



**SOUTH AFRICAN - SUNSHINE SENIOR TOUR (SST)**  
**PLAYERS CATEGORY Exemption List 2019**

**STARTING FIELD: (For 2019) Season**

The categories of players below (who shall be fully paid up members of the SAST unless otherwise stated) shall be eligible to enter SAST Order of Merit (OOM) events and in the event of players wishing to enter the tournament exceeds the number of places available in the tournament, priority will be given sequentially from the following exemption categories.

**Category 1**

Honourary Members, unless otherwise stated, in accordance with the event format and special exemptions that include past major winners (SBO, USSO, Tradition, USSPGA, ESTPGA, BO, USO, US Masters, USPGA, SAO, SAPGA, SA Masters, World Cup representatives of SA, ESTPGA, SASPGA, SAS Masters, SASO). The SA Senior Tour Order of Merit winners (5 years).

**Category 2**

- a) Winners of any Order of Merit tournament on the SA Senior Tour from the 2016 season (from date of win to 31 December 2016 plus two years to 31 December 2018).
- b) Winners of SA Senior Tour Order of Merit tournaments (1-day event) in 2018.
- c) Medical Extension/Exemption Category at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. (Winners only)

**Category 3**

- a) Top 30 players off the final 2018 SA Senior Tour Order of Merit.
- b) Medical Extension/Exemption category at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

**Category 4**

Sponsor Invitations awarded as follows. A maximum of:

- 4 invitations for a field size of under 72;
- 5 invitations for a field size of 72-96 and
- 6 invitations for a field size 96 - 144

N.B. No member may receive more than 3 Sponsor Invitations in any one Official Season

**Category 5**

Top 10 players from the Sunshine Tour/SA Senior Tour combined career money list from the top 100 lists of players over 50 years of age.

**Category 6**

Winners of an official Order of Merit/International event, who are in their 50<sup>th</sup> year, who have been members of the Sunshine Tour, ET or US PGA Tour for at least 5 years.

**Category 7**

- a) Top 10 qualifiers from the SA Senior Tour Q School 2019.
- b) Pre-Qualifiers; minimum of 4 players for all tournaments or a maximum of 5 for 1 - day and 10 spots for 2 or more-day events for 54 and 72+ player starting fields.

### **Category 8**

Players finishing in positions 31-40 on the Final SA Senior Tour Order of Merit 2018

### **Category 9**

SA Senior Tour players up to age 70, who, due to participation on other World Tours, did not participate in the required minimum number of tournaments to be ranked on the Final 2018 Senior Tour Order of Merit, and who finished within the top 30 positions on the Final 2018 European Senior Tour Order of Merit. No player will be granted an exemption more than once.

### **Category 10**

**Players will be sequentially taken from a) and b) below.**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 the leading 10 money leaders within category 8 will be re-ranked in order of official money won on the 2019 Senior Tour Order of Merit. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, all players in category 8 will be re-ranked against their official money won on the 2018 SA Senior Tour Order of Merit. These players who in 2019, have earned money equivalent or better than the 31<sup>st</sup> listed player in the Order of Merit 2018, will at this date be re-ranked & included in category 8 for the remainder of 2019.

### **Category 11**

- a) Winners of Senior Tour Order of Merit tournaments, whose exemption has expired, commencing from the 2009 season, and for ten years thereafter.
- b) Affiliate Members eligible for membership as per paragraph 2.1.2 who do not qualify in a category listed above.
- c) Temporary Members eligible as per paragraph 2.1.3 who do not qualify in a category listed above.
- d) Where a contractor has approval from SAST to host events above the R30,000 prize fund threshold, the contractor is obliged to adhere to the Exemption Category list above, when using SAST members. In all instances the opportunity to enter such events must be open to all SAST members.
- e) To qualify for the SA Senior Tour Order of Merit for 2019, a player must have played in at least three Order of Merit tournaments.

### **Category 98**

Players finishing within positions 1-10 in a SA Senior Tour Order of Merit tournament will qualify to play in the subsequent SA Senior Tour Order of Merit tournament within the same season. They will be added to the standard field size.

### **Category 99**

Amateurs included in the field. (A maximum of three amateurs may be invited to participate in SA Senior Tour Order of Merit tournaments, which are not co-sanctioned or limited field events and where the field size is greater than 60 professionals. A maximum of 22 amateurs may be invited to play in the SA Senior Open. In the case of amateurs participating in a SA Senior Tour Order of Merit tournament, the field size may not exceed 144 players).

An agreed number of PGA members who are age 50+ at the start of the PGA Senior Championship by agreement and under the terms and conditions of the said event.