



## Sunshine Senior Tour

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Sponsored by Fidelity

### PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 29th September 2021

1. Venue:

Kingswood Golf Estate Golf Club

2. Format & Conditions of Entry

This SA Senior Tour (SAST)/Fidelity 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021. (18 holes being played on each of the days of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 respectively). A teams' event will run concurrently in a 4-ball alliance competition consisting of one professional and three amateur partners on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October. On the 14<sup>th</sup> October, all the professionals play without amateurs.

The Pro-am field size will be limited to a maximum of 30 professionals and 90 amateurs, with the professionals playing off separate tees from the amateurs.

3. Entry Conditions, Exemptions for Entry into the Starting Field, Prize Fund (PF)

- Prize Fund for the 30 professionals accepted into the starting field: R150 000 minimum.
- All professionals will be paid for participating in the published PF list for this event.
- All professionals must enter through [entries@seniortour.co.za](mailto:entries@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 Pro shop at Kingswood directly. **Contact; Juane on 0861 72 71 70 or email [golf@kingswood.co.za](mailto:golf@kingswood.co.za)**. Preference will be given to the amateurs in the region to enter by 29th September.
- **The club will do the tee time draw for the amateur entrants only. Six preferential times will be reserved for sponsors' requests for professionals. The other 24 professionals will be seeded in order of their ranking on the 2021 list.**

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 2021 and invitations. (26 max)



- The starting field size will be limited to 30 professional entrants. In the event of there being more than 30 entries, a prequalifying round will be necessary at Blue Valley on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to determine four (spots) into the starting line-up.

#### 4. Practice Day and Practice Facilities

The official practice day is Tuesday, 12 October 2021 and is free for professionals only (Excluding Cart Fees). Players must book practice times through the Kingswood Pro shop on 0861 72 71 70.

The range balls are free of charge from 8am Wednesday, 13th October to 14th October 2021 for all professional competitors.

#### 5. Registration

All exempt senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on 11th October 2021**. This may also be done by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Financial Director on 083 2270840 or email: [fd@seniortour.co.za](mailto:fd@seniortour.co.za) or [td@seniortour.co.za](mailto:td@seniortour.co.za).

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

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the event is R650.00. This includes carts sharing for 13<sup>th</sup> October but excludes cart fees on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.
- **Entries close – 29th September 2021 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter and pay as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 29th September 2021; 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 R680.00 per person payable directly to the Kingswood Golf Club at the course on the competition day or beforehand by EFT. Bank Details: Kingswood Golf Operations, Standard Bank Account Number 281864519, use your name as reference. Receipts will be issued. This fee includes green fee, cart fee, quarter house grab & go, a snack after your game as well as the competition fee.
- 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 options:

- For individuals or team members and their partners.



- All bookings and costs must be settled directly with the hotel or B&B.
- Preferential rates have been negotiated with the King George Protea Hotel by Marriot, located on King George Drive close to Kingswood for R950 per room (Single) or R1055 per room (Sharing), excluding breakfast. Bookings can be made via Kingswood (Contact Juane on 0861 72 71 70 or email [golf@kingswood.co.za](mailto:golf@kingswood.co.za))

There will be complimentary snacks provided after play on Wednesday to all participants and a prize giving at the Club estimated to start at 6pm. We must all respect and adhere to the COVID-19 regulations of the numbers allowed at gatherings as well as social distancing.

Kingswood has two Quarter Houses located at the 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes, which sell food and drink. A complimentary Grab & Go snack and soft drink will be available to all players on the course on the 13<sup>th</sup> and these can be collected at the Quarter House during play. This will be a 'grab & go' for competitors, **without causing undue delay.** Complimentary water will also be provided each day.

#### 8. Caddies, Motorized Carts, Covid-19

There will be no caddies available at the Club during the event, but those who prefer to walk the course must employ their own caddie.

Players are advised to share only with close family or friends or travel mates at no or low risk to Covid infection. Amateur players must always fall in line with the Health and Safety aspects of the tournament and the facility by following the HealthDocs App, as well as the GolfRSA Covid-19 Risk Mitigation rules and conditions. The procedure of how to download the HealthDocs App is available online on the Senior Tour Website: [saseniortour.co.za](http://saseniortour.co.za). In the event that the HealthDocs protocol is not followed, participants will have to show an antigen or PCR certificate of a test taken to show a negative position.

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. 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.
- The Tournament Director (TD) is still to be advised. In the event of a disputed rule, the TD's decision will be final.
- The draw for the first round will be made available on site and on the Senior Tour website from 6pm on Monday, 11 October 2021. SMS's will also be sent to competitors advising of the same.
- Tee times on Wednesday will be from 7:30am-11.50am and from 8am-9.40am on Thursday.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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-am and main event will be done at the clubhouse within 15 minutes after the last group has finished. Given the Covid-19 requirements, prize giving attendance is only compulsory for the winners.

There will be 4 team prizes and closest to pins on all the short holes and a longest drive on a hole to be confirmed.

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, less 15%.**

**The Kingswood Team look forward to welcoming you to the Garden Route and the management and staff of SAST hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable experience and thank you for your participation.**