

PDGA PLAYER & ROOKIE OF THE YEAR – DETAIL PROCEDURES

For Player of the Year (POY), four factors are used: Best Seven Event Ratings, Worlds Event Rating, Percentage Finish in their seven best events and Head-to-Head performance against the other finalists. For ROY, just the first three factors are used with only five events – one major/NT/ET and four other events. It's uncommon for even top Rookie candidates to face each other very often during the season, so Head-to-Head performance is not calculated for ROY.

For POY, the best two event ratings in Majors, NTs or ETs (Euro Tour) events are determined for each player. Then, each player's best five event ratings in any additional events that are at least B-tier or higher (54 holes minimum) are determined.

These seven event ratings are averaged to determine each player's Best Event Rating Average. At the end of the year, the top seven men and top seven women become the finalists for their respective POY awards. Typically, the current standings will not be posted until sometime after July once enough players have enough events to make the calculation worthwhile. At some point, we hope to provide the event ratings for each event and some indication on each player's PDGA Member page which events the player has played that will likely be used for their POY calculation.

For ROY, each player's best Major, NT or ET event ratings are selected along with their best four other events that are B-tier or higher (54 hole minimum). These five event ratings are averaged together. The top six ROY male and female candidates are determined from these Best Event Rating Averages.

FINALIST FACTORS

Once the POY finalists have been determined, the following factors are calculated. The Event Rating each player threw prior to the semifinals is calculated. Every finalist who did not play in Worlds will get a Worlds Event Rating equal to the lowest Worlds Event Rating among the finalists minus 5 points.

The Finish Position percentage is simply where each candidate finished in each of their seven events. For example, a value of 100% is awarded for finishing first no matter the field size and a value of 80% is calculated if a player finished say 3rd out of a field of 10. These seven percentages are averaged to determine a POY candidate's overall Finish Position percentage.

To determine a candidate's Head-to-Head value, all of the events included for all of the candidates are reviewed. Each candidate receives one point for each candidate they finished higher than in an event. If the same event is part of the seven for more than one candidate, the Head-to-Head value will still only be counted once. All Head-to-Head points are totaled for each candidate.

The same process is used for the ROY candidates. However, they only have five events to calculate for the Finish Position percentage. Worlds is handled the same way as for POY. No Head-to-Head calculation is done as mentioned earlier.

FINAL SCORE

The POY and ROY candidates for men and women are ranked from highest to lowest on each of the four factors. The candidate with the best value for a factor will get 10 points and the one with the lowest value will get 1 point. The ones in-between will get points proportional to their difference between the top and bottom.

Then, the following weights are multiplied by the points each player has earned for each factor to determine their total points. The candidate with the highest point total wins that award. For POY, the Best Event Rating has a weight of 35%, Worlds 20%, Finish Position 20% and Head-to-Head 25%. For ROY, Best Event Rating has a weight of 45%, Worlds 25%, and Finish Position 30%. The final chart showing all of the calculations will be made available once the awards have been announced.

ROOKIE YEAR

A player's rookie year is determined in relation to the date when Am Worlds is hosted. If a PDGA member accepts a cash award for the first time in any pro division before Am Worlds, then that current year is their rookie season. If a PDGA member accepts a cash award in any pro division after Am Worlds, then the following year will be their rookie season. However, a player's performance only in the Open Men or Women divisions is counted toward their Rookie (or POY) stats.

For example, if older amateurs wanted to try for ROY, they could enter and cash in the Master Pro division a few times the rest of the year after competing say in Advanced Master at Am Worlds. However, they would need to compete in the Open division the following year to try and win ROY. That's their one chance for the ROY award even if they play in Pro Master for several years and then decide to switch to Open. However, older pros can switch to Open in a future year and compete for the Player of the Year award no matter how many years they have played in an older pro division.

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