



# 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School

## Rules and Conditions of Entry

**First Stage:**..... 7 – 10 March 2017.....**State Mines CC & Killarney CC**  
**Final Stage:**..... 13 – 17 March 2017.....**Randpark GC**

**Entry fee:** R6 750

**Entries Close:** See paragraph 4 – “Closing date for entries”

### 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 State Mines Country Club & Killarney Country Club from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Players will be allocated to a course at the close of entries – they are not permitted to select a preferred venue. All applicants will be placed into the First Stage, **except** for those exempt for the **Final Stage**. The number of players qualifying for the **Final Stage** will be announced after the first round of the First Stage. Players who are tied on the final qualifying place score will proceed to Final Stage

Applicants are advised that Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March may be used in the event of a delay in completing the First Stage

#### **FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE** (90 holes stroke play)

The Final Stage will be played at Randpark GC from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The following players are exempt from the First Stage and automatically eligible for the Final Stage:

- a. Players ranked in positions 101 – 150, who have played at least 10 events, off Final 2016/2017 Sunshine Tour OoM
- b. Players in positions 51 – 100 Sunshine Tour career earnings @ Monday 6 March 2017
- c. Players in positions 5 - 30 off the Final 2016 Big Easy Tour OoM
- d. Winners of Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments from 1 Jan 2007
- e. Winner of the last played Sunshine Tour Qualifying School
- f. Winner of the 2015 Sunshine Big Easy Tour rankings
- g. Leading players within the top 200 on the OWGR @ Monday 6 February 2017 to a limit of 5 players
- h. 10 players from the International Qualifier held under the auspices of the Alps Tour
- i. Players in positions 6 – 15 from the Final 2016 MENA Tour OoM
- j. 15 players from the Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School
- k. The leading 5 players from the 2016/2017 IGT Tour OoM
- l. Leading 5 available amateurs, to a limit of 100th place, off the R & A OWAGR @ Monday 6 February 2017
- m. Leading 3 available amateurs, to a limit of 20th place, off the SAGA Open Amateur Rankings @ Monday 6 February 2017
- n. Leading 3 available players within the Top 50 on the Final 2016 European Challenge Tour “Road to Oman” and the ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit
- o. Leading available player to a limit of 10th place on the latest Final Order of Merit for the following Satellite Tours:

The PGA Europro Tour	eGolf Professional Tour
The Nordic League	Gateway Tour
Pro Golf Tour	NGA Pro Golf Tour
ALPS Tour	
- p. Applicants that played in the 2015 Walker Cup
- q. 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 90 holes. After 72 holes there will be a cut to the leading 60 players & ties. On conclusion of 90 holes, all players making the cut 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 2017/2018 season. All players within Category 9 will be subject to the re-rank policy as per the 2017/2018 General Regulations Handbook.

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 Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 of **scratch (0)** or better under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognized authority controlling golf in the country where they reside

**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.*

**Note 2:** *Any South African amateur golfer obtaining a card at the Q School will be required to have their Sunshine Tour application for Membership endorsed by Golf RSA*

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

- All professionals, other than Sunshine Tour members from 2012 to 2016 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 scratch handicap 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**

The entrance fee for the 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School is R6 750. This covers all stages of the Qualifying School in which the applicant is eligible to enter. **All entry forms must be accompanied by the entry fee** payable by cash, 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](mailto: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**

**First Stage** - **Entries for 2016/2017 Sunshine Tour members** close on Monday 27 February 2017 (Noon)  
- **Entries for all other applicants** close on Tuesday 7 February 2017 @ 5pm

**Final Stage** - **Exemption categories a and b** - Entries close on Monday 6 March 2017 (Noon)  
- **Exemption categories c - q** - Entries close on Tuesday 7 February 2017 @ 5pm

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

5. **REGISTRATION**

**First Stage** - All players must register by no later than 10am on Monday 6 March 2017

**Final Stage** - All players must register by no later than 10am on Sunday 12 March 2017

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 R6 250

7.3 Any 2016 Sunshine Tour member withdrawing **after** the relevant closing date for entries, due to finishing in the Top 100 positions on the Final 2016/2017 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit, 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 2017

9. **PRACTICE TIMES**

**First Stage** - Official Practice round is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Final Stage** - Official Practice round is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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.

**Note:** Club regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

10. **PRIZE MONEY**

A Prize money purse of R100 000 will be paid out to all professionals finishing within the top 30 positions and ties on conclusion of the 2017/2018 Qualifying School. All prize money payments will be subject to a 5% levy

11. **COMPETITOR SEMINAR**

All new members gaining a card **must** attend the official seminar directly after the conclusion of the Final round of Q School. The Tournament Director may in his sole discretion, withdraw the granting of playing privileges of a player on the basis of his non-attendance at this seminar

12. **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.

13. **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. Entrants into the 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School or 2016/2017 Sunshine Tour and 2016 Big Easy Tour members may **NOT** act as caddies.

14. **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.**

15. **ENQUIRIES**

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

**Postal Address:** Postnet Suite 185, Private Bag X15, Somerset West, 7129  
**E-mail Address:** info@sunshinetour.com  
**Telephone :** + 27 21 850 - 6500  
**Facsimile :** 0865518953  
**Toll Free Line:** 0800 600 673 from 09h00 to 12h00 on working days only (Toll free from within South Africa only)  
**Physical Address:** Sunshine Tour House, Momentum Golf Village, De Beers Avenue, Somerset West, Western Cape

# 2017/2018 SUNSHINE TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                                      Middle                                      Surname

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? \_\_\_\_\_

(d) State your handicap and "SA Player ID" on Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Name of PGA, Tour or Golf Union where results can be accessed \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications to enter the 2017/2018 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) \_\_\_\_\_ full member / registered apprentice of the PGA of SA and that his golf is of a high enough standard to be entered for the Sunshine Tour's Qualifying School

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Exemptions:

I claim exemption from the First Stage under exemption category: \_\_\_\_\_

### If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV numbers on the back of the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (as it appears on the credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017/2018 SUNSHINE TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

### 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.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle 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** \_\_\_\_\_

