



Information

Rolex Rankings Fact Sheet (updated August 2009)

➤ **What are the Rolex Rankings?**

The first-ever comprehensive world rankings system for women's golf.

➤ **Who sanctions the Rolex Rankings?**

The Rolex Rankings are sanctioned by the five major women's professional golf Tours: Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA); Ladies European Tour (LET); Ladies Professional Golfers' Association of Japan (JLPGA); Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association (KLPGA); and the Australian Ladies Professional Golf (ALPG), as well as the Ladies' Golf Union (LGU), which administers the RICOH Women's British Open.

➤ **Who manages the Rolex Rankings?**

R2 Innovative Technologies (R2IT), an independent software development company of Wellington, Fla., developed the software for the Rolex Rankings and continues to maintain them. R2IT is a sports-related software development company.

➤ **When did the Rolex Rankings start?**

The concept of a unified women's world golf rankings was agreed upon by the leaders of the five major women's professional tours during the inaugural World Congress of Women's Golf in May 2004. The tours have since been joined by the LGU as well. The first Rolex Rankings list was published on Feb 21, 2006.

➤ **Who ranked #1 when the Rolex Rankings were officially unveiled?**

Annika Sorenstam.

➤ **Who is eligible for the Rolex Rankings?**

Any professional or amateur woman golfer who has competed in an eligible event is eligible to be ranked.

➤ **What events are counted?**

Official events on the five major tours (LPGA, JLPGA, KLPGA, LET, ALPG) as well as the Duramed FUTURES Tour, the official developmental tour of the LPGA.

➤ **How are the rankings determined?**

The Rolex Rankings share the established men's world rankings philosophy of awarding points based on the field strength and evaluate a player's performance over a rolling two-year period weighted in favor of the current year with even more importance placed on the most recent 13 weeks. Points are reduced in 91 equal decrements following week 13 for the remaining 91 weeks of the two-year Rolex Ranking period.

➤ **How are points awarded?**

Points are awarded according to the strength of the field with the exception of the four majors championships on the LPGA schedule, which have a higher, fixed rating points value. The number of points distributed to each player is dependant upon her finish and the scale of points allocated on the basis of the number and rankings of players in the field.

The Rolex Rankings system awards points to players based on an accumulated 104-week "rolling" period, with the points awarded in the most recent 13-week period carrying a stronger value.

A player is then ranked according to her average points per tournament, as determined by dividing her total number of points by the number of eligible tournaments played during the 104-week period. A minimum divisor (35) is also used.

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➤ **Is strength of field based on the rankings?**

Yes. Strength of field is determined by the field of players and their world rankings as well as their home tour ranking (the previous season's LET's Order of Merit, LPGA's Official Money List, etc.).

- EXAMPLE: Strength of field will be determined by how many of the top-400 Rolex Rankings players are in the field AND how many of the top-30 players from the previous season's Official Money List (or Order of Merit, etc.) are competing. Values are assigned to each player based on her ranking in each category and the values will be added to determine the field strength. Field strength then determines how many players earn Rolex Rankings and what point values they receive for that given event.

➤ **What are home tour rankings points?**

Home tour rankings are based on the previous season's tour rankings (LET's Order of Merit, LPGA's Official Money List, etc.). They reflect values for the top-30 players in the field from the previous year's tour money list/order of merit. Home Tour Points offer a maximum of 75 points or 75 percent value of World Points value, whichever is lower.

➤ **How are World Event Ratings Points determined?**

World Event Ratings Points are derived by adding world ranking points and home tour rankings points.

➤ **Do all players making the cut get points?**

No. The number of players who receive Rolex Rankings points each week is dependent upon the field strength and number of World Event Ratings Points available at each eligible tournament.

➤ **What about a player who makes the cut in a major championship?**

All players who make the cut in Majors will earn Rolex Rankings points.

➤ **Does a player get full Rolex Rankings points value for the finish?**

No. If there is a tie at any given place when awarding points, the tie will be broken in the same fashion as earnings are at the conclusion of a tournament. All points for players tied for a given place will be added and divided to arrive at a player's earned points for that week.

➤ **What counts as an "event played" for a player?**

A player must hit at least one shot in an eligible event to receive credit for playing in that eligible event. If that player is disqualified or withdrawn at any point in time during the event, she will receive credit for competing in that designated event (but not earn any Rolex Rankings points).

➤ **What are Rolex Rankings used for?**

The Rolex Rankings are used by each of the tours to determine eligibility criteria for select events.

- EXAMPLE: On the LPGA Tour, the Rolex Rankings will be one of the entry and eligibility criteria into the HSBC Women's Champions, Kraft Nabisco Championship, LPGA Championship, Evian Masters, RICOH Women's British Open and Lorena Ochoa Invitational. The LET also uses the Rolex Rankings as one qualifying criteria for its Solheim Cup Team for example.

➤ **If a player is already ranked on the Rolex Rankings, but because of the two-year rolling period doesn't play in any eligible events during that given 104-week cycle, can she be removed from the list?**

Yes. A player must play at least once during the two-year/104-week rolling period to be eligible for a Rolex Ranking.

➤ **How can a new player be ranked?**

Any professional or amateur woman golfer who has competed in an eligible event is eligible to be ranked.

➤ **How often will the Rolex Rankings be updated?** The official Rolex Rankings will be issued every Monday, following the completion of the previous week's tournaments around the world. They will be posted on each tour's Web site and be available on www.rolexrankings.com.

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How the Rolex Rankings Points Distribution Table works

Each week an event’s strength of field will be calculated based on current World Event Rating Points (World Point Value) **plus** Home Tour Event Rating Points. The cumulative total of World Ranking Points and Home Tour Ranking Points will determine which column is used to determine Rolex Ranking points for that event.

Home Tour Event Rating Points are calculated using the number of top 30 ranked players in the field from the specific tour’s previous year’s top 30 order of merit or other ranking system as determine by that tour.

Strength of Field Calculation – Example 1

World Point Value		450
75% of World Point Value		337.50
Home Tour Event Rating Points		73
Lower of 75% of Home Tour Event Rating Points		73
Strength of Field	73+450	523

A Strength of Field point total of 523 would fall on the chart between 521-560.
 → The first-place finisher would receive 28.19 Rolex Rankings points.

Strength of Field Calculation – Example 2

World Point Value		75
75% of World Point Value		56.25
Home Tour Event Rating Points		73
Lower of 75% of Home Tour Event Rating Points		56.25
Strength of Field	56.25+75	131.25

A Strength of Field point total of 131.25 would fall on the chart between 131-140.
 → The first-place finisher would receive 9.71 Rolex Rankings points.

Strength of Field Calculation – Example 3

World Point Value		35
75% of World Point Value		26.25
Home Tour Event Rating Points		73
Lower of 75% of Home Tour Event Rating Points		26.25
Strength of Field	26.25+35	62.15

A Strength of Field point total of 62.15 would fall on the chart between 61-70.
 → If this was a Duramed FUTURES Tour event, the first-place finisher would receive 5.42 Rolex Rankings points.
 → If this was an event on one of the five major tours – LPGA, LET, JLPGA, KLPGA, ALPG – then the first-place finisher would receive 7.56 Rolex Rankings points, since the he minimum Strength of Field threshold for all events outside of the Duramed FUTURES Tour is 100.

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ROLEX WOMEN'S WORLD GOLF RANKINGS - Point Distribution Tables (as of 8-1-2009)

TOTAL RATING POINTS																					MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	TOTAL RATING POINTS																		
	0 to 20	21 to 30	31 to 40	41 to 50	51 to 60	61 to 70	71 to 80	81 to 90	91 to 100 (Minimum rating for All Tours except Duramed FUTURES Tour)	101 to 110	111 to 120	121 to 130	131 to 140	141 to 150	151 to 160	161 to 170	171 to 180	181 to 190	191 to 210	211 to 230			231 to 250	251 to 280	281 to 310	311 to 340	341 to 370	371 to 400	401 to 430	431 to 460	461 to 490	491 to 520	521 to 560	561 to 600	601 to 650	651 to 700	701 to 750	751 to 800	801 to 850	851 to 999
Place	1.72	2.55	3.27	3.98	4.70	5.42	6.13	6.85	7.56	8.28	9.00	9.71	10.43	11.15	11.86	12.58	13.29	14.01	14.84	15.77	16.70	17.74	18.89	20.04	21.19	22.34	23.48	24.63	25.78	26.93	28.19	29.55	31.02	32.61	34.19	35.77	37.35	40.00	50.00	1st
1st	1.03	1.53	1.96	2.39	2.82	3.25	3.68	4.11	4.54	4.97	5.40	5.83	6.26	6.69	7.12	7.55	7.98	8.41	8.90	9.46	10.02	10.64	11.33	12.02	12.71	13.40	14.09	14.78	15.47	16.16	16.91	17.73	18.61	19.56	20.51	21.46	22.41	24.00	30.00	2nd
2nd	0.69	1.02	1.31	1.59	1.88	2.17	2.45	2.74	3.03	3.31	3.60	3.89	4.17	4.46	4.74	5.03	5.32	5.60	5.93	6.31	6.68	7.10	7.56	8.02	8.47	8.93	9.39	9.85	10.31	10.77	11.22	11.82	12.41	13.04	13.67	14.31	14.94	16.00	20.00	3rd
3rd	0.51	0.77	0.98	1.20	1.41	1.62	1.84	2.05	2.27	2.48	2.70	2.91	3.13	3.34	3.56	3.77	3.99	4.20	4.45	4.73	5.01	5.32	5.67	6.01	6.36	6.70	7.05	7.39	7.73	8.08	8.46	8.87	9.31	9.78	10.26	10.73	11.20	12.00	15.00	4th
4th	0.41	0.61	0.78	0.96	1.13	1.30	1.47	1.64	1.82	1.99	2.16	2.33	2.50	2.68	2.85	3.02	3.19	3.36	3.56	3.78	4.01	4.26	4.53	4.81	5.08	5.36	5.64	5.91	6.19	6.46	6.76	7.09	7.45	7.83	8.20	8.58	8.96	9.60	12.00	5th
5th	0.34	0.51	0.65	0.80	0.94	1.08	1.23	1.37	1.51	1.66	1.80	1.94	2.09	2.23	2.37	2.52	2.66	2.80	2.97	3.15	3.34	3.55	3.78	4.01	4.24	4.47	4.70	4.93	5.16	5.39	5.64	5.91	6.20	6.52	6.84	7.15	7.47	8.00	10.00	6th
6th	0.46	0.59	0.72	0.85	0.97	1.10	1.23	1.36	1.49	1.62	1.75	1.88	2.01	2.14	2.26	2.39	2.52	2.67	2.84	3.01	3.19	3.40	3.61	3.81	4.02	4.23	4.43	4.64	4.85	5.07	5.32	5.58	5.87	6.15	6.44	6.72	7.20	9.00	7th	
7th	0.41	0.52	0.64	0.75	0.87	0.98	1.10	1.21	1.32	1.44	1.55	1.67	1.78	1.90	2.01	2.13	2.24	2.37	2.52	2.67	2.84	3.02	3.21	3.39	3.57	3.76	3.94	4.12	4.31	4.51	4.73	4.96	5.22	5.47	5.72	5.98	6.40	8.00	8th	
8th	0.38	0.49	0.60	0.71	0.81	0.92	1.03	1.13	1.24	1.35	1.46	1.56	1.67	1.78	1.89	1.99	2.10	2.23	2.37	2.51	2.66	2.83	3.01	3.18	3.35	3.52	3.69	3.87	4.04	4.23	4.43	4.65	4.89	5.13	5.37	5.60	6.00	7.50	9th	
9th	0.46	0.56	0.66	0.76	0.86	0.96	1.06	1.16	1.26	1.36	1.46	1.56	1.66	1.76	1.86	1.96	2.08	2.21	2.34	2.48	2.64	2.81	2.97	3.13	3.29	3.45	3.61	3.77	3.95	4.14	4.34	4.56	4.79	5.01	5.23	5.60	7.00	10th		
10th	0.42	0.52	0.61	0.70	0.80	0.89	0.98	1.08	1.17	1.26	1.36	1.45	1.54	1.64	1.73	1.82	1.93	2.05	2.17	2.31	2.46	2.60	2.75	2.90	3.05	3.20	3.35	3.50	3.66	3.84	4.03	4.24	4.44	4.65	4.86	5.20	6.50	11th		
11th	0.39	0.48	0.56	0.65	0.74	0.82	0.91	0.99	1.08	1.17	1.25	1.34	1.42	1.51	1.60	1.68	1.78	1.89	2.00	2.13	2.27	2.40	2.54	2.68	2.82	2.96	3.09	3.23	3.38	3.55	3.72	3.91	4.10	4.29	4.48	4.80	6.00	12th		
12th	0.44	0.52	0.60	0.67	0.75	0.83	0.91	0.99	1.07	1.15	1.23	1.30	1.38	1.46	1.54	1.63	1.73	1.84	1.95	2.08	2.20	2.33	2.46	2.58	2.71	2.84	2.96	3.10	3.25	3.41	3.59	3.76	3.93	4.11	4.40	5.50	13th			
13th	0.40	0.47	0.54	0.61	0.68	0.76	0.83	0.90	0.97	1.04	1.11	1.19	1.26	1.33	1.40	1.48	1.58	1.67	1.77	1.89	2.00	2.12	2.23	2.35	2.46	2.58	2.69	2.82	2.96	3.10	3.26	3.42	3.58	3.73	4.00	5.00	14th			
14th	0.45	0.51	0.59	0.65	0.72	0.79	0.86	0.92	0.99	1.06	1.13	1.19	1.27	1.33	1.41	1.50	1.59	1.69	1.80	1.90	2.02	2.12	2.23	2.34	2.45	2.56	2.68	2.81	2.95	3.10	3.25	3.40	3.55	3.80	4.75	15th				
15th	0.42	0.49	0.55	0.62	0.68	0.75	0.81	0.87	0.94	1.00	1.07	1.13	1.20	1.26	1.34	1.42	1.50	1.60	1.70	1.80	1.91	2.01	2.11	2.22	2.32	2.42	2.54	2.66	2.79	2.93	3.08	3.22	3.36	3.60	4.50	16th				
16th	0.40	0.46	0.52	0.58	0.65	0.70	0.77	0.83	0.89	0.95	1.01	1.07	1.13	1.19	1.26	1.34	1.42	1.51	1.61	1.70	1.80	1.90	2.00	2.09	2.19	2.29	2.40	2.51	2.64	2.77	2.91	3.04	3.18	3.40	4.25	17th				
17th	0.43	0.49	0.55	0.61	0.66	0.72	0.78	0.83	0.89	0.95	1.01	1.06	1.12	1.19	1.26	1.34	1.42	1.51	1.60	1.69	1.79	1.88	1.97	2.06	2.15	2.25	2.36	2.48	2.61	2.73	2.86	2.99	3.20	4.00	18th					
18th	0.41	0.46	0.51	0.57	0.62	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.84	0.89	0.94	1.00	1.05	1.12	1.18	1.26	1.33	1.42	1.50	1.59	1.68	1.78	1.87	1.96	2.05	2.15	2.22	2.33	2.45	2.57	2.68	2.80	3.00	3.75	19th					
19th	0.43	0.48	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.83	0.88	0.93	0.98	1.04	1.10	1.17	1.24	1.32	1.40	1.48	1.56	1.64	1.72	1.80	1.89	1.97	2.07	2.17	2.28	2.39	2.50	2.61	2.80	3.50	20th						
20th	0.45	0.49	0.54	0.59	0.63	0.68	0.72	0.77	0.82	0.87	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.09	1.15	1.23	1.30	1.38	1.45	1.53	1.60	1.68	1.75	1.83	1.92	2.02	2.12	2.22	2.32	2.43	2.60	3.25	21st							
21st	0.41	0.45	0.50	0.54	0.58	0.63	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.80	0.84	0.89	0.95	1.00	1.06	1.13	1.20	1.27	1.34	1.41	1.48	1.55	1.62	1.69	1.77	1.86	1.96	2.05	2.15	2.24	2.40	3.00	22nd							
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23rd	0.46	0.50	0.54	0.58	0.63	0.66	0.71	0.74	0.78	0.83	0.88	0.94	0.99	1.06	1.12	1.19	1.25	1.31	1.38	1.45	1.51	1.58	1.65	1.74	1.83	1.91	2.00	2.09	2.24	2.80	24th									
24th	0.45	0.48	0.53	0.56	0.60	0.64	0.68	0.72	0.76	0.80	0.85	0.90	0.96	1.02	1.08	1.15	1.21	1.27	1.33	1.39	1.46	1.52	1.60	1.68	1.76	1.85	1.93	2.02	2.16	2.70	25th									
25th	0.43	0.47	0.51	0.54	0.58	0.61	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.77	0.82	0.87	0.92	0.98	1.04	1.10	1.16	1.22	1.28	1.34	1.40	1.47	1.54	1.61	1.69	1.78	1.86	1.94	2.08	2.60	26th									
26th	0.41	0.45	0.49	0.52	0.56	0.59	0.63	0.66	0.70	0.74	0.79	0.84	0.89	0.94	1.00	1.06	1.12	1.17	1.23	1.29	1.35	1.41	1.48	1.55	1.63	1.71	1.79	1.87	2.00	2.50	27th									
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29th	0.44	0.47	0.50	0.54	0.57	0.60	0.63	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.80	0.85	0.90	0.96	1.01	1.06	1.11	1.16	1.21	1.27	1.33	1.40	1.47	1.54	1.61	1.68	1.80	2.25	30th											
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33rd	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.57	0.61	0.65	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.82	0.87	0.92	0.96	1.01	1.06	1.10	1.15	1.21	1.27	1.34	1.40	1.47	1.53	1.64	2.05	34th												
34th	0.42	0.45	0.47	0.50	0.53	0.56	0.59	0.63	0.67	0.71	0.76	0.80	0.85	0.89	0.94	0.99	1.03	1.08	1.13	1.18	1.24	1.30	1.37	1.43	1.49	1.60	2.00	35th												
35th	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.58	0.62	0.65	0.69	0.74	0.78	0.82	0.87	0.92	0.96	1.01	1.06	1.10	1.15	1.21	1.27																			