

KGA Men's Player of the Year Standings

The KGA Player of the Year Standings identifies the amateur who had the best season in Kentucky Golf Association managed and select non-managed competitions. The standings are calculated using the Kentucky Amateur Points System for the current tournament season. Women's Golf is calculated using the Women's Amateur Point System.

On January 1, 2019, the Kentucky Golf Association (KGA) modified the men's age divisions. Age Divisions are as follows:

- The **Open Division** will include players up to age 49, however, *players aged 50 or over may opt to play in the Open division.*
- The **Senior Division** includes ages 50 – 59.
- The **Masters Division** players range from 60 – 69.
- The **Legends Division** includes all players 70 and over.

Unless specified playing requirements are noted on tournament registration information, players are eligible to compete in all KGA tournaments scheduled. Apart from the Kentucky Amateur, all other tournaments feature gross and net divisions with winning players awarded golf shop gift certificates.

Team Events:

- KGA Team Championship points will be awarded in the category based on the youngest partner's age.
- USGA team event points will be awarded to each participant based on their respective age.
Example: A team consisting of players aged 24 & 52 win the USGA Four-Ball, the 24-year-old will receive points towards the John C Owens POY, while the 52-year-old will receive his points towards the Tom Musselman POY.

USGA Events:

For any USGA Championship and their respective qualifiers, whether an individual or a team event, KGA player of the year points will be earned based on the point structures above.

KGA Player of the Year Point Categories:

- **John C. Owens Player of the Year**
The winner of the John C. Owens POY award will be the player that has accumulated the most points on the John C. Owens POY calendar year points list
 - Men of all ages are eligible
 - For all KGA sanctioned events, players must compete in the "Open" division to be eligible
 - This includes the GHK Classics
 - **USGA events included under this point category:** US Open, US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur, US Four-Ball, US Junior Amateur
 - All Junior Competitions in the point structure will be awarded here

- **Herbie McGuire Mid-Amateur Player of the Year**

The winner of the Herb McGuire POY award will be the player between the ages of 25 and 49 that has accumulated the most points based on John C. Owens POY calendar year points list

- Men between the ages of 25-49 are eligible
- For all KGA sanctioned events, players must compete in the “Open” division to be eligible
 - This includes the GHK Classics
- **USGA events included under this point category:** US Open, US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur & US Four-Ball
- Players that qualify for the Mid-Am category shall only receive the number of points in a 1 to 1 ratio earned in their open field finish

- **Tom Musselman Player of the Year**

The winner of the Tom Musselman POY award will be the player between the ages of 50-59 who has accumulated the most points on the Tom Musselman POY calendar year points list

- Men between the ages of 50 – 59 are eligible
 - This includes the GHK Classics
- For all KGA sanctioned events, players must compete in the “Senior” division to be eligible
- **USGA events included under this point Category:** US Open, US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur, US Four-Ball, US Senior Amateur & US Senior Open
- KY Amateur & KY Open points are not available for this category

- **Dale Barnstable Player of the Year**

The winner of the Dale Barnstable POY award will be the player between the ages of 60-69 who has accumulated the most points on the Dale Barnstable POY calendar year points list

- Men between the ages of 60 – 69 are eligible
- For all KGA sanctioned events, players must compete in the “Masters” division to be eligible
- KY Amateur, KY Open & KY Senior Open points are not available for this category
- **USGA events included under this point category:** US Open, US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur, US Four-Ball, US Senior Amateur & US Senior Open

- **Don Smith Player of the Year**

The winner of the Don Smith POY award will be the player that has accumulated the most points on the Don Smith POY calendar year points list

- Men ages 70+ are eligible
- For all KGA sanctioned events, players must compete in the “Legends” division to be eligible
- KY Amateur, KY Open & KY Senior Open points are not available for this category
- **USGA events included under this point category:** US Open, US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur, US Four-Ball, US Senior Amateur & US Senior Open