

# Ryder Cup Points System, Flight Formula

## Participation Points

Players earn points by participating in tournaments:

- For a one-day tournament, each participating player receives 50 points.
- For a two-day tournament, each participating player receives 75 points.
- Players must finish the tournament to receive these participation points.

## Performance (Finishing) Points

In addition to participation points, players are awarded performance points based on their final placement in each BGA tournament. Note: The Masters Pro tournament does not award performance points due to external influences on results. Maximum performance points may vary depending on the number of teams or flights in each tournament. The underlying points distribution system, however, remains consistent. No performance points are awarded for the Club's Member/Member and Member/Guest tournaments. The Club Championship uses a distinct performance point format, explained below.

## Determination of Flights

### Payout Flights

- 1 flight for up to and including 15 teams
- 2 flights for 16–23 teams
- 3 flights for 24–31 teams
- 4 flights for 32–39 teams
- Additional flights as necessary, based on the number of teams

Tournament payouts are determined using the “Prize Distribution Chart” which is based on the number of teams per flight.

### Performance Points Flights

- If fewer than 16 teams participate, flights for performance points are constructed as follows:
  - 1 flight for up to and including 11 teams
  - 2 flights for 12–15 teams

Once there are 16 teams, the same flight structure as for payouts is used.

If the number of teams is uneven, the first flight includes the larger number of teams.

The separation between payout flights and performance points flights is designed to keep the maximum available points as consistent as possible across tournaments. All flights are determined based on the total team's handicap applying each player's handicap used in the event, after any adjustment (cap or differential). For a singles event (club championship) it is based on the player's handicap, no adjustment.

## Points Distribution Formula

Performance points are allocated according to the following formula:

- 10 points per player in the flight.
- For example, with 10 two-person teams (20 players), 200 points.
- Points are awarded in descending order:
- 1st place team receives 200 points (100 points per player)
- 2nd place team receives 180 points (90 points per player)
- This pattern continues, decrementing by 20 points per team, (10 points per player) down to the 10th place team

## Club Championship Performance Points Structure

For the Club Championship, all BGA members are ranked by handicap regardless of the division in which they compete. Flights are then created to include an equal number of players, as closely as possible.

- Final placement within each flight is based on the two-day total net score.
- The number of performance points available in each flight follows the 10-point system:
- For example, if there are 32 players and 4 flights, each flight contains 8 players.
- 1st place earns 80 points
- 2nd place earns 70 points
- 3rd place earns 60 points, and so on, decreasing by 10 points per position.

If the player count is uneven (e.g., 38 players in 4 flights), the last flight will contain fewer players. For instance, the first and second flights may have 10 players each, while the third and fourth flights have 9 players each. The maximum points for 10-player flights is 100, and for 9-player flights is 90, with points distributed in descending increments of 10.