



SA Senior Masters Championship

Monday 23rd November to Wednesday 25th November 2020

Presented by the event ambassador, Janie Ackerman (42ndYear)

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 2nd November 2020

1. Venue:
Silver Lakes Estate & Golf Club
2. Format & Conditions of Entry

S A Senior Masters Championship (SASM)

The SA Senior Masters will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in a 54-hole stroke play event for professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 23 November 2020, with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 23 November, 24th November and 25th November respectively. In the event of any weather delays the period and results of the event will still be decided by the TD. The field size will be limited to a maximum of 70 professionals and 96 amateurs with 32 pros playing in 4-ball teams on the first two days of the Pro-Am section of the event and the pros without amateurs playing ahead of this field. Professionals play stroke play & the teams play an Alliance Stableford with two scores to count on each hole. There will be a cut to 36 players & ties after completion of round two.

Pro-Am Teams Competition

A Pro-Am Teams competition will be played concurrently with the SASM event on 23rd & 24th November 2020 and details are in section 13 below.

A maximum of 32 professionals will play with 96 amateurs in teams of 4 comprising of 1 professional + 3 Amateurs

The exempted professionals, who are not allocated amateurs will play ahead of the Pro-Am field on the mornings of the 23rd and 24th November from 6.45am.



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

- All professionals must check their exemption status on the SA Senior Tour Website or through the Tournament Director (TD), Pat Lowth (082 490 4027).
- **All** amateurs who enter the SASM Pro-Am through the sponsors must complete the required entry form available from the TD to enable contact details and handicap capture.

Exemptions

- All past SA Senior Masters Champions who enter and who are members of SAST.
- All other Exemption Criteria for SAST Members is available on the website.
- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw (36 exemptions from categories 1-99); if the total entrants exceed 70, the entrant will be required to play in a pre-qualification round to gain access to play.
- The pre-qualification venue is Blue Valley Estate and Golf Club in Gauteng on the morning of 17th November 2020. A minimum of 18 spots, will be available from the pre-qualification round to the main draw. In the event of a tie for the 18th spot, this will be decided by sudden death in extra holes. The Pre-Q will take place at the venue over 18 holes' stroke play. **(No Pre-Q was necessary).**
- Extra spots that become available through withdrawals from exempt entrants after 02 November 2020 will be allocated to the pre-q minimum of 18. Alternate positions (reserves) from the Pre-Q will be published on the website and draw.

4. Practice Day and Practice Facilities

The official practice day is Thursday, 19 November 2020 and times must be booked through the pro shop (012 809 0430) between 11.10 and 12.10. This is for exempt professionals and main event amateurs at a green fee cost of R140. Carts will be available at R250-practice only.

The Practice area is on site to the left of the 1st tee and practice balls are free of charge. The range is open from 6am to 6pm from 23rd to 24th November and from 6am to 12 noon on 25th November.

5. Registration

All exempted senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on Friday, 20th November 2020**. This may be done in person at the venue or by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or email: td@seniortour.co.za



6. Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the SASM event is R750.00.
- **Entries close - 02 November 2020 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 02 November 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.**
- If a SASM 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 on the reserve list from the qualifiers. The R&A rule 6-3a 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

There will be a dinner /prize giving on the evening of 24th November in the main dining hall from 6pm always considering Covid-19 regulations **for Pro-Am participants only.**

A Grab & Go snack and soft drink will be available to all players after 9 holes on the first two rounds **without causing undue delay.** Fruit and water will be freely available on the 1st and 10th tees throughout the event.

8. Caddies, Motorised Carts, Trolleys

There may not be enough caddies or carts available at the Club during the event.

Those competitors requiring a caddie should make their own arrangements or liaise with the Club directly, as soon as possible, to ensure an allocation. (Latest 17th November 2020)

Further, players, visitors or caddies entering the estate will require ID presentation at the security entrances. Gate codes for the Lynwood Gate only will be made available closer to the event time and all competitors need to submit their cell phone numbers to 083 227 0840.

Carts may be used by competitors only. All tee time groups will only be allowed two carts per group in the Pro-Am; therefore, sharing may be necessary. Again, it is the Players' responsibility to organise his own cart booking and usage. This rule may change depending on cart availability. Please check with the TD.

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

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



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, respectively. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

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

10. Golf Tee-Time Draws

There will be SA Senior Tour staff on the Event Committee.
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 18th November 2020. An SMS will also be sent to 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 SA Senior Masters Championship, the players' will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established. Holes 10 & 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.

- 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 SASM event will be considered closed by the TD when all scores are recorded and a winner has been established. A minimum of 36 holes' is required to determine a winner of the SA Senior Masters.

If a 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.



12. **Prize giving**

The Teams Prize giving will take place on the evening 24th November and the professionals in the afternoon of 25th November after play. The professional prize fund is R150 000 minimum. All players making the cut will participate in the distribution thereof.

There is compulsory attendance required at the Teams prize giving for all the senior professionals participating in the Pro-Am 'Teams' event.

The player recording the lowest score for 54 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the SA Senior Masters Champion Golfer for 2020.

N.B. The winner including the top 5 professionals are required to attend the prize giving function.

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 23rd and 24th November 2020.
- A maximum of 32 Senior professionals will team up with 96 amateurs in teams of 4-balls. Amateur Team entry fee: Sponsor Entry fees are to be paid by 13th November 2020 directly to the Senior Tour as per the entry form. The Amateur Team Entry cost is R15 000.00 excluding VAT. Individual amateurs may enter at R 5 000.00 per player ex VAT.
- The team competition is an Alliance Stableford format with 2 scores to count on each hole, where the SASM professional competitors 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/SAGA handicapping format will apply off the coloured markers as chosen for play by amateurs.**
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the Pro-Am competition.
- The SASM senior professional competitors must record their gross score on each hole played.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes: 3 x places on each of the 2 days, plus closest to the pin on all short holes and longest drive (2nd hole) for amateurs. A Combined team prize for both days will also be awarded with a winners' Teams' trophy. Count outs will apply to ascertain winners in tied positions. (Section 11).
- Dinner for all Pro-Am participants on 24th November. Dress smart casual.
- Caddies and Cart costs are for the participants own account.

The management and staff of SAST and Mr Janie Ackerman, the event ambassador hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable experience and thank you for your participation.