

MSGA One-Day Tournament Multiple Net Winner Course Handicap Reduction Policy

The MSGA is adopting the Knuth Tournament Point System™ as a course handicap reduction policy for multiple net winners. The Knuth Tournament Point System™ (TPS) was developed by former USGA Senior Director of Handicapping, Dean Knuth, who also invented the USGA Course Rating and Slope System. The Knuth TPS ensures that all competitors are competing on a more equal basis by using past performances. Knuth's point system is based upon awarding points to the best NET finishers in each event. The USGA Handicap Index is not changed, however, players will compete in MSGA One-Day tournaments at a reduced course handicap based on past performance. The point totals will go back 2 calendar years, and the committee will always use performances in the past two years to determine "Knuth Points."

Total Players in the Flight or Field			
<i>Net Finish</i>	<i>Up to 20</i>	<i>21-49</i>	<i>50-99</i>
First Place	3	4	5
Second Place	2	3	4
Third Place	1	2	3
Fourth Place	0	0	0
Fifth Place	0	0	0

Total Points Earned			
<i>Reduction from HDCP</i>	<i># of Events</i>		
	<i>8 or less</i>	<i>9-15</i>	<i>16-22</i>
Reduce by two	7	10	13
Reduce by three	9	12	15
Reduce by four	11	14	17
Reduce by five	13	16	19
Reduce by six	15	18	21
Reduce by seven	17	20	23
Reduce by eight	18	21	24

The table on the left shows the number of points to award to the top net finishers based on the number of players in a flight. Fourth and Fifth places do not receive gift certificates, so there will be no points given to anyone who finishes in fourth place in a field of 21-49 players. The same would apply for a field of 50 players or more.

The table on the right shows the number of strokes reduced from a course handicap that the player would be subject to, based on how many points the player has accumulated and the number events in which he or she has competed throughout the two-year period.