



## **SOUTH AFRICAN SENIOR TOUR (SAST)/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-SST Order of Merit (OoM) tournaments 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.

1. **Category 1:** Former World Major winners, former SA Open/SAPGA/SA Masters Champions, SA World Cup representation, Presidents Cup representation, SAST-SST OOM Leader (5 years), SAST SA Senior Open Champions, SAST - SA Senior PGA Champions, SA Senior Masters Championship
2. **Category 2:** Winners of an official SAST-SST Order of Merit tournament from the date of the win to the end of that year and for a further 2 calendar years. 18 Hole events only carry a 1- year exemption from the date of the win.
3. **Category 3:** Players finishing in positions 1-30 on the SAST OOM 2018.
4. **Category 4:** Sponsors invitation to a maximum of four players for any event, unless otherwise approved by the sponsor and TD. No non-member or affiliate members may receive more than three invitations in one official season. Please refer to company R&R Handbook.
5. **Category 5:** Top 10 players, who are 50+ years of age and within the top 100 of the all-time career earnings lists (50-year old's) as supplied by the Southern African PGA Tour (SAPGAT) and the SAST-SST combined.
6. **Category 6:** Winners of an official OoM tournament on the SA Tour, European Tour, US Tour, not otherwise exempt, in their fiftieth year only.
7. **Category 7:**
  - (a) Top 10 players available from the SAST qualifying school for 2019.
  - (b) Players finishing in positions 31-40 on the SAST-SST 2018 OoM.

8. Category 8: Players who pre-qualify for tournaments (as per event terms and conditions).
9. Category 9: Players who finish in positions 41-53 on the 2018 OOM.
10. Category 10
  - (a) Players who earned money in 2018 but who did not play in the required number of events.
  - (b) Players who finished in positions 11-28 in the 2019 Q-School.
  - (c) Players who were members in 2018 who did not earn money but who take up Affiliation membership for 2019.
11. Category 11: A player who has a Top 10 or ties for 10<sup>th</sup> spot in the previous OoM event in the same season: Players qualifying for an OoM event in this category will be added to the starting field if not exempt by way of the above categories.
12. Category 12: An amateur player aged 50+, who is eligible to play through the SAST Rules and Regulations-2017, if the event allows for such an entry. These players will make up a maximum of 22 entrants in a SA Senior Open event or 10 entrants in a 72-player starting field, with the exception of the PGA Senior Championship. They will be added to the standard exempt starting field for SAST members. In field sizes larger than 72, amateurs may pre-qualify for places in the event starting field. There will also be specific rules for OoM and non -OoM Pro-am events that have limited field sizes according to sponsor requests and category 2 above.
  - 12.1 Specifically for small Pro-Am events (typically for contractors using SAST members with SAST approval for events less than R50 000).
    - Any 4 sponsor/contractor invitations are permissible using SAST members.
    - The contractor is then obliged to extend entries to all our members and to use and abide by the SAST exemption list for 2019.
  - 12.2 Where the contractor has approval from SAST to host events above the R50 000 threshold, then the contractor is obliged to adhere to the exemption category list when using our members.