Firewheel Senior Golf Association

Determining the FSGA Most Improved Player

The USGA recommends the following method:

Add 12 to the player's USGA Handicap Index at the start of the season. This is value A.

Add 12 to the player's USGA Handicap Index at the end of the season. This is value B.

Divide value A by value B, calculating to three decimal places.

This is the improvement factor.

The player with the highest improvement factor should receive the most improved golfer award.

(Add 6 instead of 12 in the case of nine-hole players.)

Example:

Starting Handicap Index:	**22.6**
Ending Handicap Index:	**17.4**
Value A:	**22.6 + 12=34.6**
Value B:	**17.4 + 12=29.4**
A / B:	**34.6 / 29.4=1.177**
Improvement Factor:	**1.177**

Continue this process for every golfer who improved during the year. The player with the highest improvement factor is the most improved player.

http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Appendix-H/

The FSGA will follow the above guidelines when determining the Most Improved Player award.
For purposes of the award, the official Handicap Indexes used in the calculation will be as follows:
Start of Season: official GHIN H.I. as of March 1st
End of Season: official GHIN H.I. as of the End-of-Year Tournament.

Eligibility: A player must participate in a minimum of 50 percent of the normally scheduled play days, and other events held each Tuesday during the active season. The Active season starts on March 1st and ends at the conclusion of the End-of-Year Tournament.

Notes: 1.   GHIN = Golf Handicap and Information Network
        (GHIN is the official handicap service for the FSGA.)
        2.   Only official GHIN H.I. data will be used in the calculation. If a player does not have an official H.I. as of March 1st, then the starting index will be the first official H.I. after that date, according to GHIN.