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SA Senior Order of Merit - Club Event Guidelines

Purpose

To detail the conditions recommended for the hosting of a Golf SA Senior Order of Merit event.

Background

The Golf SA Senior OOM Trophy is conducted over a series of events and is open to Amateur male golfers aged 55 years and over, who hold a current Golf Australia handicap.

An event will be held in two sections – Seniors 55-64 years and Super Seniors 65 years and over and will consist of Gross and Nett competitions in each category.

For determination of the Order of Merit winner(s), a player's best results from a 80% of the full schedule of events will count (i.e. if there are 10 Order of Merit events in a season and a player plays in all, the best 8 results will count).

SASOOM events to be conducted under Golf SA "Codes of Conduct"

This includes:-

- consuming any alcohol or a prohibited substance under the Golf Australia Doping Policy during the course of any round played in a competition
- smokes cigarettes, cigars or the like during the course of any round played in a competition

<http://www.golf.org.au/site/content/document/00013996-source.pdf>

Age Eligibility

- i) Eligibility for an individual event shall be based on a player's age on the date of the event.
- ii) Eligibility for the overall Senior or for the Super Senior Order of Merit shall be determined based on a player's age as at the date of the first event of the season.

Publicising the Event

It is important that an event be publicised to ensure good participation. The following are suggested:

- Include in the Golf SA "Schedule of Events" on Golf SA website
- Put details and Entry Form on your club's website
- Provide your entry form to Golf SA for inclusion on Golf SA website by emailing to admin@golfsa.com.au
- Your event will be included in the regular Golf SA email update to Seniors
- Email Entry Forms to all other clubs with request to place copies on their noticeboards.

Entry Form

The Entry Form should be available at least 4 weeks prior to the event and included on the host club's website.

The form should also be available from the Golf SA website. A Copy should be forwarded to admin@golfsa.com.au.

"Conditions of the Event" should be made available with the Entry Form.

The Entry Form should include D.O.B information along with a tick box for permission for us to use personal contact information.

Ideally the Entry Form should be in a fillable .pdf format to enable it to be completed electronically.

Entry Fee

The suggested Entry Fee should be between \$25 and \$40, depending on the Club policy and field size. An additional fee is appropriate if lunch or a meal is provided.

It is recommended that Club members be given a discount to encourage them to participate in the event on their "own" course.

Entry Conditions

For an event to be accepted by Golf SA as an SA Senior Order of Merit Event:

- A minimum of 32 entrants for an event to count towards SASOOM.
- The handicap limit should be set at 24.4 GA.
- Should a ballot be required, regular Senior OOM players should be included first according to handicap. In the unlikely event that the field contains only regular Senior OOM players, and the field size is still exceeded, then a ballot according to handicap should take place.
- A minimum of 32 playing spots must be reserved for regular Senior Order of Merit participants.

Draw

The Draw should be published (on your club's website & Golf SA website) at least 3 days prior to the event. Generally late entries can be accepted at the discretion of the host club and, if applicable, this should be indicated on the Entry Form.

Where there are sufficient entries, a shotgun start should be used such that all players finish together for refreshments and the presentation of prizes.

Prize Rundown

Results should be decided on Count-back, using the Golf Australia guidelines.

As a guide, the prize allocation should be about 50% of the entry fees (excluding lunch cost).

Prize distribution is suggested as follows – places after second place will depend upon field size.

- Senior Winner - gross
- Senior Runner-up - gross
- Senior Third - gross

- Super Senior Winner - gross
- Super Senior Runner-up - gross
- Super Senior Third - gross

- Senior Winner - Nett
- Senior Runner-up - Nett
- Senior Third - Nett

- Super Senior Winner - Nett
- Super Senior Runner-up – Nett
- Super Senior Third - Nett

Nearest the Pin(s) – for Par 3's

Ball Run Down – all players - based on Nett Scores (number determined from size of field)

It is recommended that a Player only receive 1 major prize (of the highest value). For small fields the Senior and Super Senior fields may be combined for Nett prizes.

Prizes may be \$ amounts, actual prizes or Pro Shop vouchers, depending upon Club policy. It is suggested that the Pro Shop may stay open after an event to enable vouchers to be used as players may come from around the State.

Carts / Ride on Buggies

Carts/ ride on buggies are permitted in events however a Doctor's certificate is required in accordance with Golf SA requirements. A condition to prevent their use may be instigated by the host club.

It is at all times the player's responsibility to check the availability of carts at host venues.

Course set up requirements

To ensure enjoyment by the players, and minimise slow play, the course should typically be set up at three quarter medal length and difficulty.

Senior Event run in conjunction with Vardon

If a Seniors' Event is run in conjunction with another event, such as a Vardon, then the Seniors' tees should be forward in line with above guidelines.

Senior players should be drawn together.

Result Sheets

To assist with the complex compilation of results throughout the Order of Merit season, a Standard Results Template shall be supplied to all clubs hosting a Senior Order of Merit event and this shall be used by the host club to list the results for all participants.

Following each event, result, using the template, must be returned to:

- GolfSA Senior Golf Sub-Committee results recorder (cclaxton@picknowl.com.au) in Excel format within 1 day, if possible.
- Golf SA in.pdf format:
 - Name
 - Club
 - Handicap
 - Age/Category(Seniors or Super Seniors)
 - Gross score

Players should be listed the in order of position of their gross score.

The results sheets of all Senior OOM events (correctly completed) must be returned to Golf SA, email admin@golfsa.com.au **within 2 working days** from the conclusion of the event.

Any player queries which differ from the submitted Result Sheet will be directed to the host club.

Handicapping (via Golf Link) is to be completed by the host club.

Newspaper Results

The Seniors Event results shall be advised to "The Advertiser" with minimum details as follows:

- Senior Gross (with score)
- Senior Gross Runner-up (with score)
- Super Senior Gross (with score)
- Super Senior Gross Runner-up (with score)
- Senior Nettt (with score)
- Super Senior Nettt (with score)

Event Not Run on Specified Date

If, due to weather or other factors, the event cannot be held on the specified date, then the event can be cancelled for the year. If an alternative date is envisaged, then the revised date must be approved by the Golf SA Senior Golf Committee.