

***2026 WP GOLF CLUB OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIPS
PLAYERS HANDBOOK***



1. Overview

The Club Opens incorporating the Premier Amateur Tour serves as the pinnacle of amateur golf in the Cape Town Metropolitan Area. The series, a collaborative partnership with the Affiliated Clubs, is administered by Western Province Golf (WPG) and culminates in a season-ending Final event for qualifying players.

The Premier Amateur Tour (PAT) promotes competitive amateur golf and fosters talent development by providing clubs with the opportunity to host players from other clubs whilst giving their members the opportunity to compete against top performers.

Due to the geographic proximity of all WP Golf-affiliated clubs, travel costs are minimized, ensuring fair access for all players.

The tour provides an equal opportunity to players to show their skills on variety of courses, preparing them for Inter-Provincial Tournaments (IPT). Participation allows players to earn Premier Amateur Tour Points with rounds counting towards the various IPT selection Order of Merits.

The points system to reward performance across the Club Opens allow players to earn points based on their finishing positions, with more points for higher placements. By competing in multiple Club Open tournaments, they can accumulate points to qualify for the Final at the end of the year. The Order of Merit also allows players track their progress in the overall rankings throughout the season.

All Opens are under the host Clubs custodianship, with WPG providing administrative support and prize vouchers.

2. Tour Structure:

- Consists of 16 Club Opens
- Runs annually from January to December.
- Format:
 - Two rounds (36 holes) Stroke Play played on one day.
 - Divisions: **Men (currently) up to PH 7**
Women (currently) up to PH 12
- Prizes awarded to lowest 36-hole aggregate Gross scores in both Men's and Women's divisions.
- Points-based Order of Merit system to track performance, with performance, bonus and finishing position placement points.
- Players accumulate points to qualify for the year-end Final. Men 30 places Women 9 places.

3. Points System & Order of Merit

(Please refer to Annexure A)

- Points are awarded according to performance and finishing position.
- Higher placements earn more points.
- Players accumulate points across multiple tournaments toward year-end Final qualification.

- Rankings allow players to track their progress throughout the season.

4. **Order of Merit Point System:**

General Rules:

- A player earns five points for each **completed** event.
- No points are awarded to players who have been disqualified, withdrawn or submitted a no-return.

Bonus points:

- ✓ A score of level par (-) will earn a bonus point of 1
- ✓ A score of one under par (-1) earns 3 bonus points
- ✓ A score of two under par (-2) earns 5 bonus points
- ✓ A score of three under par (-3) earns 7 bonus points
- ✓ A score of four under par (-4) earns 9 bonus points
- ✓ A score of five under par (-5) earns 11 bonus points
- ✓ A score of six under par (-6) earns 13 bonus points
- ✓ A score of seven under par (-7) earns 15 bonus points
- ✓ A score of eight under par (-8) earns 17 bonus points
- ✓ A score of nine under par (-9) earns 19 bonus points
- ✓ A score of ten under par (-10) earns 21 bonus points
- ✓ A score of eleven under par (-11) earns 23 bonus points
- ✓ A score of twelve under par (-12) earns 25 bonus points

Ties

- In the event of a tie, the points are added together and divided equally between the tied candidates.
- Tournament points are calculated without taking handicaps or nett scores into account.

5. **PAT Finals**

Overview

The Club Opens Premier Amateur Tour (PAT) Final (including the Senior Series and Caddy Series Finals) will be held at a different venue on a rotational basis subject to availability once the final PAT tournament of the season has been completed.

PAT Final Qualification Criteria

- The winner of each Club Open (PAT) will be automatically qualify for the Final.
- Players qualify for the Finals based on their position on the **Premier Amateur Tour Order of Merit**.

Division	Number of Qualifiers
Men	Top 30 players & ties
Women	Top 9 players & ties
Senior	Top 12 & ties
Caddie	Top 4 from Caddie Series

Should players within the above criteria be unavailable, there will be a roll down to next best positions until all the places are filled.

A players finishing position points earned in the Final (Appendix B) are added to each players accumulated points over the season to determine the Final OoM prize allocations (Appendix C).

ANNEXURE A: PAT Standard Points Table

Finishing Position	Men Points	Women Points
1 st	65	20
2 nd	62	18
3 rd	59	16
4 th	56	14
5 th	53	12
6 th	50	11
7 th	48	10
8 th	46	9
9 th	44	8
10 th	42	7
11 th	40	6
12 th	39	5
13 th	38	
14 th	37	
15 th	36	
16 th	35	
17 th	34	
18 th	33	
19 th	32	
20 th	31	
21 st	30	
22 nd	29	
23 rd	28	
24 th	27	
25 th	26	
26 th	25	
27 th	24	
28 th	23	
29 th	22	
30 th	21	
31 st	20	
32 nd	19	
33 rd	18	
34 th	17	
35 th	16	

36 th	15
37 th	14
38 th	13
39 th	12
40 th	11
41 st	10
42 nd	9
43 rd	8
44 th	7
45 th	6
46 th	5
47 th	4
48 th	3
49 th	2
50 th	1

ANNEXURE B: - PAT Final Points Table

Finishing Position	Men Points	Women Points
1 st	200	100
2 nd	190	75
3 rd	180	50
4 th	170	30
5 th	160	10
6 th	150	
7 th	140	
8 th	130	
9 th	120	
10 th	110	
11 th	100	
12 th	90	
13 th	80	
14 th	70	
15 th	60	
16 th	50	
17 th	40	
18 th	30	
19 th	20	
20 th	10	

ANNEXURE D:

Final prize values – Open		
Finishing Position on OoM	Men	Women
1 st	R 7000	R 2500
2 nd	R 5000	R 1500
3 rd	R 3000	R 1100
4 th	R 2000	R 900
5 th	R 1000	R 700
6 th	R 1000	R 600
7 th	R 900	R 500
8 th	R 900	R 500
9 th	R 800	R 500
10 th	R 800	
11 th	R 800	
12 th	R 800	
13 th	R 700	
14 th	R 700	
15 th	R 700	
16 th	R 700	
17 th	R 600	
18 th	R 600	
19 th	R 600	
20 th	R 600	
21 st	R 500	
22 nd	R 500	
23 rd	R 500	
24 th	R 500	

TOTAL FINAL PRIZE PAYOUT VALUE : R 40 000

Prize money will be paid into winners bank accounts

This players handbook serves as a live reference document and will be revised when required.

Subject to change.