



**NEW POINTS DISTRIBUTION CURVE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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ENHANCEMENTS TO THE RANKING SYSTEM

Starting from Week 1, 2025, tournament fields that have Low Field Ratings will use a new points distribution curve that awards a greater percentage of available points to top finishers in those tournaments.

Low Field Rating Tournaments with 0.4 points per player or below will utilise a steeper points distribution curve that awards a greater percentage of available points to top finishers to better reflect the performance required to finish in the top of these events.

There is no change to the Field Rating calculation, or the total amount of Ranking Points awarded for tournaments affected. The new steeper points distribution curve will award 50% more Ranking Points to the winner, with a 26% overall increase in points to the top five finishers, ensuring upward movement in the Ranking for the best performing players in these events.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE METRIC USED TO DETERMINE WHICH EVENTS QUALIFY AS "LOW FIELD RATING TOURNAMENTS"?

The Points per Player for a tournament will be the metric used.

WHAT IS THE "POINTS PER PLAYER" FOR A TOURNAMENT AND HOW IS IT CALCULATED?

Since the launch of the modified system in August 2022, the Points per Player is a metric tracked and published by OWGR to provide an additional comparison between and among fields of differing types and sizes.

For example, while the Field Rating and the First Place Points of an event with a larger field might be greater than that of a smaller field, the Points per Player metric provides additional context for comparison.

A tournament's Points per Player value is calculated by dividing its Field Rating by the Field Size (actual number of players that teed off in an event).



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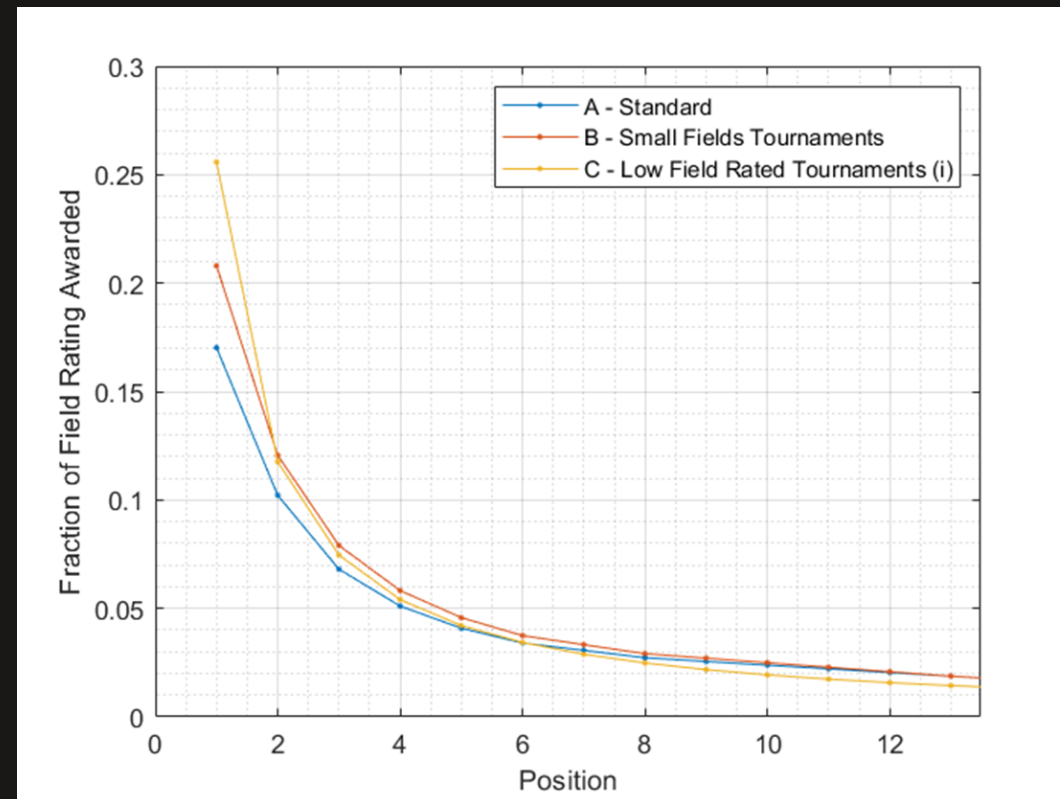
AT WHAT POINTS PER PLAYER VALUE WILL TOURNAMENTS USE THE NEW POINTS DISTRIBUTION CURVE?

Any tournament with a points per player value between 0.4 and 0.2 will be impacted by the new distribution curve, as follows, ensuring a smooth transition between curves:

- An event with 0.4 points per player or greater uses the Standard points distribution curve – A.
- An event with 0.2 points per player or less uses a steeper points distribution curve – C.
- An event with 0.3 points per player uses a 50-50 weighting of the two curves.
- A proportionate weighting is used for all events between 0.4 and 0.2 points per player.

WHAT ARE THE THREE POINTS DISTRIBUTION CURVES CURRENTLY USED BY OWGR?

As shown in the graph below:



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WHAT METRICS ARE USED TO DETERMINE WHICH POINTS DISTRIBUTION CURVE IS USED FOR A TOURNAMENT?

The Ranking Points Distribution Curve used to determine the Ranking Points awarded per finishing position for a tournament depends on the Points per Player Value and the Field Size, as set out in the table:

Points Distribution Curves	Tournament Points per Player Value	Field Size	Approximate % first place points
A – Standard	0.4 or more	81 players or more	17%
B – Small Field Tournaments	0.4 or more	80 players or less	21%
C – Low Field Rated Tournaments	0.2 or less	N/A	26%
Hybrid of A and C (proportionate)	Less than 0.4 and more than 0.2	N/A	Ranging from 17% - 26%



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ARE EXTRA POINTS BEING ADDED INTO THE SYSTEM TO AWARD MORE FIRST PLACE POINTS?

To ensure there is no bias introduced to the system, there is no change to how the Field Rating is calculated and the total amount of points available for any tournament meaning players finishing outside the top 5 in Low Field Rating Tournaments will receive fewer points.

WHAT PROPORTION OF TOURNAMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IMPACTED BY THIS CHANGE?

In 2024 there were 431 eligible tournaments of which 313 had a points per player value less than 0.4 and 244 had a points per player value less than 0.2.

This would equate to 56% of tournaments fully impacted, 16% partially impacted and 28% not impacted by the change.



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WHICH TOURS ARE ANTICIPATED TO HAVE TOURNAMENTS THAT UTILISE THE NEW POINTS DISTRIBUTION CURVE?

All Tours outside of the PGA Tour, DP World Tour and Korn Ferry Tour are expected to feature tournaments which will use the new curve.

WILL THERE BE OTHER CHANGES TO THE 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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