



JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENHANCED ADVANCER RATIO POLICIES

The minimum ratio to advance players to the Junior Gold Championships is 1:4. What follows is an explanation of how this standard applies to various situations.

When stating an advancement ratio, event management will state that the ratio is either a "hard" number (1:4) which means they will only advance one player for every 4 entrants, or they will add the caveat in their rules stating "or a major fraction thereof" which would allow them to advance an additional player should they have additional entries in excess of 51% of their ratio number.

When an event reaches this standard an additional player is allowed to advance and the event is required to subsidize any shortfall in the entry fee to the Junior Gold Championships.

As an example, in an event having a 1:4 or major fraction thereof ratio, the event would need to have 7 entrants to advance a second player. The event would bear the financial responsibility to fund any shortfall of the entry fee to the Junior Gold Championships. Six (6) entrants does not meet the threshold of 51%, so a second player could not advance under that rule.

If the event has additional entries in excess of their ratio, but does not meet the 51% threshold to advance an additional player, we have historically asked that the additional monies be returned to the event as additional prize monies. To address this issue and provide more players the opportunity to advance, a new policy has been adopted that could allow the next player in line to advance to the Junior Gold Championships. This policy is:

Once an event has met their initial ratio

and has additional entries in excess of that ratio, the next player in line will have the option to claim that spot by paying any remaining shortfall between the monies collected and the entry fee for the Junior Gold Championships. This option is available **only** to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, it ceases at that point and the option is **not available** to other finishers down the line in the standings.

IF YOU DO NOT USE A MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF

Here is an example of how the new ratio policies will be applied to qualifying events for the Junior Gold Championships given a 1:4 advancement ratio **without** the "or a major fraction thereof" stipulation.

If the event has 5, 6 or 7 entrants, the tournament will advance the winner under their 1:4 ratio. The 2nd place finisher would now be given the opportunity to fund any remaining shortfall between the entry monies collected and the appropriate division entry fee and claim a spot in the Junior Gold Championships. This option is available **only** to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, it ceases at that point and the option is **not available** to other finishers down the line in the standings.

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Here is an example of how the new ratio policies will be applied to qualifying events for the Junior Gold Championships

given a 1:4 advancement ratio **with** the "or a major fraction thereof" stipulation.

If the event has 5 or 6 entrants, the tournament will advance the winner under their 1:4 ratio. The 2nd place finisher would be given the opportunity to pay any remaining shortfall between the entry monies collected and the entry fee and claim a spot in the Junior Gold Championships. This option is available **only** to the next player in line. If that player declines to exercise this option, it ceases at that point and the option is **not available** to other finishers down the line in the standings.

If the event has 7 entrants, the tournament will advance the winner under their 1:4 ratio and an additional advancer under the "or a major fraction thereof" stipulation and the event is required to subsidize any shortfall in the entry fee to the Junior Gold Championships.

MAJOR FRACTION THEREOF

RATIO	ENTRIES NEEDED TO ADVANCE AN ADDITIONAL PLAYER
1:4	7
1:5	8
1:6	10
1:7	11
1:8	13
1:9	14
1:10	16