



Sunshine Senior Tour Event No.5 under Covid-19

Saturday 03 October and Sunday 04 October 2020

Presented by the Senior Tour

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 25th September 2020

1. Venue:

Orkney Golf Club

2. Format & Conditions of Entry

This SA Senior Tour (SAST) pro-am will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in a 36-hole Strokeplay event for professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 03 October 2020.(18 holes being played on each of the days of 3rd and 4th October 2020 respectively). A teams' event will run concurrently in a 4-ball alliance competition consisting of one professional and three amateur partners. The field size will be limited to a maximum of 30 professionals and 90 amateurs, with the professionals playing off separate tees from the amateurs if the amateurs so wish in accordance with Golf RSA handicapping conditions.

3. Entry Conditions, Exemptions for Entry into the Starting Draw

- Prize Fund R100 000
- All professionals must enter through admin@seniortour.co.za.
- This is an order of merit event for professionals over 36 holes of stroke play.
- **All** amateurs are expected to enter through the Orkney Golf Club directly. **Contact Petro at 084 443 3312.** Preference will be given to the amateurs in the region to enter by 23rd September and in the event of a shortfall of the 90 required, the professionals may invite 3 amateurs after this date, again through the club.

Exemptions for entrants-Pre-Q Details

- Only member senior professionals of SAST in good standing may enter.
- Preference will be given to members according to the ranking and exemption list of 2020 and invitations to participate with amateurs. (30 max)
- Professionals without amateurs will tee off both days in 3-balls from 7am before the pro-am field and only participate in the stroke play event.
- The starting field size will be limited to 48 professional entrants. In the event of there being more than 48 entries, a prequalifying round will be necessary at Blue Valley on the morning of 29 September. There will also be a pay cut to the top 30 and ties.



4. Practice Day and Practice Facilities

The official practice day is Friday, 02 October 2020 and is free for professionals only. Players must book practice times through the Orkney Pro shop on (018 473 2899). This is a one tee start from 12:00 noon for exempt professionals and main event amateurs.

The range is behind the clubhouse to the right of the 10th hole and balls are free of charge from 8am Thursday 2nd October 2020 to 1pm 4th October 2020 for all competitors.

5. Registration

All exempt senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on 2nd October 2020**. This may also be done by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Financial Director on 083 2270840 or email: fd@seniortour.co.za

6. Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the event is R630.00.
- **Entries close – 25th September 2020 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter and pay as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 25th September 2020; a full refund will be possible.
- 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.
- The amateur entry fee is R1300.00 per person for both days or R750.00 per person for one day payable directly to the Orkney Golf Club at the course on the competition day or beforehand by EFT. Bank Details: Bank; FNB, Account No. 53210029518, Branch Code 240338. Receipts will be issued.
- If a SAST member entrant is late on the tee, when called upon to start, the player shall be disqualified after an absence of 5 minutes and will not participate in the professional prize fund. The R&A rule 6-3a will apply for duration of this fun event. He will however be able to play with his team in the teams' competition and win a prize.

7. Accommodation, Catering, Hospitality

Accommodation for individuals or team members and their partners may be booked with the Rio Casino at R900.00 single B&B or R1100.00 sharing B&B. All bookings and costs must be settled directly with the hotel. Typically, accommodation is on a B&B arrangement per room from 02-05 October 2020 if required. Extensions to your stay may be made with Rio Casino at negotiated rates.

There will be a complimentary dinner/braai included in the package to participants on the evening of 03 October 2020 at the Club, always respecting and adhering to the COVID-19 regulations of the number in gatherings and social distancing. On 4th October 2020, and



weather permitting a combined 2-day prize giving will take place within 30 minutes of the last players finishing. Light snacks will be served but other F&B will be for the accounts of the respective participants.

A complimentary Grab & Go snack and soft drink will be available to all players after 9 holes on both days **without causing undue delay.** Complimentary water will also be provided each day and there will be watering holes on the course.

8. Caddies, Motorized Carts

There will be caddies available at the Club during the event for those who prefer to walk the course. It is also recommended that each 4-ball take a caddie to rake bunkers and remove/install flag poles during play. Please tip generously.

A limited number of carts are available at the players' cost of R290 or R145 sharing. Players are advised to share only with close family or friends or travel mates at no or low risk to Covid infection. Players must always fall in line with the Health and Safety aspects of the facility and the Covid-19 conditions.

All tee time groups will only be allowed two carts per group in the teams' competition; therefore, sharing may be necessary. This rule may change depending on cart availability. Please check and book with the Pro shop.

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

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

All SA Senior Tour rules, terms and conditions apply. Additional Local Rules will be available from the starter on the 1st and 10th tees. Professional competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) One ball rule is applicable
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting (Pros)
- c) Play suspensions in a dangerous situation requires an **immediate** stop for all players.
- d) Distance devices may be used

10. Golf Tee-Times/ Draws

There will be SA Senior Tour staff on the Event Committee.

Neville Clarke will double up as the Tournament Director (TD) in the event of a disputed rule.

The draws for both rounds will be made available on site from 6pm on Thursday, 1st October 2020. SMS's will also be sent to competitors advising of the same.

11. Play Off and Completion of the Event

In the event of a tie for first place amongst the professionals, **there will be a play-off**



using the 1st and 9th holes until a winner is established.

In the event of a tie(s) in the Teams section, prizes will be decided by a count-out.

- Best last round in the 36-hole totals
- Then best last 18/9 holes where applicable
- Then best last 6 holes
- In another way by the TD if the above remains unsolved

The event will be considered closed by the TD when all scores are recorded and the winners have been established.

If a Teams' day is not completed, the TD will decide on further procedures and details after consultation with the event committee.

12. **Prize giving**

Prize giving for the pro-ams will be done at the club within strict Covid-19 conditions on 4th October 2020 straight after play incorporating prizes for both days.

There will be 3 team prizes per day, one 36-hole overall team prize and closest to pins on all the short holes and longest drive on both days. The hole-in-one prize for Sunday to be confirmed.

Also, we would like to auction a few items at the prize giving to raise funds for a deserving cause or for some who have been without income for 5 months.

There is compulsory attendance required at the prize giving's by all the senior professionals participating in the teams' event. Dress casual.

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

13. **Team Event**

- The team competition is an Alliance Stableford format with 2 scores to count on each hole, where the professionals play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps. The Alliance score is recorded on each hole. Ladies may play from the forward tees as per the golf course design and their scorecard stroking. **The current Golf RSA handicapping format will apply off the chosen coloured tee markers.**
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the competition.
- The senior professional must record his strokeplay score on each hole played.

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

