



-- Notice Regarding 2016 Amendments --

Note: In order for the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ to be as up-to-date and accurate as possible, particularly with respect to age/date of birth, we encourage ranked players: (a) to complete the Player Information Form (PIF) found on the WAGR™ home page; and (b) to periodically review their information on the WAGR™ website and provide updates to WAGR™, where necessary. The submitting of such PIF information will also enable accurate publication of rankings by age group divisions (e.g., juniors, seniors, etc.). By submitting such information, players are deemed to have authorised WAGR™ to include them in any sub-rankings by age group within WAGR™. All personal information will be kept confidential. A ranked player who does not complete the PIF is still eligible for inclusion in WAGR™, but will not be part of any sub-rankings by age group.

Several amendments to the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ will go into effect on Week 1/2016 (4 January 2016) and the following is a summary of the key changes:

- WAGR™ will convert to a two-year ranking. All results during the rolling 104 week period will count at 100%. To ease this transition, WAGR™ will grow one week at a time beginning on 4 January 2016. WAGR™ will become a full two-year ranking at the end of 2016.
- The minimum divisor, which is currently 28, will increase by 0.5 each week in 2016, until it reaches 54.

A player becoming newly ranked after week 1/2016, will have a minimum divisor of 28 for the player's first 52 weeks in the ranking. The minimum divisor will increase by 0.5 each week thereafter until reaching 54.

(See final page of this memo for further examples related to the two-year ranking.)

- The Men's NCAA Division I Championship will become an Elite category event.
- The maximum RSS will now be par + 6. If par is not known, 72 will be used. There will be a maximum par of 75.
- RSS figures will no longer be rounded to whole numbers.

- For all professional events, RSS will be based on the average score for all players in each round. (For events not part of the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) or the Rolex Rankings, RSS was previously par).
- Unconfirmed events will be removed from the system and will have to go through a probationary year to return.
- Fewer players will become newly ranked based on performance in lower level professional events.
- Stroke play bonus points will be reduced by 50% for fields with fewer than 48 players.

This memo is not intended to be an exhaustive list of every WAGR™ change for 2016, but rather a summary of key changes. For further information please consult the FAQ section on the WAGR™ website which will be updated with these changes in early 2016. The FAQs provide detailed figures and examples.

Should you have any questions regarding the 2016 amendments, please refer in the first instance to the FAQs section on the WAGR™ website. If the FAQs do not answer your questions, please contact Andy McDonald, The R&A/USGA World Amateur Golf Ranking™ Manager, andrewmcdonald@randa.org.

Please know that WAGR™ is available to national federations and organisers of amateur and professional events and tours as a criterion for tournament field selection and for purposes of exemptions, national team selection, and orders of merit. Please find attached WAGR™ logos available for use in entry forms, on websites, etc, subject always to compliance with the terms set out at <http://www.wagr.com/en/About-WAGR/Use-of-WAGR.aspx>.

In order to keep WAGR™ as accurate as possible, please submit your event information for the 2016 WAGR™ calendar by 31 January 2016, please let WAGR™ know event date changes as soon as possible thereafter, and please remember to submit the results of these events as soon as the competitions have concluded.

All the best to you in the New Year and with your 2016 championship season.



Two-Year Ranking Examples

At the end of 2015 the ranking will contain events from the last 52 weeks.* After the first week of 2016, the ranking will contain events from the last 53 weeks. After the second week of 2016, the ranking will contain events from the last 54 weeks, etc.

After week 52/2016, WAGR™ will be at a full two years (104 weeks). After week 1/2017, WAGR™ will drop the results from week 2/2015 (104 weeks). After week 2/2017, WAGR™ will drop the results from week 3/2015 (104 weeks), etc.

*WAGR™ uses the iOS calendar standard. In 2015, there are 53 weeks in the iOS calendar. In order to make the two year ranking conversion as seamless as possible, the events from week 1/2015 will be dropped at the end of 2015.

At the end of 2015, the minimum divisor is 28. After the first week of 2016, the minimum divisor is 28.5, that is, increased by 0.5/week. After the second week of 2016, the minimum divisor is 29, etc., until reaching a minimum divisor of 54 in week 52/2016.

Player A has been a ranked player for more than 52 weeks and has 20 divisors at the end of 2015. She does not play for the next several weeks. Her ranking at the end of 2015 is based on 28 divisors. For the first week of 2016, her ranking will be based on 28.5 divisors. For the second week of 2016, her ranking will be based on 29 divisors, etc.

Player B has been a ranked player for more than 52 weeks and has 30 divisors at the end of 2015. He then suffers an injury that keeps him from playing for three months. His ranking at the end of 2015 is based on 30 divisors. His ranking for the first week of 2016 is based on 30 divisors. His ranking for the second week of 2016 is based on 30 divisors, etc. For week 5 of 2016, his ranking will be based on $28 + (\text{half a divisor each week}) = 28 + (5 \times 0.5) = 28 + 2.5 = 30.5$ divisors. For week 6 of 2016, his ranking will be based on 31 divisors, etc.

The minimum divisor for any week in 2016 will be $28 + (2016 \text{ week number}/2)$, until reaching 54. For example in week 33, the minimum divisor will be: $28 + 33/2 = 28 + 16.5 = 44.5$.

Player C became ranked during week 40 of 2015. For her first 52 weeks in the ranking, her minimum divisor will be 28. For week 41 of 2016, her minimum divisor will be 28.5. For week 42 of 2016, her minimum divisor will be 29, etc., until reaching 54.

Player D becomes newly ranked during week 10 of 2016. For his first 52 weeks in the ranking, his minimum divisor will be 28. For week 11 of 2017, his minimum divisor will be 28.5. For week 12 of 2017, his minimum divisor will be 29, etc., until reaching 54.