Who is the Greatest Golfer of All Time?

How to Compare Between Eras?

- Longevity
- Direct Comparisons
- Major & PGA Tour Tournament Wins
- Major & PGA Tour Tournament Win Percentage

Who is Being Compared?
12 of golf’s elite were chosen from a variety of eras from the early 1930’s to the present day. Those selected maintained a significant amount of data to be considered in each category and were atop their respective era in Major’s won. All tournaments included are between the first full year as a professional and up to, while including, the age of 50, where no tournament included is beyond or including the 2016 U.S Open.

Longevity: The Collective Comparison
Each player’s first appearance as a pro is compared for each Major Championship. Every subsequent appearance is then compared. A point is awarded for the highest finish(es) in each of those appearances.

Rewards: Major wins, top finishes, longevity.

Comparing Golf Eras

Direct Comparison: Head-to-Head
Each player’s Major finishes are compared individually against one another, yielding a win-loss-tie record. Rewards consistent top Major placements.

Major & PGA Tour Tournament Wins
These two categories are an accumulation of each player’s total Major and PGA Tour wins.
Rewards high volume of victories.

Major & PGA Tour Tournament Win Percentage
These two categories take each player’s total Major or PGA Tour wins divided by total respective events played.
Rewards those who win a high percentage of tournaments.

Final Rankings
Each categorical score is made relative to the player with the highest score in each category. These categories are assigned weightings based upon their importance. The relative scores multiplied by their weighted value and then accumulated yield a final ranking.

How Can Rory and Jordan Become the Greatest?
Using the previous categories and overall rankings, one can set measurable goals that Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth must attain in order to keep pace with Jack Nicklaus. Moreover, these goals are set for the next 15 years of their career.

Conclusion:
Jack Nicklaus’ achievements were extraordinary and likely impossible to reproduce!