

Rules for Derbyshire Rookie Tour Order of Merit

The Derbyshire Junior Rookie Tour Order of Merit is designed to provide a competitive platform for young golfers who do not hold an official CONGU handicap and may be over the age limit for the Futures Tour. The Rookie Tour Order of Merit will present young golfers, ages 12-16 with a structure to demonstrate their skills and golfing ability across a variety of different golf courses. The competitions will be run by the individual clubs as part of their Junior Open over 8/9/10 holes.

AIMS

To provide an objective method of measuring the performances of junior golfers within Derbyshire through a series of predetermined events.

CONDITIONS

1. Rookie Tour Order of Merit Events will be identified and agreed annually prior to 1st April 2016.
2. Rookie Tour Order of Merit Events will be open to junior golfers over the age of 11 and under the age of 16 (girls under 18) on 1st January in the year of the event.
3. Rookie Tour Order of Merit Events will be open to both boys and girls.
4. Competitors are not required to have a handicap to play in these events.
5. Junior handicaps will not be counted in these events, all participants will play off scratch.
6. To be included in the Derbyshire Rookie Tour Order of Merit Boys/Girls must be a member of a club affiliated to the Derbyshire Union of Golf Clubs/ live in Derbyshire or must have been born in Derbyshire.

SCORING

7. The Rookie Tour OOM will select the best 3 finishing positions from the nominated list of participating Junior Opens events.
8. Juniors may play in as many events as they wish throughout the season; however only their best 3 finishing positions will count towards the Rookie Tour OOM.
9. Any junior not returning a score (NR) will not have the event counted towards the number of qualifying event they have competed in.
11. Points will be awarded to the top 50% of players according to the table below.
12. Tied place; points will be aggregated and shared i.e. if two players have the joint best score in the gross category they will receive 475 points ($500+450 / 2 = 475$)
13. In the event of a tie in the final standings for the OOM; the player with the highest place finish in each of their 3 qualifying events will be awarded the higher finishing position. If the tie is still not broken we will proceed to the 2nd and then the 3rd qualifying event and so on until the tie is broken.
14. All Rookie Tour events will be scratch competition over 8/9/10 holes at the same venues and on the same dates as the Junior Order of Merit.
15. Those Juniors who attain an official CONGU handicap during the period when the OOM is running will be encouraged to play on the main Junior Order of Merit. As they are accruing points on the Junior Order of Merit their front 9 score will still count towards the Rookie Tour Order of Merit.

POINTS TABLE

All competitors in the Rookie Tour event will receive points towards the order of merit. This will be weighted depending on the number of participants in the competition.

Below is the example of points distributed if 12 or more players took part in a competition:

POSITION	POINTS
1	100
2	80
3	70
4	65
5	60
6	55
7	50
8	45
9	40
10	35
11	30
12	25

If there are less, the following calculation will be used based on the above points:

Number of participants in event = x

$$X \div 12 = Y$$

Y x **100** = points for 1st place (rounded to nearest 5)

Y x **80** = points for 2nd place (rounded to nearest 5)

Y x **70** = points for 3rd place (rounded to nearest 5)

... and so on

EXAMPLE:

5 participants take part in the Rookie Tour OOM event

$$5 \div 12 = 0.42$$

$$0.42 \times 100 = \mathbf{45 \text{ points for 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ place}}$$

$$0.42 \times 80 = \mathbf{35 \text{ points for 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ place}}$$

$$\dots 0.42 \times 60 = \mathbf{25 \text{ points for 5}^{\text{th}} \text{ place}}$$

9. The decisions of Derbyshire Golf will be final.