

Grand Prix 2017

Bonus Point Tournaments - Grand Prix Finale Tournament

The Grand Prix Season 2017 connects **Bonus Point Tournaments**, played between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017.

At Bonus Point Tournaments players can win points, which are cumulated in a yearend list. The EGF very often has to decide on nominations or wildcards for international events. To honour actual successful and active players the Bonus Point List is used as a deciding criteria in several cases.

Q1: Who can win Bonus Points ?

A1: Only players with a citizenship for at least 10 years of an EGF member-country can win Bonus Points.

Q2: Which types of Bonus Point Tournaments exist in 2017 ?

A2: Unchanged to 2016 we have 4 different levels, levels A, B, C and the Grand Slam

Q3: Is there any prize-money connected to won Bonus Points ?

A3: Not directly, but sometimes indirectly if nominated for an international Go-event or being qualified for a European top-tournament (for example Grand Slam).

Q4: How many Bonus Points are won on which kind of Bonus Point Tournament ?

A4: No change, the chart for 2016 is also valid for 2017

Bonus Points 2017	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Grand Slam Tournament	32	24	16	11	7	5	3	2
Level A Bonus Point Tournament	18	13	9	6	4	2	1	
Level B Bonus Point Tournament	12	9	6	4	2	1		
Level C Bonus Point Tournament	8	6	4	2	1			

The tournaments connected in a Grand Prix should be spread over the whole year; best case each month one tournament. Here's the overview what's already fixed:

				Level	Seats
February	11/12	St. Petersburg / Russia	Chin. Consulate Cup	B	2
March	3 - 5	Dublin / Ireland	Confucius Cup	B	2
	18/19	Nis / Serbia	45. Nis Open	C	1
April	28 - 1	Berlin / Germany	3. Grand Slam	GS	
May	25-28	Amsterdam / Netherlands	47. Amsterdam Tour.	B	2
June	17/18	Vienna / Austria	Vienna International	C	1
July	15/16	Pardubice / Czechia	Pardubice Festival	C	1
	23 - 30	Oberhof / Germany	Europ. Championship	A	

For explanation of the last column (seats) in the upper chart look at the next chapter, the Grand Prix Finale Tournament.

Grand Prix Finale Tournament

This new tournament will be played in the first half of January 2018. At the moment it is not given to any organizer, you can apply for this tournament. It will be an important EGF tournament and it should be similar to the Yearend Masters Tournament in Tennis (in December).

The idea behind: Tournament-winners and very active and successful players of the whole year should compete in a special tournament. Actual guaranteed prize-money: At least 10.000 Euro for the event. But we work on a significant higher amount when looking for sponsoring.

Q5: Who can play in the 1st Grand Prix Finale Tournament (GPFT) ?

A5: 16 players who qualify in tournaments of the Grand Prix 2017

Q6: How to qualify in 2017 for the 1st GPFT ?

A6: According to the level of the Bonus Point Tournament qualifying seats are assigned for the GPFT: two seats in a level B and one seat in a level C tournament. The seats are given to the best players who can win Bonus Points and are not already qualified for the GPFT. No seats are given in Level A Tournaments and the Grand Slam Tournament. 14 seats for the GPFT are given with this method.

Q7: How to extend the field of players for the GPFT from 14 to 16 ?

A7: Two seats (#15 and #16) are assigned in the following way:

- Build a new Yearend Bonus Point Summary List by ignoring the points won at Grand Slam 2017 and European Championship 2017
- Give seats for the GPFT to the two players with the most won Bonus Points in the upper list not already qualified for the GPFT

Q8: What happens if we don't get 14 players qualified (not enough Bonus Point Tournaments in 2017) or if a qualified player can't confirm his/her participation in the GPFT in January 2018 ?

A8: All empty spots will be filled up in the way explained in A7, so more than 2 players will qualify via the (modified) Yearend Bonus Point list.

Q9: Is it necessary to end up as winner or runner-up in a Bonus Point tournament Level B or C for being qualified for GPFT ?

A9: No. Players not allowed to win Bonus Points and better placed but already for GPFT qualified players are ignored in the final tournament result list, when assigning the seat(s) for the GPFT.

Additional at least two players will come from the modified yearend-list, independent of their place in the final result-lists of the tournaments – only the won Bonus Points count.

Q10: Why is the planned date for this tournament not December 2017 ?

A10: For December 2017 at least two international events are scheduled (Pair-Go, IMSA Elite Mind Games). Additional the organizers of London Open 2017 should not be excluded from the option to host a Bonus Point tournament in the Grand Prix 2017.

General aspects on Grand Prix 2017

With the new added Grand Slam Finale Tournament the EGF starts with a new and very attractive tournament. The EGF will try to find a special sponsor for this event. The tournament will be a six round tournament, with a special system (start with 4 groups and 3 rounds round robin, then top 8 and lower 8 with 3 rounds knockout).

The Grand Prix should be used for increasing our activities on Public Relations. Besides broadcasting games of each Bonus Point Tournament it is the goal to report from each Bonus Point Tournament in the EGF-yearbook 2017 (will be published in 1st quarter 2018). The EGF web page will report from every Bonus Point Tournament as well.

Another interesting, new aspect: We want to honour activities on producing a video after the event and / or getting Pro-comments of tournament-games. We will also support live-video broadcasting (for example on YouTube) of games during the event. For details look here: [Bonus Point Tournaments - financial support](#)

Just to remark: Qualifying for the Grand Prix Finale is not possible via EGD-rating. Additional: Playing only the Grand Slam or the European Championship will not work. All 16 seats are given only for successful players in Bonus Point Tournaments Level B and C in the year 2017.

For 2017 still more Bonus Point Tournaments are needed.

Possible candidates for 2017: Paris, Prague, Brno, Warsaw, Istanbul, Budapest, London, Bratislava, Lausanne, Brussels, Moscow ...

Candidates for 2018 ff: Helsinki, Barcelona, Leksand, Sevilla, Ravenna, and Strasbourg...

The goal is a European tournament calendar for top-tournaments, where it's also possible to apply for the Bonus Point status only every two years.

Here's a list where Bonus Points are already partly used by the EGF as a qualifying criteria – more to come in the future:

European championship / Samsung-Cup / Grand Slam Qualification / Grand Slam / Pro Qualification / Pro Tournament in Osaka / World New Star Championship in Hangzhou / ...

Additional, whenever we don't have enough time for holding a qualification, but have to decide in an urgent case to nominate players for an international tournament or event (it happens quite often in Asia), we probably will use the Bonus Point list. CEGO, when assigning wildcards, considers the Bonus Point list as well.

For organizers of Bonus Point Tournaments it should be very attractive to engage European Professionals with an essential financial support by the EGF.

We want to give our Pros more "defined" chances for teaching / commenting while participants of Bonus Point Tournaments get it all for free, as part of the "Go-event".

@All: Please think about applying for Bonus Point Tournaments in the second half of 2017 and the Grand Prix Finale Tournament (preferred a tournament on three days) in January 2018. More details for organizers you find here: [Overview for organizers](#)

In case of further questions please contact the Grand Prix project-leaders (Li Ting (li.ting @ eurogofed.org) or Martin Stiassny (president @ eurogofed.org))

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