

2026 WISCONSIN PGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR – RULES

APPLICABLE TO ALL CATEGORIES

- Player of the Year points run from January through December.
- A-3 members are ineligible for points.
- Nelthorpe Cup invitations will be based off the final standings of the prior year's Member & Senior Player of the Year races.
- Professionals do not receive points for getting a State Open or PGA Professional Championship as an alternate but may receive points based on their finish at the event.
- To earn points above the make cut minimum at the Wisconsin State Open or Wisconsin State Women's Open a player must post an official score.
- National PGA Professional Championship Points (Member, Senior & Assistant) will be awarded off the overall finish of the player versus the field.
- Championship Bonus Points will be awarded off the overall finish of the player versus the field. For Bonus Points a player will be assigned the highest value they qualify for. They do not accumulate.
- 18 Hole Classics - All ties for first place in each category (Member, Senior or Assistant) will split points unless all players tied for low score in that category play-off. In that case the playoff winner would receive first place points and the playoff losers would split appropriate points for a tie for second.
- Memorial Classic & Assistant Professional Stroke Play – Member, Assistant & Senior Points will be awarded by combining the fields of both events.
 - A-8 members participating in the Assistant Professional Stroke Play or the regular division of the Memorial Classic will be eligible for both assistant and member points.
 - A-8 senior members participating in the Assistant Professional Stroke Play will be eligible member, assistant, and senior points.
 - A-8 senior members participating in the Memorial Classic will be eligible for;
 - Assistant points.
 - Member points if they sign up for the regular division of play in the Memorial.
 - Senior points if they sign up for the senior division of play in the Memorial.

MEMBER CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES

- Awarded to Wisconsin PGA members in good standing. See the one exception below in the Senior specific rules about one-day classics.
- In fields that involve more than WPGA members, points are based off how the member finishes versus the other members in the field.
 - Exception - National event points are based off the finish amongst the field and not WPGA members.

SENIOR CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES

- Awarded to Wisconsin PGA members in good standing, that are at least 50 years of age.
- In fields that involve more than senior WPGA members, points are based off how the member finishes versus the other senior members in the field.
 - Exception - National event points are based off the finish amongst the field and not WPGA senior members.
- In one-day classics, individuals that register for the senior division only will only be eligible for senior points and not member or assistant points.

ASSISTANT CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES

- A-8 members and WPGA associates in good standing are eligible for assistant points.
- The Wisconsin Royal Cup team will be determined off of year-to-date points as of the day after the deadline for the semifinals of the Assistant Match Play.
- In fields that involve more than WPGA assistants, points are based off how an assistant finishes versus the other eligible assistants in the field.
 - Exception - National event points are based off the finish amongst the field and not WPGA assistants.
- Assistant Professional Match Play
 - Any associate or A-8 that changes classifications or gains membership during the Match Play portion, which then changes their eligibility, will be allowed to compete through the remainder of the matches/event. However, individuals in this type of situation will earn Assistant Player of the Year points up until their classification change. From that point forward they will be playing only for the purse and winner's trophy.

WOMEN'S CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES

- Awarded to female Wisconsin PGA members in good standing.
- The honor will only be awarded if the recipient earns at least 300 points and plays a minimum of three events featuring multiple WPGA female members.
- Points for the WPGA Match Play, WPGA Championship and 18-Hole Classics / Match Play Q Round are based on the finish versus the WPGA members in the field.
- US Women's Open Qualifying and National event points are based off the finish amongst the field and not WPGA female members.

MEMBER CATEGORY - POSSIBLE POINTS & EXEMPTIONS

PLACE	NATIONAL PGA PRO CHAMP		PLACE	WISCONSIN STATE OPEN		PLACE	WPGA CHAMP	WPGA MATCH PLAY CHAMP	18-HOLE CLASSICS & MATCH PLAY Q. RD	US OPEN LOCAL AND SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS	PLAYER OF THE DECADE
1 st	1000		1 st	300		1 st	400	400	130	US Open	25
2 nd -5 th	600		2 nd	240		2 nd	300	300	100	Sectional	19
6 th -10 th	475		3 rd	200		3 rd	250	230	85	Qualifiers	18
11 th -20 th	375		4 th	180		4 th	220	230	75	100 Bonus Pts	17
21 st -30 th	325		5 th	170		5 th	200	160	70		16
31 st -40 th	300		6 th	160		6 th	180	160	65	Alternates	15
41 st -50 th	275		7 th	150		7 th	170	160	60	50 Bonus Pts	14
51 st -65 th	250		8 th	140		8 th	160	160	55		13
			9 th	135		9 th	150	100	50		12
Make 54 Hole Cut Minimum	225		10 th	130		10 th	140	100	45		11
			11 th	125		11 th	130	100	40	US Open	10
			12 th	120		12 th	120	100	35	Qualifiers	9
			13 th	115		13 th	110	100	30	250 Bonus Pts	8
Make 36 Hole Cut Only	175		14 th	110		14 th	100	100	25		7
			15 th	105		15 th	90	100	25	Alternates	6
			16 th	Make Cut Min. 100 pts		16 th	80	100	25	125 Bonus Pts	5
						17 th	70	50	25		4
						18 th	65	50	20		3
						19 th	60	50	20		
						20 th	55	50	20		
						21 st	50	50	20		
						22 nd	45	50	15	Exempt players receive the bonus points for whichever stage they were exempt through.	
						23 rd	40	50	15		
						24 th	35	50	15		
						25 th	30	50	15		
						26 th	30	50	10		
						27 th	25	50	10		
						28 th	25	50	10		
						29 th	20	50	10		
						30 th	20	50	5		
						31 st	15	50	5		
						32 nd	15	50	5		
TOTAL POINTS	4000		TOTAL POINTS	3515 + Bonuses		TOTAL POINTS	3400	3400	1135	Bonuses	215

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP & US OPEN - ADDITIONAL POINTS

Make 36-hole PGA Championship or US Open cut.....500 points

Exemptions Possible for Winners of Tournaments Shown:

- WPGA Professional Championship - State Open (5 years)
 - WPGA Match Play - State Open (5 years)
 - State Open Champion - State Open lifetime
 - PGA Professional Championship Qualifier – State Open (1 year)
 - PGA Professional Championship (Top 20 Finishers) – PGA Championship
 - PGA Professional Championship (Top 20 Finishers) – US Open Sectional Qualifying
- Additional benefits and exemptions are provided for the National PGA Professional Champion and top finishers at the PGA Professional Championship.

SENIOR CATEGORY - POSSIBLE POINTS & EXEMPTIONS

PLACE	NATIONAL SENIOR PGA PRO CHAMP	PLACE	WPGA SENIOR CHAMP	STATE SENIOR OPEN	SENIOR MATCH PLAY	WPGA CHAMP	STATE OPEN	18-HOLE CLASSICS	US SR OPEN LOCAL AND SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS	WPGA MEMBER MATCH PLAY & Q. ROUND
1 st	1000	1 st	400	400	275	130	175	130	US Senior Open	65 (Q. Rd)
2 nd -5 th	550	2 nd	300	300	175	100	135	100	Sectional	50
6 th -10 th	400	3 rd	250	250	100	85	115	85	Qualifiers	45
11 th -20 th	350	4 th	220	220	100	75	100	75	50 Bonus Pts	40
21 st -35 th	300	5 th	200	200	50	70	90	70	Alternates	35
36 th -50 th	250	6 th	180	180	50	65	80	65	25 Bonus Pts	30
51 st -65 th	225	7 th	170	170	50	60	70	60		25
Make 54 Hole Cut	200	8 th	160	160	50	55	Make Cut Min .60 pts	55		25
Minimum		9 th	150	150		50		50	US Senior Open	25
Make 36 Hole Cut Only	150	10 th	140	140		45		45	Qualifiers	20
		11 th	130	130		40	Complete 36 holes but miss the cut	40	200 Bonus Pts	15
		12 th	120	120		35	1 st - 30	30	Alternates	15
		13 th	110	110		30	2 nd - 25	25	100 Bonus Pts	10
		14 th	100	100		25	3 rd - 20	20		10
		15 th	90	90		20	Minimum - 15			
	To receive top 35 pts a player must qualify for the Sr PGA Champ								Exempt players receive the bonus points for whichever stage they were exempt through.	Champion - 250 Second - 170 T3 - 120 T5 - 80 T9 - 50 T17 - 25
TOTAL POINTS	3425	TOTAL POINTS	2720	2720	850	885 + Bonuses	1000 + Bonuses	885	Bonuses	435 + Match Pts

SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP & US SENIOR OPEN - ADDITIONAL POINTS

Make 36-hole Senior PGA Championship or US Senior Open cut.....300 points

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE DECADE POINTS

BASED OFF YEARLY STANDINGS FINISH

- 1st Place - 25
- 2nd Place - 19
- 3rd Place - 18
- 4th Place - 17
- 5th Place - 16
- 6th Place - 15
- 7th Place - 14
- 8th Place - 13
- 9th Place - 12
- 10th Place 11

Exemptions Possible for Winners of Tournaments Shown:

WPGA Championship - State Open (1 year)
 State Senior Open - State Open (1 year)
 Senior PGA Professional Championship (Top 35 Finishers) - Senior PGA Championship
 Additional benefits and exemptions are provided for the National Senior PGA Professional Champion and top finishers at the Senior PGA Professional Championship.

ASSISTANT CATEGORY – POSSIBLE POINTS & EXEMPTIONS

PLACE	NATIONAL ASSISTANT CHAMP	PLACE	STATE OPEN	PLACE	WPGA ASSISTANTS CHAMP	ASSISTANTS MATCH PLAY	18-HOLE CLASSICS & ASSISTANT STROKE PLAY	US OPEN LOCAL AND SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS
1 st	1000	1 st	300	1 st	400	300	130	US Open
2 nd -5 th	500	2 nd	230	2 nd	300	230	100	Sectional
6 th -10 th	350	3 rd	190	3 rd	250	160	85	Qualifiers
11 th -20 th	275	4 th	170	4 th	220	160	75	100 Bonus Pts
21 st -30 th	200	5 th	150	5 th	200	100	70	
31 st -45 th	150	6 th	140	6 th	180	100	65	Alternates
46 th -60 th	125	7 th	130	7 th	170	100	60	50 Bonus Pts
Make 36 Hole Cut Minimum	100	8 th	120	8 th	160	100	55	
		9 th	115	9 th	150	50	50	
		10 th	110	10 th	140	50	45	
		11 th	105	11 th	130	50	40	US Open
		12 th	Make Cut Min. 100 pts	12 th	120	50	35	Qualifiers
		Complete 36 holes but miss the cut		13 th	110	50	30	250 Bonus Pts
		1 st	50	14 th	100	50	25	
		2 nd	45	15 th	90	50	25	Alternates
		3 rd	40	16 th	80	50	25	125 Bonus Pts
		4 th	35	17 th	70		25	
		5 th	30	18 th	65		20	
		Minimum	25	19 th	60		20	
				20 th	55		20	
				21 st	50		20	Exempt players
				22 nd	45		15	receive the bonus
				23 rd	40		15	points
				24 th	35		15	for whichever
				25 th	30		15	stage they were
				26 th	30		10	exempt through.
				27 th	25		10	
				28 th	25		10	
				29 th	20		10	
				30 th	20		5	
				31 st	15		5	
				32 nd	15		5	
TOTAL POINTS	2700	TOTAL POINTS	1755 + Bonuses	TOTAL POINTS	3400	1650	1135	Bonuses

US OPEN - ADDITIONAL POINTS

Make 36-hole US Open cut500 points

Exemptions Possible for Winners of Tournaments Shown:

- Assistant Match Play Champion – State Open (1 Year)
- Assistant Stroke Play Champion – State Open (1 Year)
- National Assistant PGA Professional Championship Qualifier – State Open (1 year)

Additional benefits and exemptions are provided for the National Assistant PGA Professional Champion and top finishers at the National Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

WOMEN'S MEMBER CATEGORY - POSSIBLE POINTS & EXEMPTIONS

PLACE	NATIONAL PGA PRO CHAMP		PLACE	WISCONSIN STATE WOMEN'S OPEN	WPGA MATCH PLAY	WPGA CHAMPIONSHIP	18-HOLE CLASSICS & MATCH PLAY Q. RD	US WOMEN'S OPEN QUALIFIER
1 st	1000		1 st	450	400	400	130	125
2 nd -5 th	600		2 nd	350	300	300	100	95
6 th -10 th	475		3 rd	280	230	250	85	80
11 th -20 th	375		4 th	240	230	220	75	70
21 st -30 th	325		5 th	220	160	200	70	65
31 st -40 th	300		6 th	200	160	180	65	60
41 st -50 th	275		7 th	190	160	170	60	55
51 st -65 th	250		8 th	180	160	160	55	50
			9 th	170	100	150	50	45
Make 54 Hole Cut Minimum	225		10 th	160	100	140	45	40
			11 th	150	100	130	40	
			12 th	140	100	120	35	Qualify For US Women's Open
Make 36 Hole Cut Only	175		13 th	130	100	110	30	
			14 th	120	100	100	25	
			15 th	110	100	90	25	
			16 th	100	100	80	25	175 Bonus Pts
			17 th	90	50	70	25	
			18 th	80	50	65	20	
			19 th	75	50	60	20	
			20 th	70	50	55	20	
			21 st	65	50	50	20	
			22 nd	60	50	45	15	
			23 rd	55	50	40	15	
			24 th	Make Cut Min. 50 pts	50	35	15	
			25 th		50	30	15	
			26 th		50	30	10	
			27 th		50	25	10	
			28 th		50	25	10	
			29 th		50	20	10	
			30 th		50	20	5	
			31 st		50	15	5	
			32 nd		50	15	5	
TOTAL POINTS	4000		TOTAL POINTS	3735	3400	3400	1135	685 + Bonuses

KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP & U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN - ADDITIONAL POINTS
 Make 36-hole KPMG Women's PGA Championship or US Women's Open cut500 points

IN STATE EVENTS - ADDITIONAL POINTS
 Qualify for the Wisconsin State Open (Includes being exempt) – 50 points
 Make 36-hole Wisconsin State Open Cut – 100 additional points
 Top 25 finish at Wisconsin State Open – 150 additional points

Exemptions Possible for Winners of Tournaments Shown:
 Wisconsin State Women's Open – State Open (1 Year)