



**SA Senior Open**

**13-15 November 2023**

## **PLAYER INFORMATION**

**Entries close 18:00hours on 30th October 2023**

1. **Venue:**

Rustenburg Golf Club

2. **Format & Conditions of Entry**

The SA Senior Open, hosted by the Rustenburg Golf Club, and sponsors, will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in a 54-hole Strokeplay event for professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023, (18 holes being played on each of the days of 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 respectively). A Teams' event will run concurrently in a Better-Ball competition, over the first two days, consisting of one professional and one amateur partner. The teams' field size will be limited to a maximum of 60 professionals and 60 amateurs, with the professionals playing off separate tees from the amateurs, who will have the choice of the colour tee markers in accordance with Golf RSA handicapping conditions. There may be a morning field for a maximum 24 professionals (8 x 3 groups) who may play with or without amateurs from 6.40am to 7.10am.

3. **Entry Conditions, Exemptions for Entry into the Starting Draw**

- Professional Prize Fund R250 000. There is no cut after the second round, but only the top 40 professionals and ties will be paid.
- All professionals and amateurs must enter through [entries@seniortour.co.za](mailto:entries@seniortour.co.za).
- This is an Order of Merit event for professionals over 54 holes of stroke play.
- **Most** amateur entrants are expected to be found by the local community and sponsors, but the professionals may request to secure their own amateur partner entry for their own team. At the closing date of entries, confirmation will be given with references to all entrants or otherwise, where the organisers have the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason.
- **Exemptions for professional entrants-Pre-Q Details**
- Only member professionals of SAST in good standing may enter.
- Preference will be given to members according to the ranking and exemption list of 2023 (OoM 2022) and invitations to participate with amateurs, **as well as those with a team amateur**. (84 max pro entry)
- The starting field size will be limited to 84 professional entrants. There will not be a prequalifying round and entries will be taken from the ranking and exemption list.



#### 4. **Practice Day and Practice Facilities**

The official practice day is Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.  
Professional practice round is complimentary and based on availability of the golf course.  
Practice rounds fees for amateurs will be charged per person.

The range is behind the Clubhouse to the left of hole 18.  
Range balls will be provided at a fee to the player.

#### 5. **Registration**

All exempt senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on 10th November 2023**. This may also be done by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or email: [td@seniortour.co.za](mailto:td@seniortour.co.za). Amateur participants must register on 25<sup>th</sup> September at the club, where payment will be taken in cash or electronically.

#### 6. **Entry Fees, Withdrawals and Refunds**

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the event is **R1000.00**.
- **Entries close – 30th October 2023 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter and pay as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 30th October 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.
- Once an entrant has teed off, refund of entry is not possible under any circumstances.
- **The amateur entry fee is R2000.00 per person payable to the Senior Tour by EFT. Bank Details: Bank; ABSA, Account No.3310150605, Branch Code 632005. Receipts will be issued. Proof of payments must also be sent to [fd@seniortour.co.za](mailto:fd@seniortour.co.za). This includes golf green fees, halfway house, and a meal after golf on 26th September 2023.**
- 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 if he arrives after the 5 minutes of his tee time.



## 7. Accommodation, Catering, Hospitality

- All accommodation is for the participant's account.
- Prizegiving for the Pro-Am will take place shortly after the final fourball have handed in their score cards on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A meal will be provided, as well as all Half-Way house 'grab and go' during your round of golf.

## 8. Caddies, Motorised Carts

- There will be a limited number of carts and caddies available during the event. It is recommended that each 4-ball take a caddie/spotter. Caddies can be booked at the club at a minimum rate of R300.00. Please tip generously.
- Carts required by professionals and amateurs are for their own account at a cost of R400.00 per round or R200.00 sharing.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> tee. 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.

Pat Lowth will be the Tournament Director (TD) in the event of a disputed rule.

The draws for the first two rounds will be made available on the Senior Tour website and the third round will be a seeded draw for professionals only.

SMS's will also be sent to competitors advising of the tee times.

Tee times for the pro-am section from 10.00am off 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Tees respectively. (60 Pros)

Tee times for the remaining qualified players (24 pros/amateurs) will be from 6,40am-7.10am.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> hole until a winner is established.**

In the event of a tie(s) in the Teams section, prizes will be decided by a count-out.

- Then best last 9 holes where applicable
- Then best last 6 holes, then best last 3 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. (Angus Dickson/Neville Clarke/Pat Lowth/Fiona Burger)

## 12. **Prize giving**

There will be 3 team prizes per day, and closest to pins on all the short holes and longest drive (18<sup>h</sup> Hole) on both pro-am days.

**There is compulsory attendance required at the professional prize giving for the top 5 senior professionals and also those in the prizes in the pro-am.**

In the event of a tie(s) for the team prizes, these will be done by scorecard count outs as decided in point 11.

## 13. **Team's Event**

- The team competition is a Better-ball Stableford format, where the professionals play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps. 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. **The current Golf RSA handicapping format will apply to all amateurs from their chosen coloured tee markers.**
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the competition.
- The senior professional must record his strokeplay score on each hole played, no 'gimmies'.

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