

**NEBRASKA GOLF ASSOCIATION
POINT EVALUATION SYSTEM**

*To be used in determining exemptions and selecting the Nebraska Amateur of the Year,
Nebraska Cup Team, Nebraska Director's Cup Team and USGA State Team.*

Part One – Written Portion

The purpose of the Nebraska Golf Association's (NGA) point evaluation system is to establish objective criteria by which the NGA Tournament Committee can judge the performance of golfers who participate in state or national tournaments beginning after March 31 and concluding prior to November 1.

Nebraska Golf Association Championships and United States Golf Association Championships & Qualifiers

The number of points allocated to Nebraska Golf Association Championships and United States Golf Association Championships and Qualifiers are fixed. In extreme cases, the NGA Tournament Committee may increase or decrease the number of points allocated to these championships based upon strength of field.

Nebraska Open (Amateur Division)

The number of points allocated to the Nebraska Open may be increased or decreased after the close of entries. In such cases, the NGA Tournament Committee will determine the number of points allocated to this event based upon strength of field.

Member Club Events

The number of points allocated to a *Member Club Event* will be based upon the event's strength of field. Based on **NGA PLAYER RANKINGS** the week of a *Member Club Event*, that event may be assigned points on one of three tier levels.

To qualify for Tier One, a *Member Club Event* must meet two of the following three **NGA PLAYER RANKINGS** criteria: 1) include five of the top 10; 2) include 12 of the top 25; or 3) include 16 of the top 50.

To qualify for Tier Two, a *Member Club Event* must meet two of the following three **NGA PLAYER RANKINGS** criteria: 1) include four of the top 10; 2) include 8 of the top 25; or 3) include 12 of the top 50.

To qualify for Tier Three, a *Member Club Event* must meet two of the following three **NGA PLAYER RANKINGS** criteria: 1) include two of the top 10; 2) include four of the top 25; or 3) include eight of the top 50.

To be designated as a *Member Club Event*, tournaments must be scheduled for at least 36-holes of competition at a NGA member club. These events shall be limited to amateur golfers, may not be restricted to competitors based on geographical residence and shall otherwise be approved by the NGA. In order to be considered for point event status as a *Member Club Event*, tournaments shall submit to the NGA in writing their desire for designation as such by April 1. All qualified events to be considered for *Member Club Event* status will be listed on the NGA web site's Point Tournament Schedule section as *Member Club Events*.

NGA PLAYER RANKINGS will be published on the NGA web site July 1 and November 1. The rankings are based upon a player's performance in the most recent 24-month period with the last 12 months multiplied by 1.5.

National Events

The percentage of points allocated to National events may be increased or decreased after the close of entries. In such cases, the NGA Tournament Committee will determine the percentage of points allocated to these events based upon strength of field.

Tournament Participation Limit

In order to prevent unfair advantages of one player over others, simply by playing in more tournaments, each player will only be allocated points based on six tournament finishes out of a maximum of twelve. At least two of the player's six point finishes must be from a Nebraska Golf Association Championship or United States Golf Association Championship and/or Qualifier.

If a player participates in more than twelve tournaments in a single season, points will only be given for six finishes out of the first twelve tournaments in which the player participates.

Note: Points for USGA Championships or Qualifiers apply toward a player's tournament total only if the player is awarded points for the Championship or Qualifier and those points apply towards the player's six applicable point totals.

Nebraska Cup Team

The selection of the annual 12-man Nebraska Cup Team will be based upon the previous year's final point standings. Those golfers ranked in the top ten will qualify for the team*. The Nebraska Golf Association Board of Directors has granted the NGA Tournament Committee the right to select the remainder of the team, including replacements for qualifiers.

Nebraska Director's Cup Team

The selection of the biennial eight-man Nebraska Director's Cup team will be based upon the final Director's Cup Team Standings every odd numbered year. The Director's Cup Team Standings are determined by combining a player's previous year's point total with points awarded through July 31 of the current odd numbered year multiplied by 1.5. Those golfers ranked in the top six of the Director's Cup Standings will qualify for the team*. The Nebraska Golf Association Board of Directors has granted the NGA Tournament Committee the right to select the remainder of the team, including replacements for qualifiers.

USGA State Team

The selection of the biennial three-man USGA State Team will be based upon the final USGA State Team Standings every even numbered year. The USGA State Team Standings are determined by combining a player's previous year's point total with points awarded through July 31 of the current even numbered year multiplied by 1.5. Those golfers ranked in the top two of the USGA State Team Standings will qualify for the team*. The Nebraska Golf Association Board of Directors has granted the NGA Tournament Committee the right to select the remainder of the team, including replacements for qualifiers.

The NGA Tournament Committee will use the above point evaluation system as a guide and not as an absolute measure of a player's performance or eligibility for one or more of the Nebraska Golf Association's teams or awards. Other criteria to be used include but are not limited to: a player's GHIN or USGA approved handicap, compliance with the USGA Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status, the USGA's policy on gambling, and a player's integrity and conduct both on and off the golf course.

** An amateur golfer forfeiting his amateur status remains in the applicable point standings for player of the year consideration but is excluded when determining qualifiers for the Nebraska Cup Team, the Nebraska Directors Cup Team and the USGA State Team.*

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