field). The ranking is based on a rolling 104 weeks cycle of results and we are working with golf's leading authorities to ensure a fair system is implemented.

The Ranking for Golfers with Disability (RGD), has three divisions and is open to events approved by National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for players who have an RGD pass that meet the Definitions of Impairment. The RGD will effectively compare players from around the world who may never directly compete against one another.

Divisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strokeplay gross for golf handicaps up to 18.42. Strokeplay nett for the same golf handicaps3. Stableford for golf handicaps from 18.5 up to 54.
RSS	Ranking Standard Scratch is the average of the best three scores to the nearest full number.
Maximum	The maximum award in strokeplay divisions will be calculated by adding 18 to the RSS.
Minimum	The minimum award in the stableford division will be calculated by subtracting 18 from the RSS.
Divisor	The number of rounds that a player starts will accrue throughout the period. The minimum number of divisor rounds for accumulated annual points is 6.
Round Points	<p>Players will earn round points in stroke play divisions on the basis of subtracting their score from the maximum score for each round of the event.</p> <p>Players will earn round points in the stableford division on the basis of subtracting the minimum score from the players score for each round of the event.</p>
Tournament Rating	The Tournament Rating is determined by the strength of the field. Tournaments are rated for gross/nett and separately for the stableford division. There are nine Tournament Rating categories from A-H & Unrated. The Tournament Rating category is determined by the total number of points which the leading 20 RGD Ranked Players in the field attract. These players contribute Rating Points as per the RGD Ranked Players table below. See Example 1.
Tournament Bonus Points	Tournament Bonus Points are awarded to the leading players, by result, in relation to the Tournament Rating.

RGD Ranked Players					
1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 30	31 - 40
90 points	85 points	80 points	75 points	70 points	65 points
41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 80	81 - 100	101 - 130	131 - 160
55 points	45 points	35 points	25 points	15 points	10 points
161 - 200	201 - 300	301 - 400	401 - 500	501 - 600	601+
5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points

RGD Tournament Rating (Maximum possible points 1650)					
Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E	Category F
100% - 90%	89% - 80%	79% - 70%	69% - 60%	59% - 55%	54% - 50%
Category G	Category H	Category U			
49% - 45%	44% - 40%	39% or less			

Awarding of Tournament Bonus Points (based on Tournament Rating)					
Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E	Category F
5 places	4 places	3 places	2 places	1 place	1 place
1 = 1.0%	1 = 1.0%	1 = 1.0%	1 = 1.0%	1 = 1.0%	1 = 0.4%
2 = 0.8%	2 = 0.8%	2 = 0.8%	2 = 0.8%		
3 = 0.6%	3 = 0.6%	3 = 0.6%			
4 = 0.4%	4 = 0.4%				
5 = 0.2%					

EXAMPLE-1 (how a tournament is rated)

The Discovery Open

24 RGD players are in a field of 58 players competing in the 2016 Discovery Open. The 20 players with the highest positions on the RGD contribute to the Tournament Rating. The following calculation was made to find the Tournament Rating:

TOURNAMENT RATING POINTS (TRP)				
RGD Position	TRP	Entries	Top 20	Total TRP
1 - 5	90	2	2	180
6 - 10	85	2	2	170
11 - 15	80	2	2	160
16 - 20	75	4	4	300
21 - 30	70	4	4	280
31 - 40	65	3	3	195
41 - 50	55	0	0	0
51 - 60	45	5	3	135
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61 - 80	35	4		0
81 - 100	25	6		0
101 - 130	15	5		0
131 - 160	10	7		0
161 - 200	5	5		0
201 - 300	4	9		0
301 - 400	3			0
401 - 500	2			0
501 - 600	1			0

The entries of players from the RGD bring the Discovery Open a total of 1420 points. This value of points is 86% of the maximum possible total of 1650, and so puts the Discovery Open in category B of the Tournament Rating table. This means that the four leading players at the end of the tournament will receive Tournament Bonus Points.

A similar calculation was made for the stableford division, by calculating the relative strength of the field by allocating RGD points to each of the top 20 players. The Discovery Open has a category E Tournament Rating.

EXAMPLE-2 (how a leading player earns points)

Assuming that Zac Franks completes his two rounds in the Discovery Open (category B) tournament that attracted 1,420 points. With two gross scores of 81, 81, with net scores of 76, 76, Zac wins the gross division and finished in 3rd place in the nett division his points earned are calculated as follows:

Points Earned	Gross Points			Nett Points		
Zac Franks	Round-1	Round-2	Totals	Round-1	Round-2	Totals
Maximum	100	99		92	91	
Score	-81	-81		-76	-76	
Points Earned	19	18	37.0	16	15	31.0
Tournament Bonus			14.2			8.5
Sub Total			51.2			39.5
Divisor (rounds)			2.0			2.0
Points Total			25.6			19.75

As the gross RSS for both rounds was 82 and 81, the maximum scores were set at 100 and 99 respectively (by adding 18). The nett RSS for both rounds was 74 and 73 so the maximum available nett score was set at 92 and 91 respectively. In order to calculate the average points earned, the total points are then divided by the number of rounds started (divisor).

NB: When points earned are accumulated for the annual ranking tables a minimum divisor of 6 will apply.

EXAMPLE-3

In the stableford division David Filipe completed his two rounds with stableford scores of 29 and 33, in a category E tournament that attracted 930 points. As David won the division, his ranking points are calculated as follows:

Points Earned	Stableford Points			As the stableford RSS for both rounds was 29 and 30, the minimum scores were set at 11 and 12 respectively (by subtracting 18).
David Filipe	Round-1	Round-2	Totals	
Score	29	33		In order to calculate average points earned for the tournament, the total points are divided by the number of rounds started (divisor) which is 2 and gives David a total of 24.15 points.
Minimum Points	-11	-12		
Points Earned	18	21	39.0	
Tournament Bonus			9.3	
Sub Total			48.3	
Divisor (rounds)			2.0	
Points Total			24.15	

NB: When points earned are accumulated for the annual ranking tables a minimum divisor of 6 will apply.

If you should have any questions about Ranking for Golfers with Disability (RGD), then please view the latest information in the [Order of Merit / Ranking](#) section on the EDGA website at www.edgagolf.com or contact the Secretary at mail@edgagolf.com