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## **Border Golf Union**

### **Points-Based System**

Border Golf Union's Order of Merit will be a points-based system. On an annual basis, Border Golf will release its calendar for the upcoming year. The calendar will specify at which tournaments points can be scored (i.e. Qualifying Tournament), as well as the number of points that will be available at each event. Points will be allocated dependent on the golfer's finishing position, and based on the percentage recommended by GolfRSA.

There will be a minimum standard expected from Clubs hosting Qualifying Tournaments i.e. steps in place to ensure R&A and Local rules are adhered to, starters on tee boxes and results to be captured in a format specified by Border Golf Union. Failure to adhere to these conditions may result in the tournament losing its Qualifying status.

Points will only be allocated to Medal and Matchplay tournaments. Therefore, in general, only golfers competing in the A Division of local opens will qualify for points.

A player's position on the Order of Merit, will be determined by their top 10 largest points hauls scored in Qualifying Tournaments during the previous 12 months.

Note that only players handicapped at a club within the Border region will earn points.

A separate Order of Merit will be maintained for each age group category.

### **Tournament Points**

GolfRSA allocate points for all their tournaments (generally between 1000 and 1500 points per event). Where applicable, these points earned will count towards the respective BGU Order of Merits.

For BGU events, the following criteria is used to determine Tournament points:

- 36 hole Open events, played at a 18 hole course – 500 points
- 36 hole Open events, played at a 9 hole course – 300 points
- 18 hole BGU OoM event – 250 points
- NED Championship – 500 points (regardless of whether it is played at a 9 or 18 hole course)



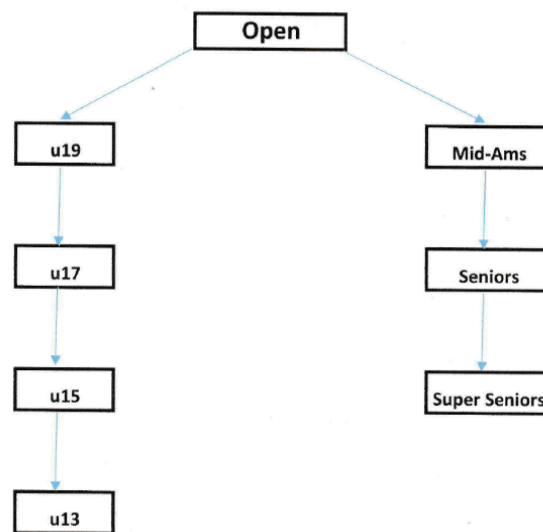


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### **Tournament Category**

Each Qualifying Tournament will be assigned a Category e.g. Senior or u19 or Open etc. The diagram below illustrates which Order of Merit the points scored in the Tournament will count towards.



The points will always flow 'down' and never 'up'. So for example, if the tournament is a Senior event, then the points scored will count towards both the Senior Order of Merit, as well as the Super Seniors Order of Merit. The points scored will however not count towards the Mid-Am and Open Order of Merits.

### **Super Novice, Novice and u13 Tournaments**

As these tournaments are played from different tees, their points will be calculated differently.

At each of the BGU OoM events, the following points will be awarded for each category:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 30 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 20 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 15 points; 4<sup>th</sup> place – 10 points; 5<sup>th</sup> place – 5 points; all other places – 2 points.

(note that u13s can earn further points by playing in GolfRSA and BGU Open events – as outlined above)





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### **Compulsory Tournaments**

The following tournaments will be considered compulsory tournaments, in order to be selected for Border. Should there be extenuating circumstances for missing these tournaments, details to be provided to Border Golf Union.

- U19 – Must play in either Border Strokeplay or NED championship
- Open - Must play in either Border Strokeplay or NED championship
- Mid Am – Must play in either Border / EP Mid Am or Border Strokeplay or NED championship
- Senior & Super Senior – Must play in either Border Seniors or Border Strokeplay or NED championship

### **Transition Period**

All selections in 2025 will still be based on the previous Stroke Average calculations. Once this selection has been made, the Order of Merit will then switch over to the points based system. So for example, the Premier (Open) Border team was selected on the 31/01/2025. The points based system therefore started on the 01/02/2025.

Note that the '12 month rolling calendar' can only take effect once 12 months' worth of points data has been calculated.

