



**2019 SOUTH AFRICAN SENIOR AMATEUR
STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY FORM
DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB
16th – 18th October 2019**

**ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12H00 NOON ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019.
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

1. The South African Senior Stroke Play Championship (“Championship”) will be played from Wednesday 16th to Friday the 18th October 2019 as follows:

36 holes stroke play for all competitors will be played with 18 holes on both Wednesday the 16th and Thursday the 17th October 2019.

The leading 65 players and those tying for 65th place will play a further 18 holes on Friday 18th October. The winner of the Championship shall hold the SA Senior Amateur Stroke Play Trophy (a floating trophy) until the next Championship and he shall receive a gold medal.

The runner up will receive a silver medal and the 2nd runner up a bronze medal.

In the event of a tie for first place, there shall be a hole by hole playoff, over holes as determined by GolfRSA to determine the winner;

2. Entry:

2.1. The entry fee, payable to GolfRSA, is **R500-00** and must be made online at the time of entry.

(The entry fee includes the Official Practice Round on Tuesday 15th October 2019 and practice balls at the range on all Tournament days) The onus is on the entrant to ensure that his entry has been received by the National body, in accordance with the Conditions of Competition outlined herein.

On no account will entry fees be refunded unless an entrant withdraws prior to the closing of entries.

NB – Players are required to retain “PayFast” receipts for the possible need for a refund.

2.2. All entries shall be subject to the approval of GolfRSA who reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving reason. The decision of GolfRSA as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.

2.3. **Entries close at 12h00 (noon) on Monday the 16th September 2019.**

2.4. All entrants must complete the entry process (including payment) which is online. The online entry will be available under the “E” button on the tournaments and Results web page of www.golfrsa.co.za

3 Exemption Categories:

- 3.1.1 All players ranked in the top 50 places on the SA Senior OoM as at 16th September 2019. (Players reflecting as “DNQ” on the National Order of Merit, do not qualify as Ranked)
- 3.1.2 4 Players as nominated by each Provincial Union. (only players entered in terms of the conditions of entry will qualify for such Nominations and remain subject to maximum handicap limit)
- 3.1.3 Foreign players subject to acceptance by GolfRSA. (All foreign players looking to enter must contact Eden Thompson at edenthompson@golfrsa.co.za prior to the closing date)

4 Field Size:

The field size for the Championship shall be limited to **144 players**. Should entries exceed the field size, all exempt players will be placed and the remaining entries will be subject to a **ballot based on the National Senior Order of Merit position and handicaps at the discretion of GolfRSA. (Where handicaps are used, the lowest handicapped players receive preference.)**

5. Criteria for entry:

Entrants must be a member of a golf club affiliated to GolfRSA, or a similar amateur body worldwide recognized by GolfRSA, have an official handicap index of 7.5 or lower, and be 50 years of age or older by the 16th October 2019.

6. Rules of Golf:

The Championship will be held in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd, GolfRSA's Permanent Local Rules ('**Hard Card**') and Additional Local Rules approved by GolfRSA. Copies of the Additional Local Rules are available from GolfRSA at the Championship venue. All entrants are advised to familiarize themselves with these Additional Local Rules.

7. Dress Code:

Players are to note that the wearing of "cargo style" trousers or shorts during the playing of the SA Senior Amateur is not permissible and any players using practice facilities on the day of the official practice round and any Championship round must wear golf course appropriate attire as permitted by GolfRSA.

8. Registration:

Competitors must register with GolfRSA at the host golf course between the hours of 10h00 and 18h00 on Tuesday 15th October 2019 prior to the commencement of the Championship. Registration may also be conducted telephonically on the day of registration. Failure to register within the prescribed time period will result in the player being removed from the draw unless mitigating circumstances can be proven.

9. Practice:

It is the player's responsibility to make his own arrangements with the host club for any practice rounds **including the official practice round**. Practice rounds prior to the official practice round are limited and availability and cost are at the discretion of the host club.

Each player is responsible for making his own practice time booking.

10. Transportation:

Players and their caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. Stipulated round refers to each Championship round and the official practice round. GolfRSA will consider providing permission for the use of "ride on carts" to any player whom provides a relevant and recent (not older than 3 months) medical certificate. The granting of permission for the use of such a cart is subject to the Tournament Directors approval and may be granted on a "round by round" basis. In the event of a player being granted permission to use a cart, no caddie or spectator is permitted to ride on the cart at any time during a round.

11. Competition Rules:

- 11.1 Tee times will be available on the GolfRSA website, www.golfrsa.co.za and at the tournament venue on the day of registration.
- 11.2 **Slow play:** Please take note that slow play will not be tolerated and will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the rules of golf. GolfRSA promotes and advocates the application of “ready golf” where it is reasonable and safe to do so.

Note: It is the player’s responsibility to ascertain his tee-off time beforehand and to report on time.

- 11.3 **Caddies:** “Outside caddies” will be permitted, provided that any player wishing to bring his own caddie for the tournament must get the necessary clearance from the host golf club and comply with any and all registration, security and other conditions in place for caddies. **(Please Note, no person acting as a caddie will be allowed access into the Club House and club facilities)** Durban Country Club and GolfRSA cannot guarantee that all players will be allocated a caddie for the week.
Reimbursement of caddies is by agreement between player and caddie and guided by the host club fees.

12. Anti-Doping Policy: All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation’s Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation’s website (www.internationalgolfederation.org). Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from GolfRSA not later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.

13. Exemption of Liability:

GolfRSA, the Host Club, the KwaZulu Natal Golf Union and their management will not be held responsible for any damages or loss, including;

- Personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:
- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered during the tournament/championship, due to any acts of God, suffered as a direct result thereof, including aspects such as being struck by lightning, etc.
- Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
- Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by a spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player.

The player acknowledges the exemption of liability of the Union and its management as listed above when he signs the acknowledgement. He also acknowledges the contents of the above, he understands it, and exempts GolfRSA, the host Club and Union from any liability as indicated above.