



Fidelity Pro-Am

Wednesday 17th May & Thursday 18th May 2023

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 3rd May 2023

1. **Venue:**

Kyalami Golf & Country Club, Midrand, Johannesburg

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 17th May 2023 with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 17th & 18th May respectively. It is a Sunshine Senior Tour branded Order of Merit tournament.

The field size will be limited to a maximum of 52 professionals and 52 amateurs with all qualified professionals playing off the same teeing ground and course set-up on the respective competition days. Amateurs will be able to choose the colour tee markers for their play and must use the same for all 18 holes.

The Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday afternoon from 10:30 – 12:30 off both 1st and 10th tees, and only the qualified professionals play on Thursday morning from 7.00 – 8:30am off the 1st tee.

There will be an 18-hole cut after the first round (17th May 2023) for the professional entrants. Only the top 30 senior professionals and ties for 30th place on the qualifying score will advance to play on day 2 (Thursday 18th May 2023), and only those who complete the 36 holes and finish within 25th spot and ties, will be eligible for a share of the prize fund of R125 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 or through the Tournament Director (TD), Pat Lowth (082 490 4027). **Entries must only be made by email to entries@seniortour.co.za by the closing date.**



- **A condition of entry for a Senior Professional is that he/she 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 52 professionals. (48 exemptions plus 4 pre-qualifiers)
- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw; if the total entrants exceed 52, 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.
- The pre-qualification venue is Blue Valley GC in Gauteng on 16th May 2023. 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 in the morning at the above venue over 18 holes' stroke play.
- Extra spots that become available through withdrawals from exempt entrants after 3rd May 2023 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 at the Kyalami C C but all players may book practice times through the Club at the player's cost. Players' may use the practice driving range also at their own cost.

5. **Registration**

All senior professional competitors are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00hrs on Monday 15th May 2023**. 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-**R750.00**, All amateurs-**R750.00**. Entrants' must comply with the terms and conditions of entry above and produce a copy of a proof of payment if required.
- Senior Professional Golf Tour of SA, Absa Bank, A/c 33-1015-0605, B/c 63205. (**Please quote your name as reference for your payment**).
- **Entries close – Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 6pm.**
- Senior Professionals must enter as per the SAST Rules and Regulations.



- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 10th May 2023, a full refund will be possible.
- **Once payment has been accepted**, all competitors will be sent confirmation of entry. Professionals and amateurs will **not** be allowed to pay their entry fee on the day of the event.
- All withdrawals must notify the Senior Tour entries department by SMS or (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 2023 subscriptions outstanding, from an arrangement already made with the FD, the full amount will be collected from any prize money won.
- If a professional 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 free Grab & Go snack and soft drink voucher will be available to all after 9 holes in the Pro-Am round **without causing undue delay**. Players will be responsible for costs occurred at a higher value than the voucher.

There will be a Pro-Am prize giving at approximately 18:15 and free snacks will be provided as per the agreement with the club.

8. Caddies, Motorised Carts, Trolleys

There are few or no caddies available at Kyalami for the event & members and their guests are encouraged to make their own arrangements.

There are about 40 golf carts available, and competitors may walk or book a cart through the club for their own accounts.

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

All SA Senior Tour rules, terms and conditions apply. A full list of the 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/one colour 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, Fiona Burger).

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 Senior Tour website and at the Club notice board from 08:00 on 15th May 2023. Pre-qualifiers will know their times on 12th May 2023, if this is necessary. An SMS will also be sent to all competitors advising the draws and times 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 professional players’ will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established using holes 10 and 18.

Winners, in the event of a tie(s) for the Teams 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**

The player recording the lowest score for 36 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Fidelity Champion – Kyalami for 2023.



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 17th May 2023
- 52 exempt senior professionals will team up with 52 amateurs in teams of two and play in Four Balls. (104 PLAYERS MAXIMUM)
- Amateur entry fee: Entry fees are to be paid by 10th May 2023 directly to the Senior Tour as per the terms and conditions of this event. **Should no entry fee be received by the due date, the player(s) will not be included in the draw.**
- The team competition is Better Ball Stableford, where the senior professional competitors play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps, adjusted to the Kyalami handicap differential list x 85%. 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 playing in the amateur section teams' event play off scratch and amateurs who enter without a handicap play off an adjusted handicap of 6.
- The senior professional competitors must record their gross score on each hole played on the team card and the separate 'professional cards provided.
- Prizes: Team prizes to 5th place, plus 4 closest to the pins on the short holes and one longest drive on hole 18, for the amateurs only.

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

