



2017 VUSI NGUBENI QUALIFYING SCHOOL

Rules and Conditions of Entry

24 – 27 January 2017

Modderfontein Golf Club

Entry fee: R400

Entries Close:

Non Sunshine Tour Members: Thursday 5th January 2017 (5pm)

2016/2017 Sunshine Tour members: Thursday 12th January 2017 (5pm)

In the event of the number of entries exceeding 156, a second course will be used and players will be advised accordingly

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

The Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School (hereafter referred to as the “Q School”) is open to historically disadvantaged South African born players*, who are male and over the age of 18 at the commencement of the Q School.

** Historically disadvantaged players are defined as Blacks, Coloureds, Indians, and Chinese who arrived before 1994*

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 the Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School, provided that the player waives his right to prize money by completing the appropriate forms attached to this entry form. Forms are also available at the tournament office. 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 Q School, he may apply for re-instatement as an amateur*

2. FORMAT

The Q School will be played over 72 holes of stroke play with a cut after 36 holes. The number of players making the cut will be advertised before the commencement of the first round. In the event of play being declared null and void for any round of the Q School, any additional play will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

On conclusion of 72 holes, all players making the cut will be ranked according to score. The leading 15 players & ties will be eligible for membership in Category 9 on 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. Players finishing in positions 16 - 30 (& ties) will be granted entry into the Final Stage of the Sunshine Tour’s Qualifying School, and players finishing in positions 31 – 50 (& ties) will be granted entry into the First Stage of the Sunshine Tour’s Qualifying School

The leading 30 players and ties will also be eligible for membership to the 2017 Big Easy Tour

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

3. ENTRY FEES, PAYMENT PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

The entry fee for the Q School is R400. **All entry forms must be accompanied by an entry fee**, payable by cash, cheques, direct deposits or credit cards. **No entry will be accepted without an accompanying entry fee payment.**

Southern Africa Tour Bank Details are as follows:

Nedbank

Business Winelands

Account No: 149 811 6655

Branch #: 198765

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



Please send the deposit slip along with the entry form to the Sunshine Tour at fax number **021 852 8271** or email 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

Non Sunshine Tour Members - Entries close on Thursday 5th January 2017 @ 5pm

2016/2017 Sunshine Tour Members - Entries close on Thursday 12th January 2017 @ 5pm

The Tournament Director shall be entitled to accept or reject a late entry on merit.

5. REGISTRATION

All players must register by no later than **14h00 on Monday 23 January 2017**. Any player failing to register timeously will forfeit his entry fee

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 to the tournament office, or the head office on (021) 850 6500. 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 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 closing date for entries without competing will be refunded R200.

7.2 Any 2016/2017 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 the 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

The official practice day will be Monday 23 January 2017. Players can book practice times by calling Modderfontein GC. Any player wishing to play a practice round prior to this must arrange times with the golf club. Players are reminded that they are obliged to pay green fees, should such a request be put to a player for any practice round other than the official practice day.

Note: *The rules and regulations of Modderfontein Golf Club must be strictly adhered to at all times.*

10. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of R20 000 will be paid out to all professionals finishing within the top 10 positions and ties, on conclusion of the Q School. All prize money payments will be subject to a 5% levy.

11. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

All players in the Q School undertake to:

a. Comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette;

b. Conduct himself in a manner that will not injure or discredit the reputation of the Sunshine Tour;

c. Be neat in appearance and personal grooming at all times;

d. All players are required to wear long pants and golf shirt with a collar while at the tournament venue for the duration of the Q School. The wearing of jeans is prohibited.

e. Failure by a player to pay his caddie and/or settle any disputes with his caddie by the conclusion of the Q School will be deemed to have breached the Code of Behaviour.



If a player is suspected of being in breach of this Code of Behaviour he will be subject to the same Disciplinary Procedures as a member of the Sunshine Tour. This is outlined in the General Regulations

13. 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, and the General Regulations, Permanent Local Rules and any other local rules the Tournament Director deems necessary, will apply for the duration of the tournament. Questions and disputes arising from this tournament shall be settled by the Tournament Director, whose decision is final. Sound knowledge of the Rules of Golf will be an advantage.

Copy of the Pace of Play condition is listed in the Sunshine Tour's Conditions of Competition and Local Rules. Players are asked to familiarize themselves with this condition prior to the commencement of the Q School.

14. APPEARANCE OF PLAYERS

Players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming at all times. Shorts or jeans, of any colour, shall **not** be worn during practice or tournament rounds or in the clubhouse and its surrounding areas.

15. CADDIES

It is NOT compulsory for players to use caddies. A participant in the Q School may carry his own bag. The use of golf carts or trollies of any kind is prohibited. Entrants into the 2017/2018 Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School, 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour members or 2017 Big Easy Tour members may **NOT** act as caddies.

16. REGULATIONS AND GENERAL POLICY

By submitting a completed Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School application, each applicant:

- a) acknowledges the sole authority of the Tournament Committee of Sunshine Tour to establish the Q 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 the Q 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 the Q School venue

The Sunshine Tour reserves the right to reject entries without recourse. Conduct unbecoming of a professional or non-competitive performance during a previous Vusi Ngubeni 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 Q School round at any time due to conduct or non-competitive performance. An entrant who is removed from a Q School round 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 Q School.

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

17. ENQUIRIES

Please direct enquiries to:

Postal Address: Postnet Suite 185, Private Bag X15, Somerset West, 7129

E-mail Address: info@sunshinetour.com

Telephone : + 27 21 850 - 6500

Facsimile : 086 551 8953

Toll Free Line: 0800 600 673 from 09h00 to 12h00 on working days only (Toll free from South Africa only)

Physical Address: Momentum Golf Village, De Beers Ave, Somerset West, Western Cape.



2017/2018 VUSI NGUBENI QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

Please send entry form along with the deposit slip to entries@sunshinetour.com or fax # 021 852 8271

Name: _____
First Middle Surname

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

Postal Address: _____
_____ **Post Code** _____

Home Tel: (____) _____ **Mobile:** (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Nationality:** _____

Club Attachment: _____

Information:

(a) Are you a South African born citizen (Yes or No?) _____

(b) Please state your ethnic group (eg Black, Coloured, Indian or Chinese) _____

(c) If Chinese, please state when you arrived in South Africa _____

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

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Last three 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 Vusi Ngubeni 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 Ngubeni 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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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 _____



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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.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Surname

I wish to retain Amateur Status and hereby waive my right to win prize money at the 2017/2018 Vusi Ngubeni Q School.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____