



Sunshine Senior Tour

Saturday 2nd October to Sunday 03rd October 2021

Presented by the Senior Tour

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 17th September 2021

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 02 October 2021. (18 holes being played on each of the days of 2nd and 3rd 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 2nd and 3rd October. The Pro-Am field size will be limited to a maximum of 36 professionals and 108 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 minimum. All 36 final entrants will be paid in the PF list.
- All professionals **MUST** enter through 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 Orkney Golf Club directly. **Contact Petro at 084 443 3312.** Preference will be given to the amateurs in the region to enter by 17th September and in the event of a shortfall of the 108 amateurs required, the professionals may invite 3 amateurs after this date, again through the club.
- A pre-qualification round may be necessary on 21st September at Blue Valley. Entrants will be advised on the 19th of September. So, 32 exempted entrants and 4 qualifiers if entries exceed 36.
- **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 30 professionals will be seeded as per ranking.**
- **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 to participate with sponsored amateur teams. (36 max)



- The starting field size will be limited to 36 professional entrants. In the event of there being more than 36 entries, a prequalifying round will be necessary at Blue Valley on the morning of 21st September.

4. Practice Day and Practice Facilities

The official practice day is Friday, 1st October 2021 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 11:00am 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 Friday 1st October to 3rd October 2021 for all competitors.

5. Registration

All exempt senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on 29th September 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

6. Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the event is R630.00.
- **Entries close – 17th September 2021 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter and pay as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 17th 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 R1400.00 per person for both days 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. All bookings and costs must be settled directly with the hotel. Typically, accommodation is on a B&B arrangement per room from 30th September to 3rd October 2021 if



required. Extensions to your stay may be made with Rio Casino at negotiated rates. Other options to follow.

There will be a complimentary dinner/braai prize giving included in the package to participants on the evening of 03 October 2021 at the Club, always respecting and adhering to the COVID-19 regulations of the number in gatherings and social distancing.

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, Motorised 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 R320 or R160 sharing. 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 facility and the GolfRSA Covid-19 Risk Mitigation rules and 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.
- The Tournament Director (TD) in the event to be advised.
- The draws for both rounds will be made available on site from 6pm on Wednesday, 29th September 2021. 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 3rd October 2021 straight after play incorporating prizes for both Pro-Am 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.

There is compulsory attendance required at the prize giving's by all the senior professionals finishing in the teams' prizes. 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, less 15%.**

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