



Australian Go Association

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Representative Points System Rules 2008

1. Participants in the Australian Open Championship *are assigned Representative points* according to their placing, as determined by number of won games,

Placing:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	≥14
Points:	2000	1700	1400	1200	1000	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	200	100

However only members of the AGA at the start of the Tournament may add these points to their Representative Point account.

In an Accelerated Swiss tournament, the Accelerated Score of a player (Wins+initial Acceleration) shall be used in place of just Wins, to determine *Representative Points* earned.

2. Tie-breaking for earning of Points

All players on equal number of wins in a tournament shall receive an equal share of the available points (thus if 4 players are on equal number of wins after the top 3 placings, they share the *Representative points* for 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th placings).

Points will be recorded as whole integers, rounding to the nearest integer (10.4 becomes 10, 10.5 becomes 11).

3. Deduction of points for representation and depreciation of points

a) The member who is the Australian citizen holding the highest total number of points at the end of the National Championships will be eligible for selection as the Australian representative, subject to rules 4 and 9 below; but a number of points is deducted from *the representative's Points*, according to the number of times they have previously represented Australia at the WAGC:

No. of times:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Deduction:	5000	8000	12000	17000	23000	30000	38000	etc (triangular increase).

b) The Committee may determine that representation at other international tournaments shall incur deduction of points, to a value set by the Committee.

[*Example:* the selected representative at the Korean Prime Minister's Cup International Amateur Baduk Championships will have *Representative Points* deducted using the same scale as for the WAGC.]

c) Immediately after the close of the Australian Open Championships, all accumulated *Points* for *all* players with a positive number of *Points* will be reduced by 20%; negative *Points* will appreciated by 20% (towards 0); the deduction of points from the *Points* of the selected representative, and any penalties accrued during the year (see Rule 8), will then be applied.

Representative Points deducted from a player's Points on account of selection for an international tournament shall be deducted at the time the Committee confirms the selection. In the event that the selected player cannot attend the tournament, the points will be restored when, and only if, a substitute player is confirmed.

4. Tie-breaking for selection of representative

Players having a *Representative* Point value within 50 of that of the leading player will be eligible for selection; if there are two or more players eligible for selection, a play-off shall be held.

5. Other tournaments

Representative points may be earned also by players in tournaments other than the Australian Open Championship, provided the tournament has been so approved in advance by the AGA Committee.

To qualify for *Representative* Point awards, the tournament must:

- (i) be advertised throughout Australia with reasonable advance notice
- (ii) be played with a reasonable playing time

Representative points will be awarded in such tournaments according to a *Representative* points table to be decided and published by the AGA before the tournament, in the same proportions as the Australian Open Championship table above, but reduced by multiplication by a weighting factor to be determined by the Committee. For State tournaments, the Toyota-Denso Cup and the Korean Ambassador's Cup this weighting factor will be calculated according to the following formula

(a) for each section of the tournament, the number of players in the section (TN), and the total "Dan Strength" (TD), that is, the number obtained by adding the dan ranking of all players of dan rank, are determined. For sections of a McMahon tournament, these numbers are calculated by including all players paired with players in that section.

(b) For the National Championships tournament the weightings shall be

- (i) 100% for the top non-handicap section
- (ii) 50% for other non-handicap sections if $TN \geq 6$
- (iii) 20% for other handicap sections if $TN \geq 6$

(c) For other approved tournaments including, the Toyota-Denso Cup and the Korean Ambassador's Cup the weighting shall be

- (i) for non-handicap sections
 - 30% if $TD \geq 48$
 - 20% if $32 \leq TD \leq 47$
 - 10% if $6 \leq TD \leq 31$
- (i) for handicap sections
 - 10% if $TN \geq 12$
 - 5% if $6 \leq TN \leq 11$

(d) otherwise no points shall be awarded

6. Bonus points for Tournament Directors

The Tournament Director for the Nationals (if not playing in the Open section) shall receive 500 bonus Credit Points; similarly directors of State Tournament receive a pro rata bonus.

7. *Inheritance of Credit Points*

The Representative Points system replaces the Credit Points system; existing Credit Points in each player's account shall be converted to Representative Points

8. *Penalties*

A player who forfeits a tournament game without giving the tournament director notice and reasonable cause may have up to 1000 points deducted from their accumulated *Representative Points* for each forfeited game; the player may appeal to the AGA Committee for consideration of mitigating circumstances. Other penalties may be applied by the Committee for offensive or inappropriate behaviour at tournaments including overseas tournaments in which the player represents the AGA.

[Note: in practice a single penalty of 1000 points has been applied to a player who is absent from the tournament after the initial round(s) without informing the Tournament Director of their intention to withdraw and without good reason.]

9. *Resolution of disagreements*

The Committee of the AGA will be the final arbiter of all disagreements as to interpretation of these rules, and has sole responsibility for the selection of the WAGC representative notwithstanding the claims of players as to their *Representative Point* standings.