



Mangais Senior Classic
Saturday 15th July to Monday 17th July 2023
Presented by the Mangais Golf Resort in Angola

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 12:00hours on 14 June 2023

1. Venue:

Mangais Golf Resort-Angola

2. Format & Conditions of Entry

Mangais Senior Classic (MSC)

The ASC will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in 54-hole stroke play event for professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 15th July 2023, with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 15th July, 16th July and 17th July 2023 respectively. The starting field size will be limited to a maximum of 36 Professionals and 72 Amateurs.

There will be **no** 36-hole cut after the second day of play, and all in the starting line-up will be paid irrespective of completing 54 holes, but in accordance with the prize fund of R1.2m, depending on exchange rate and factors beyond our control. Winners will be paid in SA Rand in SA.

Pro-am Teams Competition

The Pro-Am Teams competition will be played concurrently with the main event on 15th & 16th July 2023 and details are in section 12 below.

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

- All professionals must check their exemption status on the SA Senior Tour Website.
- **All** amateurs who enter personally or through their corporate sponsor must do so through the Mangais Golf Resort.

Exemptions (maximum 28 players)

- All past SA Senior Open Champions who enter.
- All players within the 2023 Exemption and Ranking Criteria List for SAST Members to attain 28 entries.

Pre-Qualification Requirement

- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw; if the total entrants exceed 36, the entrant will be required to play in a pre-qualification round to gain access to play.
- The Pre-Q venue will be at the Blue Valley Golf Club on the morning of Thursday 15th June 2023. A maximum 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 over 18 holes stroke play and there will also be a play off for 4 reserve positions.
- Extra spots to the main draw may become available through withdrawals after 15 June 2023. These will be allocated from the results from the Pre-Qualifying round, and the next reserve qualifying player.
- There will be no entry fee refunds to players who miss the starting line up through non-qualification in the pre-qualification round.

4. Practice Day and Practice Facilities

The official practice day is Friday, 14th July 2023.

The Practice area is available from Thursday, 13th July and range balls are free for use from 7am-5pm daily and until 12 noon 17th July 2023.

5. Registration

- All senior professional competitors are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on Wednesday 12th July 2023**. This **must** be done by telephone/SMS/WhatsApp/Email to td@saseniortour.co.za or entries@seniortour.co.za.
- Amateur Pro-Am registration: From 06:00 on Day 1 & Day 2 at the Mangais Golf Resort.

6. Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds

- The Entry Fee for all senior professionals is R1200.00.
- **Entries close – 14th June 2023 at 12 noon.**
- Professionals must enter & pay as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals BEFORE 12:00 hours on 14th June 2023; 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. Replacements will be offered to the reserves from the pre-qualification round in an order of their finishing position.
- **Once an entrant has teed off, a refund of entry fee is not possible under any circumstances.**

- If an 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 if he has travelled.
- Alternate players from the qualifiers must register and/or withdraw as per this document and the Rules and Regulations of SAST.

7. Catering

A Grab & Go snack and soft drink will be available to all players after 9 holes during all 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, Range Finders

There may be not enough caddies/carts available at the Club during the event. Currently, there are 16 carts available for hire to players (R300.00 per cart per round). Caddies will be available at about R300.00 per round. These usages and costs will be monitored and paid for by SAST staff and deducted from the player's pay out from the prize fund.

This confirms that these costs will be for the player's own account.

Those competitors requiring a caddie or a cart for sharing should liaise with the entries department (082 490 4027) in this regard, as soon as possible to ensure a possible allocation. (Latest 15th June 2023)

Carts may be used by all competitors on all days and range finders are allowed without slope adjustments. There will be a 'Strokesaver' available free of charge at the event.

All tee time groups will only be allowed one cart (per 3 Ball) on the Pro-Am days; therefore, sharing may be necessary. Again, it is the players' responsibility to organise his own cart booking.

Cart allocations on application:

1. By age >70 to >60
2. Medical Certificate,
3. By age 50-60

Players are encouraged to walk.

There will be no motorised transport to ferry players 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) The one ball rule is applicable for professional competitors only.
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting for professionals. (Hard Card)
- 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. **SA Senior Tour/Tee-Time Draws**

There will be SA Senior Tour members on the Event Committee. The Tournament Director is Pat Lowth and will be responsible for all rulings and officiating alongside other nominated persons.

The draw and tee times for the first round will be made available on the website and the Club notice board from 6pm, 13th July 2023. An SMS will also be sent advising competitors of the same and for subsequent rounds.

All event disputes of any nature will be handled by the TD and his decision. will be final.

11. **Play Off and Completion of the Event**

In the event of a tie for first place, the players’ will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established. (18th)

The event will be considered closed by the TD when all the scores are recorded and a winner has been established. A minimum of 36 holes is required to determine a winner of the tournament

In the event of a Pro-Am day not being completed, the TD will decide on further procedures and details after consultation with the event committee

12. **Prize Giving.**

Prize giving for the professionals and amateurs will take place at the gala diner in Luanda on Monday 17th July 2023.

There is compulsory attendance required by the professionals and/or amateurs placed 1st to 5th including the leading amateur in the Championship at the professional prize giving.

The player recording the lowest score for 54 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Angola Senior Championship winner and receive a trophy with a gold-plated medal.



The professional prize fund will be displayed on the notice board at the club.

13. **Pro-Am Teams Event**

- These will take place on 15th & 16th July 2023.
- 36 Professionals (34 from SAST including two SAST invites and two Angolan invitees) will now team up with 72 amateurs in teams of three.
- The teams' competition will be an Alliance Stableford with two scores to count per hole, plus all scores on holes 9 and 18.
- Tee times will be from 08:00 in 3-balls, using both the 1st & 10th tees respectively.
- Amateur entry fee: R2000.00, if not included in a corporate sponsorship.
- The 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 amateurs may choose their teeing ground from the course- coloured markers that determine their adjusted handicaps from the Mangais Golf Resort matrix.
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the competition.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes to 5th place each day, plus closest to the pin on all short holes (Pros and Amateurs separate) per day, and longest drive, on the fairway, on the 18th hole for amateurs only on both days. A combined team prize for both days will also be awarded.
- Official functions: 14th July: Dinner at Mangais Resort on arrival,
15th – 17th July: All F&B available at Mangais Resort(B/L/D)
17th July: Luanda TBC, 19:00 Prize giving and gala dinner .
- All amateur players in the Pro-Am days will receive a gift bag.
- It is compulsory for all professionals to attend all the functions and Prize Giving's.

14. **Travel and Accommodation, Air Tickets, Airport Transfers, Covid Requirements, Documents required for Angola entry and departure**

- Please see the website for details and assistance, available from 2nd June 2023.
- Air tickets for participants will be arranged free of charge from JHB to Luanda return.
- TAAG will be the airline, departing Thursday 13th July at about 14:00hrs from OR Tambo and returning from Luanda on Tuesday 18th July. Exact details will be known on 15th June 2023.
- Insurance, visa, inoculations, and other costs will be for the player's own account.



- All transfers in Angola are free of charge to/from airport to accommodation.
- There are no ATMs at the Resort so taking some cash/credit card may be necessary.
- The FD will be taking Forex to assist with caddy bonuses and extras needed.
- At the moment TAAG is still asking for a quick Antigen Test both ways (in and out)
- On the Angola side they will organise the tests to be done on the morning of the 17th July.
- On our side we are looking at options to assist. Currently R300 a test.
- More important than the Covid test is the Yellow fever Vaccine, without that one no travelling to Angola
- All the South Africans passport holders don't need visas. Everyone else does. We can help with the Visa letters once we know who needs them.
- Angola is also a Malaria and Typhoid area, so though not mandatory, Malaria tablets and a typhoid vaccination are advised.
- All the names of participants must be known by 14:00hrs Thursday 15th June 2023 for the issuing of Air tickets.
- Accommodation, food and soft beverages and limited alcohol is free of charge.
- Cart and caddy costs will be paid by SAST but recovered from the player's winnings at point of payment.
- An exact programme of events will be posted on the website 30th June 2023.
- Please ensure that you take balls, gloves, and your favourite snacks with you as there is no shopping at the resort.

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

