

## South Australian Senior Order of Merit Terms of the Competition

### 1. Events

- 1.1 The 2019 South Australian Men's Senior Order of Merit (SASOOM) competition consists of designated Senior Golf events approved by the Golf Australia (SA) match committee conducted from February to September. The final event for the SASOOM will be the State Senior Amateur Championship.
- 1.2 There will be two categories
  - Senior (55 – 64 years of age)
  - Super Senior (65+ years of age)
- 1.3 All events are to be of at least 18 hole duration and shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition rounds are being played.
- 1.4 Each event is required to offer prizes for both stroke score and nett score performances.
- 1.5 All clubs staging designated South Australian Senior Order of Merit events are required to follow the "South Australian Senior Order of Merit – Club Event Guidelines" and event conditions presented by Golf Australia (SA). This includes providing an entry form ahead of the event, a draw at least 3 days before and a complete results sheet at the conclusion of the event (including division breakdown).
- 1.6 Any club desiring to stage a SASOOM event must formally approach the Golf Australia (SA) Event Manager.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The South Australian Men's Senior Order of Merit 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).
- 2.2 To accrue points in a South Australian Men's Senior Order of Merit event, a player must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first scheduled day of that event and must hold a GA handicap or affiliated overseas handicap of GA 24.4 or less. Eligible players will additionally conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
  - (i) Eligibility for an individual event shall be based on a player's age on the date of that event.
  - (ii) Eligibility for the overall Senior or 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 (4<sup>th</sup> February 2019).
- 2.3 Unless otherwise specified in specific event conditions, a player is required to play from their current GA handicap for each 2019 SASOOM event.
- 2.4 A minimum of 15 players in total for each individual event is required to count towards the SASOOM.

### 3. Points Allocation

- 3.1 The SASOOM will recognise performances for both stroke and nett scoring.
- 3.2 A player's final SASOOM points total for both stroke and nett will comprise all points accrued from his best 8 performances in designated events for that calendar year. Once a player plays more than 8 designated events, his worst performance (e.g. lowest points total from a designated event) drops off for each additional event he plays. A player that does not compete in 8 or more events will not be eligible for the overall SASOOM trophies.
- 3.3 The senior player who accrues the highest total of points for stroke performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the John Beaumont Memorial Trophy.

- 3.4 The super senior player who accrues the highest total of points for stroke performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the Tony Mazzone Memorial Trophy.
- 3.5 The player who accrues the highest total of points for nett performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the SASOOM Nett Trophy.
- 3.6 Eligible players competing in a SASOOM event will be awarded points for that tournament as follows:

SA Senior Amateur Championship	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Points	400	350	306	276	248	223	201	181	163	147	132	119	107	96	86	77	69	62	56	51
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	Points	46	42	38	34	31	28	25	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11

54 Hole National Ranking Events	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Points	350	306	268	241	217	196	176	158	142	128	115	104	94	84	75	67	60	54	49	45	
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35						
	Points	41	37	33	30	27	24	23	20	18	17	16	15	14	13	12						

36 Hole Events	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Points	250	219	191	172	155	139	125	113	102	92	83	75	67	60	54	48	43	39	35	32	
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30											
	Points	29	26	23	21	19	17	15	13	12	11											

18 Hole Events	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Points	200	175	153	138	124	112	101	91	82	74	66	60	54	48	43	39	35	31	28	25	
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30											
	Points	23	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	11											

**Notes:**

- (i) Where a gross competition event is decided by a play-off, the winner will be allocated the maximum available points relevant to that event. Point allocations to other player(s) in any such play-off will also be made based on the play-off outcome if this is clearly achieved. If this is not the case, remaining play-off player(s) tying on the same score will have relevant points determined as per the tables above.
- (ii) During a SASOOM event, any ties in the gross competition (not decided by play-off) or nett competitions will see relevant points added and split by the number of competitors tying on the same score. Points for each competitor will then be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.
- (iii) Every eligible player competing in a SASOOM event will be awarded a minimum of 10 points. Note: players returning with status of DNF, NSA or WD will not receive any points.
- (iv) Should any SASOOM event be reduced in duration (e.g. 54 holes to 36 holes) due to extreme weather, course conditions or any other factor as determined by the event Championship Committee, points will be awarded on the basis of the event's original duration.
- (v) Should any SASOOM event be abandoned without any round being completed, all players in the draw as of the first day of competition will each be allocated 10 points.

**3.7** In the event of a tie for final finishing positions for the Senior, Super Senior or the nett trophies, a count-back based on the respective players finishing positions in the South Australian Senior Amateur Championship (stroke or nett section as applicable) shall be applied. If this count-back procedure does not resolve the tie, the matter shall be referred to the Golf Australia (South Australia) Match Committee whose decision shall be final.

#### **4. Entries**

**4.1** All entries including payment must be submitted to the host venue. Exception: entries for the state championship is to be submitted via the Golf Australia (SA) nominated online system.

**4.2** Unless otherwise specified in specific event conditions, in the event of entries exceeding the number of available places in any SASOOM event, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the highest GA handicaps subject to elimination.

**4.3** All SASOOM participants are required to adhere to the Golf Australia Code of Conduct.

#### **5. Motorised Transport**

**5.1** Unless otherwise specified within a designated event's conditions, and in accordance with each respective host club policy, motorised carts may only be used upon approval of medical evidence by the host club and governing match committee (Golf Australia – SA).

#### **6. Committee**

**6.1** The South Australian Men's Senior Order of Merit shall be administered by the GA (SA) Match Committee. The Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this competition.

**6.2** Protests must be made to the GA (SA) Match Committee no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the final designated event within the calendar year. The decision of the GA (SA) Match Committee will be final in all matter relating to the South Australia Men's Senior Order of Merit.