

INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

1. The South African Open Championship (hereafter referred to as “**The SA Open**”) will be played on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 21 to 24 November 2013. 18 Holes will be played each day, but, after the first 36 holes, there will be a cut made to the 65th placed professional and all players tying on that score.
2. ENTRY FEE: R250*
ENTRIES CLOSE: Thursday 31 October 2013
* The entry fee for European Tour members is determined by their Tour's Members' General Regulations Handbook.
3. PRIZE MONEY: The prize money pool will be in Rands and shall be determined by the Rand/Euro exchange rate as at Monday 11 November 2013. The exact breakdown of the prize money will be published in the SA Open office prior to the commencement of the SA Open. All prize money is subject to a 5% Sunshine Tour Levy.
4. Provided they complete 72 holes, a Silver Medal will be presented to the leading Amateur, who will also hold the Freddie Tait Cup for the same period as the winner (mentioned in paragraph 3 above), and the Amateur who comes second will receive a Bronze Medal.
5. In the event of a tie for the first place in the SA Open, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death play-off. The holes making up the play-off will be decided by the SA Open Committee and posted at the SA Open office prior to the commencement of the final round. In the event of a tie for the Freddie Tait Cup, the best score over the last 36 holes will count; failing that, over the last 18 holes; failing that, over the last 9 holes, and failing that, in such manner as the South African Golf Association (hereafter referred to as “**S.A.G.A**”) may determine.
6. The SA Open is open to Professionals and restricted to Amateurs who are Life, Full or Junior Members of golf clubs affiliated to a Union recognised by the S.A.G.A. and who at the time of submission of entry shall have a handicap of SCRATCH or better assessed under the S.A.G.A. Course Rating and Handicapping System or other system acceptable to the S.A.G.A. The Freddie Tait Cup event is open to all Amateurs competing in the SA Open and no additional entry form or fee is required.

Professional golfers who are not members of a Tour forming part of the International Federation of PGA Tours are required to include results for the past 6 months with their application form.

7. The field size for the SA Open will be 156 competitors. In the event of the number of entries exceeding the stipulated field size, an 18 hole qualifying round will be held to determine which of the non-exempt entrants are to make up the full field. The qualifying round(s) will be played over the course(s) of Wingate Park Country Club, Kempton Park Golf Club and Irene Country Club on Tuesday 19 November 2013. The official practice round for the qualifying round(s) will be Monday 18 November 2013. Any other practice rounds are to be arranged with the respective clubs on terms agreed between the entrant and the club.

8. Exemptions from qualifying will be granted to the following:
 - 8.1 Any past Open Champion winner under the age of 60 at the commencement date of the Open Championship
 - 8.2 60 players determined by the Sunshine Tour as per the 2013 Exemption Category Ranking List, with the exception of Tournament Invitations and pre qualifying spots;
 - 8.3 60 players determined by the European Tour as per the 2014 Exemption Category Ranking List.
 - 8.4 Any player ranked within the top 50 players of the Official World Golf Rankings as at Monday 28 October 2013.
 - 8.5 Maximum of five amateurs as nominated by the South African Golf Association
 - 8.6 Maximum of five invitations granted in terms of the 2013 Sunshine Tour Members General Regulations to black players.
 - 8.7 Maximum of five invitations granted by the SA Open Committee.

NOTES:

1. These exemptions will apply up to the commencement of the qualifying round, thereafter the balance of the field to be made up of eligible players who are not otherwise exempt and who have successfully qualified as stated in paragraph 7 above. Any withdrawal from the full field, subsequent to the commencement of the Qualifying Round, will be replaced by successful qualifiers.
2. After close of entries, any withdrawals from 8.1 or 8.4 above will result in the additional places being allocated to the Qualifying round.
9. Entry Procedures:
 - 9.1 All members of the Sunshine Tour are to enter with the Sunshine Tour's Membership Department in accordance with the 2013 Members' General Regulations Handbook;
 - 9.2 All members of the European Tour are to enter with the European Tour Entries Department in accordance with the European Tour Members' Handbook;
 - 9.3 All other eligible players, in terms of paragraph 6 above, are to enter with the Sunshine Tour's Membership Department, as outlined herein.

All eligible players entering in terms of 9.3 above must adhere to the following:

- 9.3.1 Complete the entry form in full and return to the Sunshine Tour by post or fax to +27 21 852 8271, or e-mail to entries@sunshinetour.com. Any entry submitted by such a player will not be considered until payment is received in full, by the Sunshine Tour.
- 9.3.2 Ensure cheques etc., are made payable to the Southern Africa PGA Tour. Bank details are: Southern Africa Tour, Nedbank, Winelands, Account nr. 1498116655, Branch code 198 765. Should an entrant require an acknowledgement of his entry, a stamped self-addressed envelope must be enclosed. No telephonic, telegraphic or priority mail entries will be accepted, and on no account will entry fees be refunded unless an entry is withdrawn prior to the closing date of Entries.

THE ONUS IS ON THE PLAYER TO CONFIRM THAT HIS ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON TIME.

10. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the, Sunshine Tour and/or European Tour and/or S.A.G.A. who reserve the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason for such refusal. The decision of either the Sunshine Tour and/or European Tour and/or S.A.G.A as to acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.
11. The SA Open will be held in accordance with the rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited, agreed Conditions of Competition and Local Rules of the Sunshine Tour and European Tour and the Additional Local Rules of the venue approved by the Open Championship Committee. All entrants are advised to familiarise themselves with these. Copies are available from the S.A.G.A., Sunshine Tour or European Tour and at the SA Open and Qualifying Round venues.
12. All competitors clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.
13. The wearing of shorts or jeans by competitors competing in the SA Open or one of its qualifying round(s), during the week of the championship, is not permitted.
14. The SA Open Committee reserve the right to change the venue to another course for the event either in part or entirely, in case of exceptional circumstances, and also reserves the right to alter the advertised times of starting.
15. For the SA Open, the onus is on the competitor to ensure that he has a caddie - this is not the responsibility of the host club. A competitor may not carry his own bag or use a golf trolley while playing in an official practice round, or any tournament round, with the exception of competitors participating in the official qualifying round(s) and its official practice round(s). Players entered into the qualifying round(s) may carry their own bags, but may not use a golf trolley.

No active member of the Sunshine Tour, Big Easy Tour or the PGA of SA may act as a caddie. (Any Sunshine Tour, Big Easy Tour or the PGA of SA member who has participated on one or more tournaments sanctioned by that body is considered to be an active member). No Full Member of the European Tour may act as a caddie, and no entrant to the SA Open is permitted to act as a caddie (this includes entrants to the qualifying rounds).

During the SA Open no competitor or caddie may wear or display any advertising which may embarrass the sponsors.

Breach of either of these conditions by a member of the European Tour or Sunshine Tour are subject to a penalty in terms of their respective Tour's Regulations or Members' Handbook. All other competitors in breach of these conditions are subject to a fine not exceeding R1,000.

16. Sunshine Tour members and successful qualifiers must register at the SA Open Office by 14:00 on Wednesday 20 November 2013. Players entered into the qualifying rounds are also required to register at their relevant qualifying round tournament office by 14:00 on Monday 18 November 2013. Failure to register timeously for the qualifying rounds or the Championship will result in that player being withdrawn from the event and removed from the relevant draw.

17. For the purpose of practice by competitors at the SA Open venue, the first tee only will be open on Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 November 2013. There will be a pro-am all day on Tuesday 19 November – the availability of practice times on this date will be advertised once entries have closed.
18. Should competitors, other than Sunshine Tour or European Tour members, wish to withdraw, they are required to do so by 17h00 on Thursday 31st October 2013. Any withdrawals received after this time will result in the competitor forfeiting his entry fee. Sunshine Tour and European Tour members wishing to withdraw are required to do so in terms of their respective Tour's Regulations.

The Club contact details are as follows:

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