

2017 GAM Honor Roll Guidelines & Policies

The GAM Honor Rolls are designed to be used in determining exemptions into GAM Championships, selection of teams for the Fuller Cup, GAM/GAO Senior Matches, and the (Men & Women's) Atlas Trophy Matches.

****A GOLFER MUST BE A GAM MEMBER AND LISTED ON THE HANDICAP ROSTER OF A GAM MEMBER CLUB BY JULY 1 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR POINTS ON THE GAM HONOR ROLLS****

****The Committee may award additional points for an outstanding performance in a national tournament. ****

The evaluation process for determining the Players of the Year is based upon a player's performance on their respective Honor Roll(s) by allocating points to them based on their performance.

Determination of Points Allocated

- Each GAM Honor Roll schedule is determined by the GAM Honor Roll Sub-Committee and Championship Committee.
- Players are allocated the allotted points based on their finish in a tournament.
 - If there are ties for a Top 5 finish in a Championship, the points allotted for each place are combined and then divided by the number of players tied. The players are allocated the mean total number of points evenly. (Example: 3 players -T-3 at GAM Mid-Amateur, Combined Total # of Points- 195 $(85+60+50)/3 = 65$ pts. allocated to each player)
*** If the mean number of points is a fractional number, the GAM rounds up to the next whole number (65.3 pts. = 66. pts.)**
- Players may receive points for any event that is listed in the Possible Points List of their respective Honor Roll. This may include a player earning points for a single performance in multiple Honor Rolls. Only GAM and USGA events will be counted on multiple Honor Rolls.
- A player receives points based on their performance in a Championship Qualifier, regardless if they advance to the Championship as an Alternate.
- *Team Championships (Four-Ball)*- Honor Roll will not be awarded for any GAM or USGA Team Championships.
- A player does not receive points for being exempt into a tournament, if they do not compete in the tournament they are exempt.

Additional Tournaments

The GAM Honor Roll Sub-Committee will consider awarding Honor Roll Points for elite performance in Regional/National Amateur Tournaments that are not listed on the current Honor Roll schedules in their respective classification. It must be a written proposal stating the size of field (yearly), strength of competition in field, location, and any pertinent information regarding the tournament. Please send all proposals to tournamententry@gam.org.

Selection Criteria for Fuller Cup (GAM Team)

The GAM team is selected for the Fuller Cup based on performance on the previous year's Men's Honor Roll. It is a twelve (12) man team. The format for the past few years has featured six four-ball matches in the morning and twelve singles matches in the afternoon, with each match being worth 1 point. The Michigan PGA uses their Money List as selection criteria. The Fuller Cup has promoted sportsmanship, friendship and great golf between the professionals and amateurs of the State of Michigan for years.

Commonly, the GAM will contact the top twelve (12) players on the Men's Honor Roll to extend an invitation to compete on the team. Special invitations may be awarded due to extenuating circumstances.

Selection Criteria for the GAM/GAO Senior Matches

The GAM team is selected for the GAM/GAO Senior Matches based on performance on the previous year's Senior Men's Honor Roll. It is an eight (8) man team. The format for the past few years has featured four (4) four-ball matches on Day 1 and eight (8) singles matches in the morning on Day 2, with each match being worth 1 point. Commonly, the GAM will contact the top eight (8) players on the Senior Men's Honor Roll to extend an invitation to compete on the team. Special invitations are awarded once the initial top eight (8) players have been extended an invitation and possibly declined the invitation.

Selection Criteria for Men's Atlas Trophy Matches (GAM Team)

The GAM and Michigan Publinx (MPGA) each select its own Captain. The Captains then select 12 team members each, using GAM Honor Roll points from the current year, MPGA Honor Roll points and other criteria. It is an honor to be chosen for these teams, and golf and a "celebration dinner" are all complimentary for the players.

Traditionally, the Atlas Trophy Match is conducted in the fall. Foursomes matches are played on Saturday morning, and four-ball matches are played Saturday afternoon. Individual matches are played on Sunday. One point is awarded per match with ½ point being given to each team for a halved match. At the end of the two days, if there is a tie for the Trophy, the team currently holding the trophy, retains it.

Selection Criteria for Women's Atlas Trophy Matches (GAM Team)

The Women's Atlas Trophy Match was begun in 1989. Prior to 2010, the competition was conducted annually. Beginning in 2010, it became a biennial competition between women GAM members who are members of a private club, and women GAM members who play at a public golf facility. The Women's Atlas Trophy Match is played in even numbered years and the USGA Women's State Team Championship is played in odd-numbered years.

The Captains of both the "public" and "private" teams are selected by the GAM. The Captains select 12 team members each, using GAM Honor Roll points from the previous year's standings and other criteria. Invitations are extended to these individuals and if they are unable to compete, the captains will send out special invitations to players based on their previous year's performance or previous experience in these matches.

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The Women's Atlas Trophy Match is conducted in the late spring. Foursomes matches are played on Saturday morning, and four-ball matches are played Saturday afternoon. Individual matches are played on Sunday. One point is awarded per match with ½ point being given to each team for a halved match. At the end of the two days, if there is a tie for the Trophy, the team currently holding the trophy, retains it.

Selection Criteria for USGA State Team Championship

The Championships are open to female and male amateur golfers as selected by each state golf association or administrative body for their respective championships. The selection of the three (3) player team is based on a player's accumulated points from the fall, two years prior to the championship, the year prior to the championship, and the player's accumulated points in the year of the championship up to a pre-determined cutoff date. Points obtained in the current year of the championship are doubled. The top two (2) players based on the two year standings are extended an invitation to represent the state of Michigan in the USGA State Team Championship. The final spot invitation is awarded based on the GAM Championship Committee's selection.

Collegiate players and GAM members that are non-residents of Michigan are not eligible to compete in this championship. The NCAA rules state that a collegiate player may only play in an international team competition when that team is sponsored by the national governing body, such as the Curtis Cup Match (female), Walker Cup Match (male) or the World Amateur Team Championships. Any infraction of that rule means the collegiate player may be declared ineligible for the remainder of the season and the following season.