



Fidelity Pro-Am

Wednesday, 24th & Thursday 25th April 2019

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 18 April 2019

1. **Venue:**

Blue Valley Golf & Country Club

2. **Format & Conditions of Entry**

All members of the Senior Tour in good standing are eligible to enter.

The Fidelity event will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A, in a 36-hole stroke play event for SA Senior Tour member professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 24th April 2019, with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 24th April and 25th April 2019 respectively. It is a Sunshine Senior Tour branded order of merit tournament.

The field size will be limited to a maximum of 54 professionals and 54 amateurs with all players playing off the same teeing ground and course set-up on the respective competition days.

The Pro-am will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 10:36am-12.18pm and only the professionals play on Thursday morning from 8-9.20am.

There will be no cut for professionals but only the top 25 senior professionals and ties for 25th place will earn money from the published Prize Fund. Only those who complete the 36 holes, will be eligible for a share of the prize fund of R100 000.

3. **Conditions, Exemptions and Pre-Q for Entry into the Starting Draw**

- All professionals who enter must check their exemption status on the SA Senior Tour Website www.seniortour.co.za or through the Tournament Director (TD), Pat Lowth (082 490 4027). Entries must be made by SMS to the TD or by Phone to the TD or via email to admin@seniortour.co.za or to td@seniortour.co.za or by Fax 086 212 3726, by the closing date. An 'image rights' document must be signed at the event registration as well as a 2019 membership application form by all competitors who have not already signed the document and who were outside the top 40 of the SAST order of merit 2018 listing.

- **A condition of entry for a Senior Professional is that he enter with an amateur partner. The Senior Tour does not guarantee amateur entrants for professionals.**

This is a limited field size Pro-Am

- The Exemption Criteria for SAST Members is in force through the Category and ranking listings for senior professional members of the Senior Tour. The starting field size is 54 professionals. (50 exemptions plus 4 pre-qualifiers)
- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw; if the total entrants exceed 54, the entrant may be required to play in a pre-qualification round to gain access to play in the main event. Please check the entry category/ranking criteria. Entrants may request clarification from the TD at close of entries and it is anticipated that entries from 7b, on the category/ranking list, may have to pre-qualify on 23rd April 2019.
- The pre-qualification venue is Blue Valley Golf Course in Gauteng on the morning of 23rd April 2019. A minimum of 4 spots, will be available from the pre-qualification round to the main draw. In the event of a tie for the 4th spot, this will be decided by sudden death in extra holes. The Pre-Q will take place at the above venue over 18 holes' stroke play.
- Extra spots that become available through withdrawals from exempt entrants after 18th April 2019 will be allocated to the Pre-Q event. Alternate positions (reserves) from the Pre-Q will be published on the website and draw.

4. **Practice Day and Practice Facilities**

There is no official practice day as Blue Valley is normally closed on Mondays. Players must book practice times through the Club at a green fee cost of R180.00 on 082 964 3267. Players' may use the practice driving range at their own cost.

5. **Registration**

All senior professional competitors are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **16.00 on Tuesday 23rd April 2019**. This may be done by telephone/SMS/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or by email: td@seniortour.co.za

6. **Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds**

- The Entry Fees: All Professionals-**R550.00**, All amateurs-**R550.00**. Entrants' must comply with the terms and conditions of entry above and produce a copy of a proof of payment if required. (Please quote your name as reference for your payment).
- **Entries close – 18th April 2019 at 6pm.**
- Senior Professionals must enter as per the SAST Rules and Regulations.



- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 18th April 2019, a full refund will be possible.
- Once an entry and payment has been accepted, applicants will be sent a sms or emailed a confirmation of entry.
- All withdrawals must notify the Senior Tour entries department (email: admin@seniortour.co.za): cell no: 076 377 9830 or 082 490 4027.
- If a player is absent on the tee without notification, **NO Refund** will be given and a fine may be imposed. The Tournament Committee will decide on refunds from withdrawals after the closing date for entries on medical and compassionate grounds only.
- **Once an entrant has teed off, refund of entry is not possible under any circumstances.**
- If a member has any 2019 subscriptions outstanding, from an arrangement already made with the FD, the full amount will be collected from any prize money won.
- If a Fidelity entrant is late on the tee, when called upon to start, in the first round of the event, the player shall be disqualified after an absence of 5 minutes and substituted by the next available alternate player from the Pre-qualifiers. The R&A rule 5 will apply for duration of the tournament.
- Alternate players from the qualifiers must register and/or withdraw as per this document and the Rules and Regulations of SAST.

7. Catering

A Grab & Go snack and soft drink will be available to all players for their own account after 9 holes in the round **without causing undue delay**

8. Caddies, Motorised Carts, Trolleys

There are NO caddies available at the Club during the event.

Those competitors requiring a cart should make their own arrangements or liaise with the Tournament Director in this regard as soon as possible to ensure an allocation or decision thereon. (Latest 18th April 2019)

Further, players, visitors entering the estate will require ID presentation at the security entrances. No caddies are permitted in the clubhouse at any time during the tournament, unless permission is granted, as per the Golf Club rules.

Carts numbers are limited. If required, all tee time groups will only be allowed two carts per group in the Pro-Am and day 2 for professionals only; therefore, sharing may be necessary. Again, it is the Players' responsibility to organise his own cart booking and usage.

Players may elect to walk and play using their own trollies.



There will be no motorised transport to ferry players (those walking) from greens to tee areas where there 'long distances' are involved.

9. SA Senior Tour Rules and Regulations/Additional Local Rules

All SA Senior Tour rules, terms and conditions apply. A full list of the event Rules and Regulations and Additional Local Rules will be available on the venue notice boards, as well as from the starters on the 1st & 10th tees. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) One ball rule is applicable for senior professional competitors only.
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting for senior professionals only.
- c) Play suspensions in a dangerous situation requires an **immediate** stop in play by all players.
- d) Pace of play – please refer to your SAST “Hard Card”.

In the event of any weather delays the results of the tournament will be decided by the TD.

10. SA Senior Tour/Golf RSA Staff/Tee-Time Draws

There are SA Senior Tour staff and office bearers on the Event Committee. (Pat Lowth, Neville Clarke plus another to be advised.)

Pat Lowth is the Tournament Director and his decision on event matters will be final.

The draw for the first round will be made available on the website and at the Club notice board from 6pm on 19th April 2019. Pre-qualifiers will know their times on 19th April 2019. An SMS will also be sent to all competitors advising of the same and before each subsequent round.

11. Play Off and Completion of the Event

In the event of a tie for first place for the Fidelity event, the players' will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established. Hole:18 repeated if necessary, until a winner is apparent.

Winners, in the event of a tie(s) for the Team Pro-Am section will be decided by a count out/count in;

- Best last 9 holes (holes 10-18)
- Then best last 6 holes (13-18)
- Then best last 3 holes (16-18)
- Odd holes 1-18, 9-18, last 3(one of these)
- In another way by the TD if the above remains unsolved

The Fidelity event will be considered closed by the TD when all scores are recorded and a winner has been established. A minimum of 18 holes' is required to determine a winner in the senior professional section.



If the Pro-Am day is not completed, the TD will decide on further procedures and details after consultation with the event committee as to the prize giving allocation.

12. **Prize giving**

Prize giving for the Fidelity Pro-Am on 24th April 2019 will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the event inside the Blue Valley room in the clubhouse.

There is compulsory attendance required by the senior professionals placed 1st to 5th in the Tournament as well as the Top 5 in the pro-am prize giving. Violation: R500.00 fine.

The player recording the lowest score for 36 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Fidelity Champion-Blue Valley for 2019.

In the event of a tie(s) for the amateur Pro-Am prizes, these will be done by scorecard count outs as decided in point 11 above by the TD.

13. **Pro-am Event**

- This will take place on 24th April 2019.
- 54- exempt senior professionals will team up with 54 amateurs in teams of two and play in Four Balls. (108 PLAYERS MAXIMUM)
- Amateur entry fee: Entry fees are to be paid by 18th April 2019 directly to the Senior Tour as per the terms and conditions of this event.
- The team competition is Better Ball Stroke Play where the senior professional competitors play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps (maximum 24), adjusted to the Blue Valley handicap differential list. The Better Ball score is recorded on each hole. Ladies may play from the forward tees as per the golf course design and their scorecard stroking. Professionals under 50 years of age and amateurs without a handicap, who enter, play off plus 4.
- The senior professional competitors must record their gross score on each hole played.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes to 5th place plus closest to the pin on all short holes and longest drive (18th hole), for amateurs only.
- Table snacks will be available at prize giving for all Pro-Am participants on 24th April 2019. Dress smart casual.
- Cart & Halfway House costs are for the participants own account.

The management and staff of SAST, hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable experience and thank you for your participation.