



CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT DATES AND VENUE

Teams Arrival at OR Tambo International Airport: Sunday, 21 April 2024

Official Practice Round: Monday, 22 April 2024

Tournament Rounds: Tuesday, 23 April 2024 to Friday, 26 April 2024

Teams Depart from OR Tambo International Airport: Saturday, 27 April 2024

Hotel: Birchwood Hotel

Golf Course: Benoni Country Club

CLOSING DATE FOR TEAMS & ENTRY FEE

The final day for Countries to commit to playing in this Championship is Thursday, 7 March 2024.

Entry Fee:

USD 500 if country is entering one (1) team.

USD 800 if country is entering two (2) teams.

Bank Details:

Golf RSA

Standard Bank - Helderberg

Account Number: 072395397

Branch Code: 033012

SWIFT Address: sbzazjj

If you require a link for a credit card payment, please inform us on admin@golfrsa.co.za by Thursday, 7 March 2024.

FORMAT OF CHAMPIONSHIP

- Boys teams are a maximum of four players and girls teams a maximum of 3 players. **All players must be born after 21 June 2005 to compete.**
 - The format is 72 holes of stroke play with 18 holes played on each of four competition days.
- For the boys the best three (3) scores out of four will count towards the team score whilst for the girls it will be the best two (2) scores out of three (3) that will count.
 - The team with the lowest aggregate score over the 72 holes will be the winning team.
- In addition, there will be an individual stroke play winner in both the boys and girls' competition.

FINAL TEAM NAMES

These must be sent to GolfRSA no later than **12:00 noon SAST on Monday, 18 March 2024.**

TRANSPORT/SHUTTLES

GolfRSA will arrange shuttles/buses upon your arrival and departure in South Africa.

Shuttles/Buses will also run to and from the golf course throughout the days of the Championships and official practice round **ONLY**.

Note: Details will be sent closer to the championships arrival date.





HOST VENUE



The roots of the Benoni Country Club (BCC) trace back to 1907 when visionaries Gilbert Thompson and Bertie Winkfield, employees of the Van Ryn Mines Estate, Limited, undertook the ambitious task of establishing a golf course.

The property, originally the farm Vlakfontein, was acquired by Sir George Albu in 1894, setting the stage for the birth of this remarkable institution. Thompson and Winkfield, passionate about golf, dedicated their spare time to cultivating the course, initially known as the Van Ryn Club, a precursor to the later-renowned Benoni Country Club.

Nestled in the heart of Ekurhuleni, BCC has evolved into a distinguished sporting haven, celebrated for its historic origins and a prominent parkland course. The golf course's legacy is deeply entrenched, having hosted prestigious amateur championships, including the illustrious men's SA Amateur and SA Strokeplay tournaments. The course's prestige extends further as a revered qualifying venue for the esteemed SA Open and various Sunshine Tour events.

Situated on a flat expanse of land, the golf course offers more than a mere challenging layout; it provides a captivating journey through wooded terrain, offering golf enthusiasts a serene and tranquil experience. The landscape is adorned with various antelope species, such as spring buck and bless buck, freely roaming the fairways. Nyala and duiker gracefully hide amongst the beautiful trees that line the course, adding a touch of nature's elegance. The course's unique design, revamped in the late 1990s, features a distinctive element – par 5s strategically placed to commence and conclude each nine. The 540-meter 18th hole, notably lengthy, adds an exhilarating climax to tournament play, enhanced by the scenic presence of large dams on the left side of the fairway.

Beyond golf, Benoni CC stands out as the last true "country club" in Ekurhuleni, proudly offering an extensive array of sporting facilities. From traditional sports like bowls, squash, and tennis to more unique offerings such as padel, padball, football, and a gym, the club caters to a diverse range of interests. The community's unwavering commitment to preserving the club's legacy as a family-oriented institution is vividly reflected in their steadfast support of their beloved club.

The clubhouse at BCC takes pride in housing the first "Craft Bar" of its kind, providing a unique social space for members and guests alike. In addition to this innovative amenity, the club offers children's play areas, versatile function facilities, and the distinguished TONINO – a 400-seater Italian restaurant, adding a touch of culinary excellence to the overall experience. For the adventure enthusiasts, a well-maintained mountain bike track adds an extra dimension to the club's recreational offerings.

Benoni CC has earned its place among the exclusive group of Top 100 courses, standing out as one of only four where both starting holes on each nine, namely Nos 1 and 10, are par 5s. Alongside fellow Gauteng courses Modderfontein and Wanderers, as well as KZN South Coast's Umdoni Park, BCC is distinguished by this rare feature.

A testament to its success and popularity, Benoni Country Club has made significant investments in enhancing its facilities. In 2021 and 2022, a substantial R4.5 million was directed towards renovating the clubhouse, creating a comprehensive experience with the restaurant complementing the existing craft bar, club bar, pizza areas, and paved parking for members and guests alike.





The commitment to sustainability continued with a further investment of R5.6 million in 2023 and 2024 to equip the club with sustainable energy. BCC proudly stands as the only club in the region running off solar power, ensuring uninterrupted electricity and water supply to the club.

ACCOMMODATION

Each team entered will be allocated three (3) rooms for the 6 nights (in on Sunday, 21 April 2024 and out on Saturday, 27 April 2024).

- Two (2) sharing rooms (twin sharing) for players
- One (1) room for a Team Manager/Coach

If you would require more rooms for additional team staff or parents, please contact Athi Mda on admin@golfrsa.co.za
Note: This will be for your own account.

Cost Per Room for six (6) nights including transport all meals from Sunday evening, 21 April 2024 to Saturday morning, 27 April 2024.

ZAR15000 for a Single Room

ZAR13000 per person for a Double Room (twin beds on request)

VISA AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Should a National Federation require a visa support letter, please indicate this upon submission of your country's entry and payment by completing the attached Visa Request Form. You will also need to provide a copy of all passports of delegates showing the names of the delegates, document number and expiry date clearly).

We are aware of the following countries requiring visas but we request that you check the relevant information from your local South African Embassy or your travel agent as soon as possible as to your specific requirements.

Egypt

Morocco

Sierra Leone

Uganda

The invited countries are responsible for organising all the required documentation and the visa fees of their delegates.

TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA (IT IS ESSENTIAL ALL THE CORRECT DOCUMENTATION AND PARENTAL CONSENT IS CARRIED BY THE TEAM WHEN TRAVELLING INTO AND OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA WITH MINORS, OTHERWISE ENTRY AND EXIT MAY BE DENIED)

The new requirements for children (under 18yrs) travelling to or from the Republic of South Africa took effect on 1 June 2015. The requirements are aimed at establishing the principle that all minors require the consent of their parents when traveling into or out of the Republic. See more details in the link below:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-updated-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry/>

All children under the age of 18 years of age travelling abroad will require an 'Unabridged birth certificate' that lists both their parents' details on the certificate.





Please find below regulations for children under the age of 18yrs of age travelling without parents.

The documents listed under section 2 of the above website shall, upon request, be produced at a port of entry by:

- Minors who are foreign nationals and who are visa exempt when travelling through a port of entry of the Republic.

Minors who apply for a South African visa at any mission or VFS service-point shall be required to submit as part of the application, documents listed under section 2, prior to such visa being issued.

Where a minor applies for a visa inside South Africa or at a South African embassy abroad it shall be standard practice for all supporting documents to be submitted prior to the visa being issued. Sworn translations of the documents should be submitted with the visa application as stipulated in Regulation 9(4) of the Immigration Regulations, 2014. However, persons who are visa exempt need not submit any translations when reporting to an Immigration Officer at a port of entry. Supporting documents should either be the originals or certified copies of the originals.

PARENTAL CONSENT AFFIDAVIT

- Parental Consent Affidavit is an affidavit which must accompany an Unabridged Birth Certificate or Equivalent Document when any parent is not travelling with his or her child.
- A South African Embassy in the traveler’s country of residence may be approached to commission the oath or solemn declaration required in the Affidavit free of charge.
- The Affidavit must not be older than 6 months when presented. The same affidavit will still be valid for the departure or return in relation to the same journey regardless of the period of the journey.
- We have attached the recommended template for the parental consent affidavit.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

You will not be able to get a visa or permit to enter South Africa from the following countries unless you have been vaccinated at least 10 days prior to your departure date and can show a yellow fever certificate (this includes if you are transiting through the airport of a country listed exceeding 12 hours):

COUNTRIES			
Angola	Burkina Faso	Cameroon	Côte d’Ivoire
Democratic Republic of Congo	Ethiopia	Gabon	Gambia
Ghana	Kenya	Liberia	Mauritania
Nigeria	Senegal	Sierra Leone	Uganda

You will need to produce a yellow fever certificate if you are travelling from a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission, and in some cases, simply transiting through an infected country.

NOTE: The spread of diseases is unpredictable and can be accidentally imported to previously unaffected countries, so it is important to do thorough research and check the latest travel advisories before and during your trip.





TRAVEL INSURANCE

The Host Federation, the LOC, the AGC and the R&A will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness, repatriation, and the like. All National Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and for repatriation for all the members of their Delegation.

Proof of the Insurance Policy, listing the players and officials by names with Date of birth and Passport Numbers must be handed in during the formal accreditation. The insurance must be in English. The LOC will verify the insurance upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g. cover note or photocopy of the valid policy). Delegation members with insufficient insurance cover must inform the LOC in advance. The LOC cannot be held responsible if insufficient insurance cover is declared. Federations will be responsible for any costs incurred due to lack of adequate insurance.

GENERAL TERMS OF COMPETITION

GolfRSA's General Terms of Competition will be in effect for the duration of the Championship. It will be forwarded to all competing nations and posted on the tournament page on [Tournaments & Results from South African Golf Association | Golf RSA](#)

LOCAL RULES ETC.

Each player will receive a Permanent Local Rules "Hard Card" and additional Local Rules on the tee on the first day of the championship. They will also receive a copy of the pin positions for the day and their scorecard from the starter.

MANAGERS MEETING

The managers' meeting will be held at the **golf club at 9:30am on the Official Practice Round Day (22 April 2024)** where all information relevant to play will be covered including the GolfRSA "Hard Card" and the Local Rules.

OPENING AND CLOSING DINNERS

All participants and manager/coaches are expected to attend the **opening dinner and prize giving dinner on the Monday, 22nd April and Friday, 26th April 2024 respectively.**

Dress: National Team formal dress

TEAM PHOTOS

Team photos will be taken prior to Opening Dinner. Each team will be given a time slot for their photos at registration. Dress for the team photos is National Team representative formal wear.

TROLLEYS

GolfRSA will provide pull trolleys (2 wheelers), free of charge, for each players to use daily.

DRESS CODE

Only golf specific attire (shoes, socks, shirts and pants/shorts/skirts/dresses) will be permitted during all GolfRSA Championships. Players are expected to always look neat and tidy, and men/boys must have their shirts tucked in at all times.

This regulation applies to all players when on the host golf course and official practice facility during any official Championship practice or tournament day.





Note: Restrictions on dress code may be stricter at certain host venues and it is up to all players, in such cases, to adhere to the club's dress code which will be published on the championship notice board.

Clothing and Equipment Branding

Competitors and caddies are to conform with the GolfRSA Logos and Marks Policy as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment.

The relevant document can be viewed the relevant tournament page on [Tournaments & Results from South African Golf Association | Golf RSA](#)

Incorrectly dressed players will not be permitted to play and any queries in this regard should be made to the Tournament Director to avoid embarrassment.

DRAWS

Daily draws will done, and posted on the tournament page [Tournaments & Results from South African Golf Association | Golf RSA](#). They will also be circulated and posted on the tournament notice board at both the golf club and at the hotel allocated dining area.

PRACTICE ROUND

Tee times will be allocated and circulated to participating countries after closing date for entries.

DRIVING RANGE/PRACTICE FACILITIES

A full driving range is available on site along with a practice chipping area and a practice putting green.

Titleist range balls will be provided, for practice, free of charge for all competitors for the duration of the championship.

CADDIES

Caddies are not allowed to be used by any player for the duration of the championship.

GOLF CARTS – MANAGERS

Golf carts will be available for each manager, if they wish to use them but they are for their own account.

Cost is R350 per day per cart. Payable in the pro shop.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General cost of living items so you can budget for drinks and any incidentals that you purchase over and above what GolfRSA covers.

Cost of a basic pizza: +/- ZAR150 (USD 8.00)

Cost of 500ml bottled water: Convenience store +/- ZAR12 (USD 0.65)

Golf Club/Restaurant +/- ZAR20 (USD 1.05)

Cost of a 350ml coca-cola: Convenience store +/- ZAR15 (USD 0.60)

Golf Club/Restaurant +/- ZAR30 (USD 1.60)





LONG DRIVE COMPETITION

A long drive competition will be held after the official practice round. Each team, both boys and girls, will get to nominate one player to compete for prizes and a bit of fun.