

Seville Men's Golf Association Player of the Year 1-1-2026

Throughout most of the year, the SMGA regularly schedules a men's group golf game on Saturday morning that is open to all SMGA members. The Seville Golf Staff blocks out up to 48 player spots (12 tee times) for this Saturday morning event. By earning points in the regularly scheduled events, players qualify for a two-day, end of the year tournament competing for the Player of the Year (POTY).

Participants – Members, Junior Members and Guest

The Saturday Golf Game is a men's only event sponsored and operated by the SMGA in conjunction with the Seville Golf Staff. All men who are members of the Seville Golf and Country Club are automatically members of the Seville Men's Golf Association. No special dues are required to be a member of the SMGA. Thus, all men members of the Seville Golf and Country Club that are eligible to play on Saturday mornings based on their membership level, are eligible and invited to participate in the SMGA Saturday Golf Game which can lead to qualification to participate in the Player of the Year Cup tournament.

No guests are allowed to participate in the Player of the Year Cup tournament.

The Field

The field for the POTY tournament will consist of the Top 36 Players determined by the POTY point's standings after the last SMGA event. The last SMGA event is usually scheduled for late November. A player's point status may be found throughout the year in the SMGA database located at <http://www.sevillemga.com/>.

Players that make the field must commit to play for both days of the tournament by a scheduled date. That scheduled date is the Wednesday (10 days) prior the POTY tournament.

If a player that is one of the Top 36 Players does not commit by the scheduled date, drops out after the scheduled date, or no-shows, his spot will be backfilled starting with player 37, then 38 etc. (to qualify from the drop-down list, you must have played a minimum of 15 Men's club events).

If the last position open to play in the top 36 spots is a tie on points, then all those tied at that position are invited to play in the event.

Dates and Tee Times

The POTY is a 2 Day tournament usually scheduled for the first Friday and Saturday in December.

Tee times for day 1 will be based on the player's year-end point standing with the highest point total teeing off last. Tee times for day 2 will be based on the player's net tournament standing following day 1 results, with highest net score going off first. Play will be in 3-somes.

Walking and caddies are allowed.

Format and Ties

The POTY tournament is Individual net stroke-play from either the Black, Black/Gold, Gold, Gold/Blue or Blue tees (Blue tee eligibility). As in the regular Saturday SMGA events, a player is Blue Tee eligible when his handicap index and current age (truncated) is equal to or greater than 70. The chosen set of tees must be played for both days. You are eligible to play Gold/Blue tees if you played over 50% of your Saturday Men's Club rounds from the Gold/Blue tees; otherwise, you must play Gold tees (however you may move back to Black/Gold or Black tees). A Blue tee eligible player may move back to any other tees.

The POTY winner will be determined by the 2-day lowest total aggregate individual net score of the tournament. A 1st place tie will be broken by a 3-hole aggregate playoff starting on Hole #1 using one-sixth handicap allowance. If tied after 3 holes, the playoff will continue on (Hole #4) on a sudden death basis with handicap strokes then applying as per assigned holes.

As with the SMGA Saturday Golf Events, all putts must be holed out. There are no "gimmies" in the POTY tournament.

The 14-club rule is in effect. The One Ball Condition rule is not in effect.

Scores will be posted by the club for handicap purposes.

Handicaps

POTY handicap is computed from the GHIN Handicap Index on the Thursday morning of the week of the tournament. The SMGA Committee reserves the right to review and adjust handicaps as necessary before the start of the tournament.

Prizes

The Seville Men's Golf Association will pay cash prizes to the top 15 places. Any ties, 2nd through 15th place will share equally in the aggregate payouts for those tied places. A tie for 15th place will be broken by the scorecard playoff rules used in Saturday SMGA events.

The individual prize amounts are determined by the finishing place and the final proceeds from that year's POTY events.

The total prize pool is usually around \$4,000 and is funded by the \$3 entry fee and any extra money not paid out in that year's weekly SMGA golf events.

Additionally, \$200 each day is available for Net Skin Game, \$200 each day for Gross Skin game and \$200 each day is available for a Deuce pot. If a Skin in either category is not won on a day, then that money will be used to increase the other Skin category for that day. If no Net and no Gross Skin is won on the first day, then the entire \$400 (\$200 Net and \$200 Gross) will be rolled over to the Skins Pot for the second day of play. If no Net and no Gross Skin is won on the second day, then the entire \$400 (\$200 Net and \$200 Gross) will be rolled over to the second day Deuce Pot.

"Points Leader" and "Iron Man". Points Leader - Awarded to the member that earned the most points during the season; Iron Man – Awarded to the member who played the most POTY events during the season. The prizes for both positions consist of a trophy and \$250 cash. The Points Leader is determined first, and in case of a tie, the winner is determined by the lowest average net score in POTY events. In case of a tie for Iron Man, the winner is also determined by the lowest average net score in POTY events.

"Low Average Net Score" and "Low Gross Score" New in 2025, the player with the lowest average net score (with a minimum 20 rounds) will win \$250. The player with the one lowest gross score in a men's club event (not including the POTY tournament) will win \$250 (player must have a minimum of 20 rounds in Men's club).

A player can only win one of the annual awards; the awards are made in the following order, Points Leader, Iron Man, Low Average Net Score, Low Gross Score.

Player of the Year

The Player of the Year will be the lowest net score in the POTY Tournament

The Player of the Year will win prizes awarded by Seville GCC. Prizes will include: 1 dozen golf balls per month of in-stock balls for the following calendar year, a personalized "Player of the Year" golf bag (or \$250 club credit), and additional \$750 club credit, and a signed / reserved parking spot for the following calendar year. Also, the name of the Player of the Year is inscribed on the Player of the Year trophy maintained by the club in the trophy case.