

Subject: Proposal for a New Ranking Determination Methodology: "The Complete Method"

To: United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf Committee

Dear Members of the Rules of Golf Committee,

We are writing to formally propose a new ranking determination methodology for your consideration. Please be advised that this methodology has already been reported to the Japan Golf Association (JGA), a Public Interest Incorporated Association, on February 19, 2026.

While professional golf tours currently determine rankings primarily based on the best gross score, our company has developed a more comprehensive evaluation framework. This methodology, finalized on February 12, 2026, is designed to provide a more definitive and multi-faceted assessment of player performance. We would like to request that you consider the adoption of this approach for international competitions, including the Olympic Games.

[Ranking Determination Rule: "The Complete Method"]

Rankings shall be determined by comparing the following criteria in sequential order:

- 1. 18-Hole Stroke Count: Comparison by best gross score.**
 - 2. Number of Putts: Total number of putts on the green.**
 - 3. Number of OBs: Out of Bounds.**
 - 4. Number of RPAs: Red Penalty Areas.**
 - 5. Number of Holes-in-One**
 - 6. Number of Albatrosses**
 - 7. Number of Eagles**
 - 8. Number of Birdies**
 - 9. Number of Pars**
 - 10. Number of Bogeys**
 - 11. Number of Double Bogeys**
 - 12. Number of Triple Bogeys**
 - 13. Comparative number of holes completed for each specific score of +4 or higher (comparing the frequency of each score in ascending order).**
- Nomenclature: This ranking methodology is officially designated as "The Complete Method."**
 - Tie-Breaking & Countback: If rankings remain equal after applying the criteria above, a countback will be conducted starting from the final hole and moving backward to the starting hole. If players remain tied, the ranking will be determined by a playoff.**
 - Playoff Application: "The Complete Method" shall also be applied to determine results within any playoff. This process will be repeated until a definitive ranking is established.**

- Elimination of Ties: By adopting this methodology, it becomes possible to eliminate "Tied" positions and determine a clear, unique rank for every athlete in the field.

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Advantages of Adoption: By implementing this methodology, it is possible to reflect not only the gross score but also a wider range of round statistics—starting with the number of putts—directly into the final rankings, offering a more granular assessment of skill.

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