



## SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF THE FREE STATE

### INFORMATION DOCUMENT

#### A. OBJECTIVE OF THE SOCIETY

To promote the game of golf in general, and more particularly, amongst those golfers who have attained the age of fifty-five years.

#### B. MEMBERSHIP

- A person proposed for membership must be an active member of a recognised Golf Club, who shall have attained the age of fifty-five years.
- Election to membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
- Members may propose new members only after having been a member himself for at least two years.
- Members may only submit one proposal for every twelve-month period.

#### C. ANNUAL LOCAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIAL GOLF EVENTS

1. A **monthly competition** is held on every third Wednesday of the month throughout the year at Bloemfontein Golf Club (unless otherwise announced by the Committee). The number of players is **not** limited and details of the draw and starting times will be **e-mailed** to the players and posted on the notice board at the Bloemfontein Golf Club by the Vice Captain.
2. **Free State Championships** take place once a year. Normally in May, at Bloemfontein Golf Club over a Friday afternoon and a Saturday morning and again, there is no limit to the number of entries. On the Friday night an official dinner takes place, which is a "black tie affair". A prize-giving luncheon on the Saturday after the game concludes the Championship Tournament.
3. Once a year the Free State Society play against the Northern Cape Society for the **Blacklaws Cup**, alternately at Bloemfontein and Kimberley. Teams normally consist of a *minimum* of 16 players, but more, up to the number Northern Cape can match, may be accepted.
4. **The National Championship Tournament** is hosted every year on a roster basis by a different Society. The Senior's National Governing Body decides on the number of entrants from each Society and for the Free State it is normally approximately 20 players. (April / May)
5. The **Fiori Aquadro Trophy** is played each year. Number of players unlimited. (October)

6. A **Quadrangular Competition Between Gauteng, Northern Cape, Free State and Northern Gauteng** is held once a year at **Parys and Vaal de Grace Golf Clubs**, hosted in turn by each of the four Societies, and played on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Players are limited to teams of sixteen per Society. (August)
7. **Bethlehem or Harrismith Golf Club** is the venue once a year for the **Triangular between Gauteng, KZN and Free State** also played on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning for limited teams of 16 players each. (November).
8. **Graaff Reinet Golf Club** is the venue once a year in October for a **Quintangular** competition between **Southern Cape, Eastern Cape, Border, Northern Cape and Free State**. At least fifteen players from each society may take part.
9. A competition for the **Caledon Cup** played on a Sunday morning takes place once a year at a venue and date published in the orange booklet, and is not limited. Wives or partners are welcome to accompany participants.
10. Once a year the Society play against the **Sages** for the **Tommie Scholtz Trophy**. The hosts, who will determine the format of the competition, will be either Free State Seniors at Bloemfontein Golf Club or the Sages at Schoeman Park Golf Club.
11. Two teams of the Society consisting of eight players per team take part in the annual **Grootskoot Competition at the Tempe Golf Club** in October of each year.
12. The Committee shall on the first Tuesday of October hold an annual Octogenarian Function for all members turning eighty during the year or older. The format and organiser will be determined by the Committee.

#### **D. DATES, ENTRY, SELECTION, DRESS CODE ETC. FOR ABOVE EVENTS**

1. At the beginning of each year a complete **Fixture List** is published in the orange booklet and also on the **Senior Golfers Society of the Free State Website ([www.fsseniorgolfers.com](http://www.fsseniorgolfers.com))**
2. **Entry Lists** are put on the notice board well in advance of each event and members are required to meet “closing” dates with their entries, either on the board or on the website. **It is very important that Seniors either enter or record an apology**, to avoid the Captain or Vice-Captain having to contact those who do not appear on either list. The President announces details of forthcoming functions and events at the monthly prize giving.
3. **Lists of Selected Participants** representing the Society both in events with limited and unlimited players, will either be sent via WhatsApp or E-mail to members. The onus is on the members to establish whether they are taking part in any particular event for which they have entered.
4. Members who feel that they might not qualify for selection in limited team events, are urged to enter, because the selection committee often has to draw on **reserves** to replace players withdrawing from selected teams.
5. Team selection for limited number events is handled by the Captain in consultation with the President and the Vice President. The main criterium for selecting teams for

limited number events is attendance (points) on a running twelve months' basis. Seniority as a member of the Society plus some other considerations can be taken into account.

- 6.\* The **dress code for all official events** with the exception of **the Quadrangular, the Quintangular, the Triangular on the Sunday** and also the **Grootskoot** is Seniors' tie, dark trousers and blazer after the game. Free State Senior golf shirts, jerseys and caps are available. Please consult the Treasurer in this regard.

#### **E. UNOFFICIAL EVENTS**

A 'mini' competition takes place every Tuesday of the week except on the Tuesday preceding the Wednesday of the official monthly competition. Members simply report to Bloemfontein Golf Club before 10h30 when a draw is done. If it can be arranged with the **Sages** a social game will be played with them, instead of the 'mini' competition, on the first Tuesday of every month, at the Bloemfontein Golf Club or the Schoeman Park Golf Club. At the beginning of the year the **Society** and the **Sages** will agree on a program for the year that will be displayed on the notice boards of the Bloemfontein Golf Club and the Schoeman Park Golf Club.

#### **F. SOME of the DUTIES of YOUR COMMITTEE, as they affect MEMBERS**

##### **THE CAPTAIN**

1. Responsible for **F.S. Championships, all out of town fixtures** (including the Quadrangular, the Quintangular, the Triangular, the Blacklaws and the Caledon Cup) the Sages games and the Grootskoot at Tempe
2. Fines at Monthly Meeting

##### **THE VICE CAPTAIN**

1. Responsible for the draw and organization of **Monthly Meetings**
2. Co-assists the President with apologies and prize-giving at Wednesday Meetings

#### **G. GENERAL**

Members and particularly new members who are not clear about the activities of the Society or any other matters pertaining to Senior golf, must not hesitate to approach members of the committee for assistance.