



2019/2020 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School Rules and Conditions of Entry

First Stage:	Tues 20 – Fri 23 November 2018	Maccaulei GC & Eagle Canyon Golf Estate
Final Stage:	Mon 18 – Thurs 21 March 2019	Houghton GC

Entry Deadlines: Non Sunshine Tour members – Wednesday 31st October 2018 @ 5pm
Sunshine Tour members - Monday 4th March 2019 @ 5pm

Entry fees: Non Sunshine Tour members entering online before 5pm on Friday 21 September - R7 350
Non Sunshine Tour members entering online after 5pm on Friday 21 September - R7 600
Sunshine Tour members entering online pay R7350
All players submitting a “hard copy” application form (instead of entering online) – R8 000

1. FORMAT

The Qualifying School will be played over two stages of stroke play as follows:

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE (72 holes stroke play)

The First Stage will be played over two courses, namely Maccaulei GC & Eagle Canyon Golf Estate from the Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd November 2018. All applicants will be placed into the First Stage, **except** for those exempt for the **Final Stage**.

Applicants who enter online can choose which venue they would like to play, by entering into the applicable tournament online. In the event of a venue being oversubscribed, subsequent applicants will be allocated to the venue which has availability. Players entering on a “hard copy” entry form may not select a venue – they will be allocated to a course. The venue allocation in this instance will be at the discretion of the Sunshine Tour

The First Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes. There will be no cut for 1st stage, but players are entitled to withdraw at the conclusion of any round provided that notification is given before close of play on the relevant day. **The Tournament Committee reserves the right to withdraw any player if their playing performance does not meet the standards expected of a Tour Professional. This regulation shall be implemented at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee, having taken into consideration prevailing weather conditions.**

The leading 15 players and those tying on 15th place at each venue will qualify through to Final Stage. More players MAY qualify through to Final Stage, pending the number of entries received, after the closing date for Final Stage. In the event of this happening, all players finishing outside of the Top 15 & ties will be ranked by a count out as follows, and not necessarily all players tying on a score will go through:

(a) the best last 18 holes, (b) the best last 9 holes, (c) the best last 6 holes, (d) the best last 3 holes, (e) the best last 2 holes & (f) the best final hole.

Applicants are advised that Saturday 24th November may be used in the event of a delay in completing the First Stage

FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE (72 holes stroke play)

The following players are exempt from the First Stage and automatically eligible for the Final Stage:

- a) All 2018/2019 Sunshine Tour Regular and Affiliate Members in Categories 1 – 10c
- b) Players in positions 51 – 100 Sunshine Tour career earnings @ Monday 5th November 2018
- c) Players in positions 1 - 30 off the 2018 Big Easy Tour OoM @ Thursday 15th November 2018
- d) Players in positions 11 - 30 off the Final 2018 Big Easy Tour OoM @ Monday 17 December 2018. (If a Big Easy Tour member plays the First Stage, and misses his exemption through to Final Stage, but he subsequently finishes in the Top 30 positions on the Final BET OoM, he will still be exempt for Final Stage through this Category c) or d) should he qualify)
- e) The leading 16 – 30 players & ties from the Vusi Ngubeni Q School
- f) Winners of Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments from 1 Jan 2009
- g) Winner of the last played Sunshine Tour Qualifying School
- h) Winner of the 2017 Sunshine Big Easy Tour rankings

- i) Leading players within the top 200 on the OWGR @ Monday 15 October 2018 to a limit of 5 players
- j) The leading 15 players from the IGT Tour's Final 2018/19 IGT Race to Q-School, who are not otherwise exempt above (If an IGT Tour member plays the First Stage, and misses his exemption through to Final Stage, but he subsequently finishes in the Top 15 positions on the Final 2018/19 IGT Race to Q-School, he will still be exempt for Final Stage through this category)
- k) Leading 5 available amateurs, to a limit of 100th place, off the R & A OWAGR @ Monday 15 October 2018
- l) Leading 3 available amateurs, to a limit of 20th place, off the SAGA Open Amateur Rankings @ Monday 15 October 2018
- m) Leading 3 available players within the Top 50 on the 2018 European Challenge Tour "Road to Oman", the 2018 ISPS HANEDA PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit, and the 2018 ALPS Tour Order of Merit @ Monday 15 October 2018
- n) Leading available player to a limit of 10th place on the 2018 OoM for the following Tours @ Monday 15 October 2018:
The PGA Europro Tour Swing Thought Tour Pro Golf Tour
The Nordic League Pepsi Tour
- o) Applicants that played in the 2017 Walker Cup
- p) Players who are members of major International Tours may apply to the Tournament Committee for an exemption into Final Stage. These will be granted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee

The Final Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes with no cut. On conclusion of 72 holes, all players will be ranked according to score. The leading 30 players & ties will be eligible for membership in Category 9 of the Sunshine Tour for the 2019/2020 season. All players within Category 9 will be subject to the re-rank policy as per the General Regulations Handbook. The leading 60 players & ties, will be eligible for Big Easy Tour membership for 2019

In the event of the winners tying on the same score, there will be a play-off to determine the winner. Details of the play-off will be advertised in the Tournament Office. All remaining tied scores will be ranked by a count out as follows:

(a) the best last 18 holes, (b) the best last 9 holes, (c) the best last 6 holes, (d) the best last 3 holes, (e) the best last 2 holes & (f) the best final hole

Applicants are advised that Friday 22nd March may be used in the event of bad weather interrupting the playing schedule. Every effort will be made to complete five rounds, but a result will be declared if only four rounds have been completed by all players.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- a) All male professional players over the age of 18 years (at the commencement of the Q School)
- b) All male amateur golfers, over the age of 18 years (at the commencement of the Q School), with a handicap index of 0 or better

Note to Amateurs: *It is not in itself a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status for an amateur golfer under the jurisdiction of the R & A Rules Ltd. to file an entry for and play in the Sunshine Tour's Qualifying School, provided that the player waives his right to prize money by completing the appropriate forms attached to this entry form. An amateur golfer who fails to waive his right to prize money is in breach of the Rules, but if he is unsuccessful at the Qualifying School, he may apply for re-instatement as an amateur.*

In order for a player's entry to be accepted, the following rules will apply:

- All professionals, other than Sunshine Tour members from 2014 to 2018 and Members or Registered Apprentices of the PGA of SA, are required to submit results from RECENT COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCES within the last 12 months with their entry.
- Entries from Members or Registered Apprentices of the PGA of SA need to be approved by Ivano Ficalbi at the PGA of SA
- Entries will only be accepted from amateurs who have a 0 handicap index or better
- Any players not meeting the above requirements, who are unable to provide recent competitive results, may apply to the Q School Committee, in writing, requesting that their entry be accepted. Such entries may be accepted or rejected, without recourse, at the discretion of the Q School Committee

3. ENTRY FEES, PAYMENT PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

All entry forms must be accompanied by the entry fee payable by direct EFT deposit or by credit card in South African currency. **No entry will be accepted without an accompanying entry fee payment.**

Southern Africa PGA Tour Bank Details are:

Nedbank
Business Winelands
Address: 20 Bergsig Ave, Paarl, 7646
Account No: 149 811 6655
Branch #:198 765
Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

Please use the letters QS, followed by your initial and surname as a reference when making payment

Please send the deposit slip together with the entry form to the Sunshine Tour at fax number +27 (0) 21 852 8271 or e-mail entries@sunshinetour.com. Any entry form without such **proof of payment** will be rejected. You are advised to retain your fax transmission printout or sent e-mail as proof of communication with The Sunshine Tour.

4. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Sunshine Tour members close on Monday 4th March 2019 @ 5pm
Entries for all other applicants close on Wednesday 31st October 2018 @ 5pm
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

5. REGISTRATION

First Stage: All players must register by no later than 10am on Monday 19th November 2018

Final Stage: All players must register by no later than 10am on Sunday 17th March 2019

Registration can be done in person, or by a person designated by the player to act on his behalf, at the tournament office or by telephone or email to the tournament office. Failure to register timeously will result in a player being withdrawn from the event and removed from the draw. His entry fee will be refunded as per paragraph 7.2 below

6. ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION TO ENTER

THE ONUS LIES WITH THE PLAYER TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY FORM AND FEE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SUNSHINE TOUR ON TIME

7. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

All withdrawals must be submitted in **writing** to the Sunshine Tour, and clearly marked for the Membership Department.

7.1 Any player withdrawing **prior** to the relevant closing date for entries will be refunded his entry fee in full.

7.2 Any player, other than those in 7.3 below withdrawing **after** the relevant closing date for entries without competing will be refunded his entry fee less a R500 admin fee

7.3 Any player withdrawing **after** the relevant closing date for entries, due to becoming exempt from First or Final Stage will be refunded his entry fee in full.

7.4 If a player misses his official tee time for the first round of Q School he will be disqualified and he will forfeit his entry fee.

7.5 Once a player has teed off, he will not be refunded his entry fee.

8. FORM AND MAKE OF CLUBS

All players obtaining a card at the Q School will be required to have their clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf as from the first Sunshine Tour or Big Easy Tour tournament they participate in in 2018

9. PRACTICE TIMES

First Stage: Official Practice round is on Monday 19th November 2018

Final Stage: Official Practice round is on Sunday 17th March 2019

These Practice rounds will be a "pitch and play" format. Any player wishing to play a practice round prior to this must arrange a tee time directly with the golf club. Players practicing at the venue other than during the official practice day are obliged to pay the relevant green fee if enforced by the club. Club regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

10. NEW MEMBER SEMINAR

First time Sunshine Tour members (this includes previous members of the Big Easy Tour) are required to attend the Sunshine Tour New Member Seminar, at Houghton GC, on Friday 22 March 2018. The Seminar will commence at 8am and will conclude at around 12pm. A light lunch will be served. Failure to attend may result in the loss of eligibility or other membership benefits, and could result in a disciplinary fine. Plan your schedule to allow for departure after lunch on Friday 22 March 2018.

11. RULES OF GOLF

Play shall be governed in accordance with the latest Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf as published by the R&A Rules Ltd, The Members General Regulations, Permanent Local Rules and any other local rules the Tournament Director deems necessary, will apply for the duration of the tournament. Any questions and/or disputes arising from this tournament shall be settled by the Tournament Director whose decision will be final. A sound knowledge of the Rules of Golf will be an advantage at Q-School.

12. CADDIES

It is NOT compulsory for players to use caddies. A participant in the Qualifying School may carry his own bag. The use of golf carts or trollies of any kind is prohibited. 2018/2019 Sunshine Tour and 2018 Big Easy Tour members may **NOT** act as caddies.

13. REGULATIONS AND GENERAL POLICY

By submitting a completed Qualifying School application, each applicant:

- a) acknowledges the sole authority of the Tournament Committee of Sunshine Tour to establish the Qualifying School Rules and Conditions of Entry as published in this application form, and any subsequent rules and regulations of which the applicant is notified prior to any stage of the qualifying school, and agrees to abide by these and any amendments made from time to time by them or persons acting with their authority. This may include but not be limited to changes to the format conditions and schedules referred to above
- b) accepts and abides by the decisions of the Tournament Committee, Board of Directors, Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer, Tournament Director or such other authorized persons of the Sunshine Tour
- c) agrees to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Behavior of the Sunshine Tour as specified in the current Sunshine Tour Members General Regulations Handbook. Copies are available from the Sunshine Tour offices or from the Tournament Office at any qualifying school venue
- d) agrees to attend a mandatory Sunshine Tour "New Members" Seminar if required, following the completion of the Qualifying School Final

The Sunshine Tour reserves the right to reject entries without recourse. Conduct unbecoming of a professional or non-competitive performance during a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of an application to enter. The Sunshine Tour also reserves the right to remove a player from a Qualifying School Stage at any time due to conduct or non-competitive performance. An entrant who is removed from a Qualifying School Stage for any of these reasons, after he has commenced play, will not be entitled to any type of refund of his entry fee

The Sunshine Tour will not accept entries from anyone under the age of 18 years, at the commencement date of the Qualifying School.

If, after the closing date for entries, the number of players contesting the Qualifying School is, in the opinion of the Sunshine Tour, such that it does not warrant the playing of the Qualifying School, the Sunshine Tour reserves the right to cancel the tournament without recourse and all entry fees will be refunded.

14. ENQUIRIES

Please direct enquiries regarding the 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School to:

Postnet Suite 185, Private Bag X15, Somerset West, 7129

E-mail Address: info@sunshinetour.com

Telephone: + 27 21 850 - 6500

Physical Address: Sunshine Tour House, Momentum Golf Village, De Beers Avenue, Somerset West, Western Cape

16. CONTACT DETAILS OF HOST VENUES

Maccaulei Golf Club

Old Sasolburg Road
Viljoensdrift, Vereeniging, 1930
Tel: 016 421 3196

Eagle Canyon Golf Estate

3 Blueberry Street
Honeydew, Roodepoort, 2040
Tel: 011 801 6611

Houghton Golf Club

Osborn Road
Lower Houghton, Jhb, 2018
Tel: 011 483 3072

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Application form

Please send entry form together with the proof of payment to entries@sunshinetour.com

Full Name: _____ Nationality: _____

How would you like your name to appear in the draw? _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ Post Code: _____ Country: _____

Mobile number: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Club Attachment: _____

INFORMATION:

(a) Are you entering as a professional or an amateur: _____

(b) Are you currently a Member or Registered Apprentice of the PGA of SA? _____

(c) State your handicap index and "SA Player ID" on Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) _____

(d) Name of PGA, Tour or Golf Union where results can be accessed _____

(e) I have read and understood Paragraph 1 pertaining to playing performance _____ (Signature)

Applications to enter the 2019/2020 Qualifying School from players who DO NOT meet (b), (c), (d) or (e) above need to be accompanied by results from COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCES within the past 12 months

To be completed by the SA PGA on behalf of SA PGA Members or Registered Apprentices:

I, Ivano Ficalbi, confirm that (player's name) _____ is a full member / registered apprentice of the PGA of SA and that his golf is of a high enough standard to be entered for the Qualifying School

EXEMPTIONS:

I claim exemption from the First Stage under exemption category: _____

PAYMENT (players entering online get a discounted rate):

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ CVV numbers on the back of the card: _____ Signature: _____

I, the undersigned, acknowledge the sole authority of the Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, Tournament Director, the Board of Directors, Players Committee of the Sunshine Tour and any person authorized to act on their behalf to apply, amend and interpret the Sunshine Tour Qualifying School Rules and Conditions as published in this entry form. Furthermore, I agree to abide by these Rules and any decisions taken by the Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, Tournament Director, the Board of Directors, Players Committee and any person authorized by them in terms thereof.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information furnished by me in this application is true and complete and understand that any false statement herein furnished by myself may result in my expulsion from the Sunshine Tour Qualifying School or the suspension or termination of my playing privileges in tournaments sanctioned by the Sunshine Tour.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Television, Radio, Motion Picture, Photographic, And Similar Rights/Declarations

***Note:** This form **MUST** be returned with your completed entry form and entry fee. Failure to return this form may render your entry invalid.*

Applicant's Name: _____
First Surname

I hereby acknowledge that all television, radio, print, motion picture, electronic media rights, statistical data and all similar rights in all events forming part of the Sunshine Tour or any other event run in conjunction with, or under the auspices of the Sunshine Tour, are assigned to the Sunshine Tour and I hereby agree to assign any such rights to the Sunshine Tour to the extent that any such rights may vest in me personally. I agree to refrain from any action, which will interfere with the Sunshine Tour's ownership rights hereunder. I acknowledge that the Sunshine Tour is hereby authorized to broadcast, display, publish or otherwise exhibit all or any proceedings at any tournament including any happenings or events relating thereto.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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Prize Money Waiver Form

*Note: This form must be signed should the applicant **wish to retain his Amateur Status** in accordance with Note to Rule 2-3 of the R&A Rules of Amateur Status.*

Applicant's Name: _____
First Surname

I wish to retain my Amateur Status and herewith waive my right to win prize money at the 2019/2020 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____