HTGA Golfer of the Year Award

The Golfer of the Year (GOY) award is given to the player who has accumulated the most points over the course of the season similar to the FedEx Cup or Charles Schwab Cup.

Points are given based on the net score by tournament beginning with the Annual event in May through the following April event which is the end of the season.

Prior to 2012-2013, points were awarded by flight with the winner receiving 5 points, 2nd place 4 points, 3rd place 3 points, 4th place 2 points and all other competitors receiving 1 point. All points were added over the year, so it was desirable to play as often as possible so as to get at least one point per event.

With the 2012-2013 season, the GOY point system is being changed in order to put more points in play for each tournament, and we are also making the total a "best 10 of 12" so as to tighten the race and prevent penalizing a player too much for missing a tournament or two due to scheduling issues.

The new system will award points by the "entire field" with 25 points going to the winner, 24 to 2nd, 23 to 3rd, and so forth down to 1 point for 25th and lower. This will allow for a bigger jump up the leaderboard for finishing well.

At the same time, the best 10 of 12 will allow those players with 11 or 12 tournaments to drop their two worst scores and help keep everyone in the race as long as they can play 10 or so monthly events.

The system was tested using 2011-2012 results and the top 10 players were mostly the same with a few changes of position. So the award will not change significantly. But it will offer opportunities to move up quickly and will prevent one missed tournament from putting someone out of the competition.

We are also moving to award 3 places for GOY instead of just one. The breakdown of the prizes will be based on the condition of the treasury at the end of the season, but the awards should be well worth the effort to compete and compete well.

If you have any questions about the new point system or guidelines of play for GOY, please contact Steve Denby at sd2421@swbell.net or 281-286-8867 for clarification.

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