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# ENHANCEMENTS TO THE RANKING SYSTEM

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OWGR is pleased to announce the following enhancements to its system, which will be implemented for Eligible Tournaments starting Week 1, 2024:

## Points Distribution Curve

The Points Distribution Curve in fields of 80 players or less has been made more steep to better reflect the performance required to finish in the top of these events.

Ranking Points will no longer be distributed to players in the bottom 15% of the final standings for fields of 80 players or less, with noted exceptions for those events that do have a cut.

Additionally, for Match Play format events, Ranking Points will no longer be distributed to those players who lose their first match or in pool play format, do not win any matches in their respective pool.

## Multi-Win Bonus

Winners of a second OWGR eligible event within a 52-week period will receive a 60% bonus in winner's points capped at a maximum of 4 points. Winners of a third (or more) OWGR Eligible Tournament within a 52-week period will receive a 70% bonus in winner's points capped at a maximum of 4 points.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHY WAS THE POINTS DISTRIBUTION CURVE FOR FIELDS OF 80 PLAYERS OR LESS CHANGED?

Following internal and independent analysis, OWGR determined its standard distribution curve did not accurately reflect performances in these events. For full field events, OWGR uses a curve that awards approximately 17-18% of the Field Rating to the winner.

To reflect performances more accurately in fields of 80 players or less, a new curve is needed that awards approximately 21% to the winner in its base calculation.

## WHAT EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO AWARD POINTS TO THE ENTIRE FINAL STANDINGS?

Eligible Tours may nominate final season-ending events or those events that are part of a “playoff” series with eligibility based on season-long performance and where field sizes are significantly reduced from one event to the next to continue to distribute points to the entirety of the field.

For example, the DPWT Championship, JGTO Golf Nippon Series JT Cup, and events within the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup Playoffs will award points to the entirety of the final standings.



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## WHY WAS THE MULTI-WIN BONUS MECHANISM CREATED?

OWGR created the Multi-Win Bonus mechanism to more quickly identify emerging talent by providing opportunities for upward movement within the Ranking for top performing players.

## DO EITHER OF THESE MECHANISMS CREATE BIAS IN THE SYSTEM?

No. The amended Points Distribution Curve for fields of 80 players or less actually decreases bias against top performing players in these events.

The new Multi-Win Bonus mechanism does not add bias to the system but upward volatility for multi-win players.



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## **DOES A PLAYER HAVE TO WIN TWICE IN 2024 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BONUS?**

No. If a player has won in the previous 52-week period and wins again after this mechanism has been implemented, he will be eligible to receive a bonus.

## **WHY WAS THE MULTI-WIN BONUS SET AT 60% / 70% AND WHY WAS THE CAP SET AT 4 POINTS?**

The bonus percentages and cap are configured in such a way to have minimal impact at the top of the Ranking and more significant impact through the remainder of the Ranking.



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## WHAT SORT OF IMPACT SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM THESE TWO CHANGES?

Events using the new Points Distribution Curve can expect to see an increase in Win Points between 16-24%, with smaller fields being impacted slightly more and larger fields slightly less.

The impact of the Multi-Win Bonus is highly dependent on a player's Ranking. Higher ranked players might not see an impact at all, while lower ranked players might see an increase in ranking of 50-100+ positions.

Also, players within the Federation Ranking List can expect to see a significant impact.

## HOW MANY INDIVIDUAL WINNERS AND MULTI-EVENT WINNERS ARE THERE PER YEAR?

Since 2019, there have been an average of 207 individual winners per year from Eligible Tournaments, 63 winners of two events within a 52-week period per year, and 39 winners of three or more events in a 52-week period per year.



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## **WILL THERE BE OTHER CHANGES TO OWGR?**

OWGR has a long-established history of reviewing its system to ensure it is delivering an accurate ranking of the relative performance of players competing on Eligible Tours.

OWGR will continue this practice and will make changes as appropriate.



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