SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SENIOR ORDER OF MERIT

CLUB EVENT GUIDELINES

Event Contact

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Background

The South Australian Senior Order (SASOOM) of Merit Trophy is conducted over a series of events. The competition is open to male amateurs who are members of clubs affiliated with Golf Australia (SA), or of golf clubs registered with such State or Overseas Associations as are affiliated with or recognised by Golf Australia (SA).

An event will be held in two categories:

- Seniors – 55 to 64 years
- Super Seniors – 65 years and over

Gross and nett competitions are to be run in each category.

The Order of Merit winner(s) will be determined by a player's best result from 8 events of the full schedule of events. Refer to condition 3.2.

Code of Conduct

SASOOM events to be conducted under the Golf Australia Code of Conduct.
https://www.golf.org.au/site/_content/document/00040015-source.pdf

This includes:

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

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 'Full Calendar of Events' on the Golf Australia (SA) website – please email flyer/entry form to alicias@golf.org.au
- Put details and Entry Form on your club's website
- Email entry forms to all other clubs with request to place copies on their noticeboards.

Entry Form & Terms of the Competition

The entry form must be accompanied by terms of the competition and should be available at least 4 weeks prior to the event and included on the host club's website. Please email to alicias@golf.org.au to be placed on the Golf Australia (SA) website.

The entry form must include D.O.B information – simply to determine senior/super senior divisions.

It is critical that a list of players eligible for each division is supplied to the event contact. This should accompany the result sheet post-event in order for the SASOOM table to be updated accurately.

Entry Fee

The suggested entry fee should be between $25 and $40, depending on club policy and field size. An additional fee is appropriate if lunch or a meal is provided.

It is suggested that club members be given a discount to encourage them to participate in the event on their home course.

Entry Conditions

Requirements for an event to be accepted by Golf Australia (SA) as a SOOM event:

- Minimum 15 entrants
- Maximum handicap limit of GA 24.4 – refer to event condition 2.3.
- If the field size is exceeded, then the highest handicap players will be balloted

Draw

The Draw should be published (on your club's website & Golf Australia (SA) website) at least 3 days prior to the event. Late entries MAY be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

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

Prize Rundown

Results should be decided by count back, using the Golf Australia guidelines - https://www.golf.org.au/site/_content/document/00020702-source.pdf

As a guide, the prize allocation should be approximately 50% of the entry fees (excluding costs associated with catering).

Suggested prize allocation:

Division	Placing	Gross/Nett
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

Other	
Nearest the Pin	As required.
Bull Run Down All	All players based on nett scores (determined by size of the field).

Note: places after second place should depend upon field size.

It is recommended that a player only received one major prize of the highest value. For small fields the Senior and Super Senior divisions may be combined for nett prizes.

Prizes may be monetary amounts, actual prizes or pro ship vouchers, depending on club policy. If pro shop vouchers are given, it is suggested that the pro shop stay open after the event to enable these to be used.

Motorised Buggies

Carts / ride on buggies are permitted in events if a player has a medical condition. A medical certificate is required in accordance with the event conditions. Players should submit their medical certificate to alicias@golf.org.au prior to the event and take a copy to each event.

It is always the players responsibility to book a motorised cart with the host club.

Course Set Up requirements

To ensure enjoyment by the players and to 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 SASOOM 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

Host clubs should send a basic results sheet to alicias@golf.org.au at the conclusion of play (no later than one day post-event). This file will be displayed on the Golf Australia (SA) website. GA (SA) will pull the results from Golflink to update the Order of Merit table after each round.

It is critical that a list of players for each division is supplied to the event contact. This should accompany the result sheet in order for the OOM table to be updated accurately.

Handicapping is to be completed by the host club.

Newspaper Results

The SASOOM results should be sent to The Advertiser editservices@adv.newsltd.com.au at the conclusion of each round.

Details to include:

- Senior Gross Winner
- Senior Gross Runner-up
- Super Senior Gross Winner
- Super Senior Gross Runner-up
- Senior Nett Winner
- Super Senior Nett Winner

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 communicated to and approved by the Golf Australia event contact.

Questions?

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the event contact listed at the beginning of this document.