

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CAPE INFORMATION GUIDE

1. Website:

- 1.1. The Society's website address is <http://www.southerncapeseniors.com>.
- 1.2. Please familiarise yourself with all aspects of the website as it is the principal source of information about the Society's activities and also the primary channel for communication between the committee and members.
- 1.3. If you have any difficulty navigating the website you should contact our webmaster David Milton, or any other committee member. Prospective members on the waiting list should contact their proposer or seconder for assistance.

2. Attendance

2.1. **Active members:**

The Senior Golfers Union of South Africa allocates an active membership quota to each of its constituent Societies. If members do not participate in the events they prevent other prospective members from enjoying the benefits of Senior Golf. **For this reason, the Senior Golfers' Society of the Southern Cape requires its Active members to be committed to participate in at least eight (60%) of the annual official fixtures organised by the Society each year and to give support to informal events.**

2.2. **Active members with less than three years membership ("New members"):**

The committee reserves the right to rescind the offer of membership to new members who do not honour their 60% playing commitments

2.3. **Transferees:**

Transferees are entitled to all playing privileges and incur all obligations as though they were full Active members, i.e. they may play in all Southern Cape fixtures, qualify for our annual and winter championships, and are eligible for selection for all Regional and National tournaments. In due course, when a vacancy becomes available, they will then be admitted as Active members.

2.4. **Non-playing members:**

2.4.1. Applications for transfer to this category of membership will usually only be considered by the committee after ten years of membership.

2.4.2. Non-playing members who regularly play golf are obliged to play at the Society's regular fixtures when held at their home clubs or in their local area.

2.5. **Prospective members on the waiting list:**

2.5.1. Prospective members are, until induction as Active members, guests of their sponsors. Accordingly the committee will always look to the sponsors to ensure that their guests meet their commitments in terms of this Information Guide.

2.5.2. Prospective members have the same playing commitments as Active members, viz. participation in at least eight (60%) of the annual official fixtures.

2.5.3. Attendance commitments commence from the date of acceptance onto the waiting list.

2.5.4. Unfortunately prospective members on the waiting list cannot qualify for the annual and winter Championship trophies although they can play in the respective games.

2.5.5. Prospective members who do not achieve the minimum attendance commitments will in all probability not be invited to join the Society.

2.6. A member's attendance record contributes towards eligibility for selection for Regional and National tournaments.

2.7. **Non-attendance:**

2.7.1. Non-attendance at any fixture should be notified to the Captain using the FIXTURE/APOLOGY or CANCEL AN ENTRY menu items on the website. The COMMENTS field should give a brief explanation for the absence.

2.8. **Late cancellation/withdrawal:**

2.8.1. The Captain is responsible for the draw. You should 'phone him directly if you are unable to play and if the booking sheet has already closed i.e. if you are unable to cancel your entry via the website.

2.8.2. In the case of a late withdrawal, i.e. on the date of play, you should also contact the rest of your 4-ball to explain the situation.

2.8.3. Medical exemption is available in the case of major illness/surgery. Suitable application should be made to the Honorary Secretary for consideration by the Committee. Medical exemption qualifies for attendance credit.

2.8.4. A "No-show", i.e. when a member has booked for a game, has not cancelled his booking and does not show up, is viewed most seriously. Consistent No-shows can result in forfeiture of membership.

3. **Bookings and time sheets:**

3.1. The website is the sole means of booking for games, cancellation of bookings and tendering of apologies for occasional non-attendance.

3.2. The website provides up to date information about the entry lists for games as well as their respective time-sheets. Please note that the time-sheets frequently change at the last minute therefore *it is very important to check as late as possible before a game as your starting time could change.*

3.3. The website also provides detailed playing statistics for every active member.

4. **Entry of scores**

4.1. In terms of SAGA rules, ALL SCORES MUST BE ENTERED into the system.

4.2. The following are the relevant excerpts from Section 5 of the SAGA Handicapping Manual, dealing with recording of scores:
Paragraph 5.1 All scores must be entered on the SAGA Handicapping System for all 18-hole and 9-hole rounds.
Paragraph 5.4 Unfinished Holes, Conceded Strokes - A player who starts but does not finish a hole or is conceded a stroke must record the most likely score they would have achieved.

5. **Dress code**

5.1. Dress code on the course is normal golf trousers and Southern Cape golf shirt. If wearing short trousers then stockings or Senior's short socks must be worn.

5.2. For Prize-giving at our Trophy Events and our Triangular, Blazer/Jacket with name-badge and Senior's Tie or Cravat is required. At Nationals and other Triangulars, dress will be determined by the host Society.

At our Monthly Fixtures, the minimum code will be Long Trousers with Smart, collared Shirt. Name Tags to be displayed on the left side of the shirt. Tie and/or Jacket optional. Committee Members are required to wear Jacket and/or Tie/Cravat.

5.3. Shirts should always be tucked in and no open footwear (sandals etc.) is allowed.

5.4. Seniors wear can be ordered online via the website and will be available from the Equipment Officer at the next game.

5.5. This dress code applies to all Seniors games whether local, regional or national.

5.6. While on the Waiting List, New Applicants dress on the course is normal golf wear and at prize-giving Long Trousers with Smart, collared shirt.. Note that "secret/invisible" socks are not permitted.

5.7. All members should have their names embroidered on their golf shirts.

6. **Betting**

6.1. Betting is not allowed at Senior's games.

7. **Amendments to this guide**

This guide is subject to change. The latest version can be viewed on the website.