

Point Standings

After looking at national rankings processes and conferring with our junior committee, a philosophical change is taking place in regards to SC Junior Rankings. The totals of points and tournaments being used for this process will be merely be used as a cumulative total showcasing the junior's play over the past year. Just like a professional tour's money list, we are not saying number 4 on the list is a better player than number 5, but the top 10 players have had some better success than the next ten etc. The term Standings better reflects the goal of showcasing talent and letting recreational players share the same stage as our national level juniors. The points awarded for each finish have been boosted a bit to highlight not only a victory, but a different point value for each finish as well- these will of course not be retroactive for any event played in 2011. Events that have a stronger field than their "pre weighting" level may be adjusted as well to better reflect the field that competed in that particular event. We will continue to tweak our weightings schedule each year with emphasis on statewide association events (SCJGA, SCGA, CGA, PGA,) and independent events (Upstate, Florence, Orange Jacket, Ballentyne, etc) and of course national events as well (USGA, AJGA, Optimist, etc). Of course high school events and junior tours will continue to be used as well as any organized tournament played under the rules of golf. We hope that every player cracks the top 20 this year!!!

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The SCJGA Standings, presented by the Heritage Classic Foundation, reflect the cumulative play of South Carolina juniors participating in a wide array of events. The calculations favor local events to reduce economic favoritism, and national championships to recognize top prominence.

The Standings are updated on the first of each month and reflect play over the most recent 12 months of available event results.

2012 Event Policies of the SCJGA: to have an event considered for the Standings, it must meet the following guidelines:

1. Local junior specific events conducted in South Carolina or bordering states (North Carolina and Georgia) that abided by USGA Rules of Golf and have a minimum of 25 boys or 8 girls playing from the back set of tees for the event. Half of the field will be scored (maximum of 20 players). Tournament directors are required to forward full results to the SCJGA for the event to be considered.
2. National events that are invitationals or a player earns their way through local qualifying. Examples: AJGA INVITATIONALS, USGA championships, the PGA Junior, and other such invitationals and national championships.

3. Other junior events, conducted out of the SC, NC, GA area, will be considered as long as the player finishes in the top 10. While the SCJGA encourages testing skills against national play, the rankings are not designed to reflect the financial means to chase tournaments across the US. This policy was added to promote local play until the junior's play is good enough to take on the road. These events must meet the above criteria. (Example events/tours: AJGA open and development, IJGT, PJGT, FCWT)
4. Amateur events will be considered for ranking as long as the junior earned his/her way into the tournament via qualifying or exemption. These must be open to statewide or national play.
5. The entire results **must** be emailed to cmiller@scgolf.org to be considered

Points break down:

- 1st-30 points, 2nd-20, 3rd-19, 4th-18, 5th-17, 6th-16, 7-15, 8-14; etc all the way to 20th place which is worth 2 points.
- Any ties are combined and split.
- Any total points earned that are less than a full point are not awarded.

Example: (A player is playing in a 4 weighted event that has over 40 players playing from the back tees over the 2 oldest age brackets.) The top 20 players will earn points in the event. If the player was to tie for 4th place with two other players, The points for the three spots be added together, multiplied by the tournaments weight, and split by the three players.

$$((18+17+16)\times 4)/3 = 68 \text{ points per player}$$

Event weights

Event	Weight
SCJGA Caddie Classic	1
All one day qualifying (SCGA, CGA, AJGA, Etc)	1
Ford Picard Christmas Classic	1
State AM Qualifying	1
Optimist Qualifier	1
Walter Reynolds	1
All High school 18 hole events- including regionals (even 36 hole region events)	1
All 36 hole events - sign up and play (all junior tours)	2
All 36 hole HS events (excluding State Championships)	2
Hootie Summer Tour - Top 3 point earners or 25% of the field at season's end	2
All Stars	2
Al Esposito	2
Phil Wallace	2
Carmel Jr	2
1a,2a, Scisa State	2
North South	2
The Tradition Four Ball	2

Mid Pines	2
SCGA Tournament of Champions	3
Florence Jr	3
Upstate	3
Anderson Sunshine	3
Fort Dorchester Patriot	3
3a, 4a State	3
Charles Tilghman	3
Big I Qualifying	3
PGA Callaway Junior Series	3
AJGA Devolpment	3
FCWT	3
Donald Ross	3
George Holiday	4
Orange Jacket Classic	4
Cheraw State Fall Challenge	4
Ballantyne Jr	4
CGA Fall Invitational	4
Festival of Flowers (Adult)	4
US Girls Junior Qualifying	4
US Am Qualifying	4
US Jr Qualifying	4
USGA Public Links Qualifier	4
Jimmy Self	5
The Blade	5
Carolinas-Georgia Junior Championship	5
Players Championship	5
Vicki Desantis Junior Girls	5
Beth Daniel Junior Azalea	5
Open AJGA Events	5
North South Junior	5
Joe Chevis	6
Western Junior	6
Rice Planters Amateur	6
Scott Robertson	6
Palmetto Amateur	6
CPGA- Westfield	6
Carolinas Junior Girls	7
Twin States Girls	7
World Junior Golf Cup (National)	7
CGA Match Play	7
SCGA Jr	7
WSCGA Girls	7
CGA Match Play	7
CGA Jr	7
Bobby Chapman Invitational	8
GolfWeek Invitational	8
SCGA Am	8
OIJGC National	8
BIG I National	8

Westfield PGA National	8
AJGA Invitationals	9
Sage Valley Junior Invitational	9
Junior Heritage	9
USGA Junior	10
US Amateur	10

