



ENTRY FORM



SA OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP

To be played at

Blair Atholl Golf & Equestrian Estate

From

30th November 2023 – 3rd December 2023

Entry fees:

Players submitting a "hard copy" application form (instead of online) – R650

Players entering online – R500

* The entry fee for European Tour Members is determined by their Tour's Members' General Regulations Handbook

CLOSE OF ENTRIES:

14h00 (SA TIME) ON Thursday 16th November 2023



South African Open Championship

To enter, please complete the form below and return, with the proof of payment of the entrance fee to membership@sunshinetour.com

Surname: _____ First Name (Known As Name): _____

Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Home Tel: (____) _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

If exempt from qualifying, please quote authority here: _____

I have read the information and conditions and agree to abide thereby:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Players submitting a "hard copy" application form (instead of online) pay R650

Credit Card Number: _____

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

To be completed by Amateurs:

- (a) I declare that I have read the Rules of Amateur Status and conform to them in every respect.
- (b) I am member of the _____ Club.
- (c) My handicap index is _____ (Handicap index of 0.0 or better is required)
- (d) My "SA Player ID" on Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) is _____
(To be completed by amateurs who are members of golf clubs registered with the HNA).

Amateurs who are members of golf clubs NOT registered with the HNA, must please provide copies of their most recent handicap certificates from their club

To be completed by Professionals:

- (a) Name of Club (if any): _____
- (b) Name of Tour of which a member: _____
- (c) Name of PGA of which a member or apprentice member: _____
(Please include Proof of Membership)

Results for the past 6 months are to be included for non-members of a PGA, or non-members of a Tour forming part of the International Federation of PGA Tours

ENTRANTS TO RETAIN THIS PORTION

South African Open Championship

1. The South African Open Championship (hereafter referred to as “**The SA Open**”) will be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf, 2023 Edition, 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 SA Open Championship Committee. All entrants are advised to familiarize themselves with these. Copies are available from GolfRSA, the Sunshine Tour or European Tour and at the SA Open and Qualifying Round venues
2. 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 recognized by GolfRSA and who at the time of submission of entry shall have a handicap index of 0.0 or better assessed under the GolfRSA Course Rating and Handicapping System or other system acceptable to GolfRSA. Professional golfers who are not members or apprentice members of a PGA, or 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.
3. After the first 36 holes, there will be a cut made to the 65th placed professional and all players tying on that score. If a competitor who has posted a two round total score that will qualify for the third round, withdraws before or after the 3rd round draw is made, the competitor's score will still be used to determine the cut mark. If the cut to 65 and ties after 2 rounds qualifies more than 78 players for the final 2 rounds, then the Tournament Directors may, in their absolute discretion, introduce a further cut after 3 rounds to the leading 72 professionals and ties. The prize money breakdown will be unchanged. i.e. All professionals making the original cut to 65 and ties but missing the 3rd round cut will be paid in accordance with their position after 3 rounds. This will not be implemented if circumstance dictates that there is no re-draw between rounds 3 and 4.
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, 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 GolfRSA may determine.
6. 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 ERPM GC, Modderfontein GC and Irene CC on Tuesday 28th November 2023. The official practice round for the qualifying rounds will be on Monday 27th November 2023. Any other practice rounds are to be arranged with the respective clubs on terms agreed between the entrant and the club.
7. Exemptions from qualifying will be granted to the following:
 - (a) The leading 63 available players from the 2024 DP World Tour Exemption Category List, excluding Categories 6 and 8. Note: ¹The top 5 DP World Tour Members' Regulation applies from the Joburg Open into this tournament.
 - (b) The leading 63 available players from the 2023/2024 Sunshine Tour Exemption Category Ranking list, with the exception of invitations and pre-qualifying spots.
 - (c) 5 amateur invitations determined by Golf RSA.
 - (d) A maximum of 7 invitations by the Sunshine Tour to Transformation Players, under the terms of the Sunshine Tour Members General Regulations.
 - (e) A maximum of 6 tournament invitations determined by the Sunshine Tour, DP World Tour, and the sponsor, one of which will be for the African Amateur Winner.
 - (f) The balance of the field will be made up of Players who are not otherwise exempt and who have successfully qualified from the qualifying rounds.

ELIGIBILITY NOTES

- (i) The following policy will be adopted at close of entries for players who are members of and exempt through both the Sunshine Tour and the DP World Tour: The highest ranked dual member on the 2024 DP World Tour Exemption Category list will be allocated to (b) above, the second highest ranked dual member will be allocated to (a) above. This alternate allocation will be repeated until all such exempt dual members are allocated to one Tour or the other.

- (ii) ¹With regards to the operation of the DP World Tour top 5 policy, the highest ranked dual member on the 2024 DP World Tour Exemption Category list **who finishes in the top 5 and ties** in the Joburg Open will be allocated to (b) above, the second highest ranked dual member will be allocated to (a) above. This alternate allocation will be repeated until all such dual members are allocated to one Tour or the other.
- (iii) Should the DP World Tour not fill their allocation of spots prior to the conclusion of the qualifying round, then the unused spots will be allocated alternately to (b) and (e) above with the first spot going to (b) above. **Note:** With regards to any spots allocated to (e) under this clause, these will be at the sole determination of the DP World Tour.
- (iv) Should the DP World Tour not fill their allocation of spots after the conclusion of the qualifying round, then the unused spots will be allocated alternately to (e) and (f) above with the first spot going to (f) above. Note: With regards to any spots added to (e) under this clause, these will be at the sole determination of the DP World Tour. Invite deadline ST is Monday 14:00hrs, deadline DPWT is 12 noon two days prior to the first round.
- (v) Should a successful qualifier withdraw post the conclusion of the qualifying round, that spot will be allocated to (f).
- (vi) If any of the spots in (e) above are unused, then the remaining spots will be added to each Tour's allocation in (a) or (b) above by mutual agreement between the Sunshine Tour and DP World Tour.
- (vii) When a player who is a member of both Tours becomes exempt, he will remain allocated to the Tour under which he first became Exempt, even if he subsequently becomes Exempt through his "home" Tour.
- (viii) Any past SA Open winner under the age of 55 who is not a member of either the Sunshine Tour or the DP World Tour will qualify under the Tour which he was a member of when he won the tournament. If he was a member of both Tours when he won, he will be allocated to (a), unless he is a Southern African player, in which case, he will be allocated to (b).
- (ix) All DP World Tour members who wish to be entered into the qualifying round will be required to do so prior to the close of entries. Entries can be done online (SA Open Entry Form).

8. Entry Procedures:

- 8.1 All members of the Sunshine Tour are to enter with the Sunshine Tour's Membership Department in accordance with the Members' General Regulations Handbook;
- 8.2 All members of the DPWT are to enter with the DPWT Entries Department in accordance with the DPWT Members' Handbook;
- 8.3 All other eligible players, in terms of paragraph 2 above, are to enter with the Sunshine Tour's Membership Department, as outlined herein.

All eligible players entering in terms of 8.3 above must adhere to the following:

- 8.3.1 Submit an online entry at www.sunshinetour.com; or
- 8.3.2 Complete the entry form in full and return to the Sunshine Tour by e-mail to membership@sunshinetour.com. Any entry submitted by such a player will not be considered until payment is received in full, by the Sunshine Tour. **The entry fee for players submitting a "hard copy" application form is R650**
- 8.3.3 Bank details are:
Southern Africa PGA Tour,
Nedbank,
Business Winelands,
Account No: 1498116655,
Branch code: 198 765
Please use the letters SAOP followed by your initial and surname as a reference when making payment.

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

- 9. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the, Sunshine Tour and/or DPWT and/or GolfRSA, who reserve the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason for such refusal. The decision of either the Sunshine Tour and/or DPWT and/or GolfRSA as to acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.
- 10. All competitors' clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.
- 11. Competitors may play practice and qualifying rounds in short pants, but long pants must be worn for tournament rounds.
- 12. All competitors gaining entry into the SA Open are subject to the provisions of the Sunshine Tour's Marketing and Media Rights Policy in force at the date of the Championship. Details of the policy are available from the Sunshine Tour offices.
- 13. All competitors gaining entry into the SA Open are subject to the provisions of the Sunshine Tour's Anti-Doping

Policy in force at the date of the Championship. Details of the policy and the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods may be viewed on the website www.sunshinetour.com within section "Players" and its sub-section "Anti-Doping Programme". Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the Sunshine Tour not later than 21 days before the start of the Championship.

14. All competitors gaining entry into the SA Open are subject to the provisions of the Sunshine Tour's Anti-Gaming Policy in force at the date of the Championship. Details of the policy are available from the Sunshine Tour offices.
15. All competitors are required to conform to the Sunshine Tour's **Covid-19 Risk Mitigation protocols** for the SA Open. More details will be distributed in a separate document.
16. 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.
17. The SA Open Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.
18. 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.
19. No member of the Sunshine Tour or DPWT 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).
20. During the SA Open no competitor or caddie may wear or display any advertising which may embarrass the sponsors.
21. All caddies in the SA Open tournament will be subjected to the same Covid-19 Risk Mitigation protocols that apply to the players.
22. Breach of either of these conditions by a member of the DPWT 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.
23. Sunshine Tour members and successful qualifiers must register via the Sunshine Tour app by 10am on Wednesday 29th November 2023. Players entered into the qualifying rounds are also required to register for their qualifier via the Sunshine Tour app by 10am on Monday 27th November 2023. Registration will open at 10am on the Friday before the tournament. 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 and he will forfeit his entry fee
24. For the purpose of practice by competitors at the SA Open venue, the first tee will be open from Monday 27th November 2023 from 07h00 to 15h00. Limited practice in the mornings only of Tuesday 28th November and Wednesday 29th November will be available from the 1st & 10th tee from 07h00 to 08h30 prior to the pro-ams
25. Should competitors, other than Sunshine Tour and DPWT members wish to withdraw, they are required to do so by 2pm on Thursday 16th November 2023. Any withdrawals received after this time will result in the competitor forfeiting his entry fee. Sunshine Tour and DPWT members wishing to withdraw are required to do so in terms of their respective Tour's Regulations.

Qualifying Venue Information

ERPM Golf Club

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Email: proshop@erpmgc.co.za

Address: 85 Pretoria Road, Boksburg West, Boksburg, 1459

Modderfontein Golf Club

Tel: +27 11 608 2033

Email: reception@modderfonteingolfclub.co.za

Address: Centenary Street, Modderfontein, Johannesburg, 1609

Irene Country Club

Tel: +27 12 667 1081

Email: events@irenecc.co.za

Address: 1 M18, Doringkloof, Centurion, 0157