



2025/2026 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School Rules and Conditions of Entry

Dates

First Stage:	Tuesday 1 st – Friday 4 th April 2025	Maccauvlei Golf Club
Final Stage:	Tuesday 8 th – Friday 11 th April 2025	Heron Banks Golf & River Estate

Entry Fees

All players submitting a “hard copy” application form	R8000
All players entering online pay	R7500

1. ENTRY DEADLINES

FIRST STAGE **Entries close Tuesday, 11 March 2025 @ 2pm**

FINAL STAGE **Exemption categories h), i) & j): entries close 11 March 2025 @ 2pm**
All other exemption categories: entries close Tuesday 25th March 2025 @ 2pm

2. FORMAT

The Qualifying School will be played over two stages of stroke play as follows:

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE (72 holes stroke play)

The First Stage will be played over one course, Maccauvlei Golf Club. A second venue will be used should entries exceed 156 players. All applicants will be placed into the First Stage, **except** for those exempt for the **Final Stage**.

The First Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes with no cut. Players are entitled to withdraw at the conclusion of any round provided that notification is given before close of play on the relevant day. **The Tournament Committee reserves the right to withdraw any player if their playing performance does not meet the standards expected of a Tour Professional. This regulation shall be implemented at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee, having taken into consideration prevailing weather conditions.**

The leading 40 players and those tying on 40th place (or 20 at each venue if applicable) will qualify through to Final Stage.

Applicants are advised that Saturday 5th April 2025 may be used in the event of a delay in completing the First Stage.

FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE (72 holes stroke play)

The following players are exempt from the First Stage and automatically eligible for the Final Stage:

- a) All 2024/2025 Sunshine Tour Regular Members,
- b) 2024/2025 Sunshine Tour African Affiliate Members ranked in Category 10a
- c) Any player who has competed in the Final Stage of a Qualifying School registered within the World Golf Federations since January 2024 (not including the 2024 / 25 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School)
- d) 2024/2025 Sunshine Tour Affiliate Members ranked in Category 10c, who have earned prize money in Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments during the season
- e) Players in positions 51 – 100 Sunshine Tour career earnings @ Monday 31st March 2025.
- f) Players in positions 1 - 30 off the 2024/25 BETWAY Big Easy Tour OoM who played a minimum of 5 BET tournaments in 2024/25 as at the 14th of March 2025
- g) Winner of the last played Sunshine Tour Qualifying School
- h) Leading players within the Top 2000 on the OWGR @ Friday 28th of February 2025 to a limit of 10 players
- i) Leading 10 available amateurs to a limit of 200th place, off the WAGR @ Friday 28th of February 2025
- j) Leading 5 available amateurs who are not otherwise exempt, to a limit of 10th place, off the GolfRSA Open Amateur Rankings @ Friday 28th of February 2025.
- k) Top 3 African Amateurs, excluding South Africa. Players’ entry must be endorsed by their home country’s union / governing body.
- l) Winners of a Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments from the 2015/2016 season
- m) 10 Players from the Bushveld Tour Race to Q School Series (not otherwise exempt)
- n) Top 10 Players from the Sunshine Development Tour East Africa Swing Qualifying School Stage 1

The Final Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes. There will be a cut after 54 holes. The cut number will be confirmed by 5 pm on Monday 7th April 2025. On conclusion of 72 holes, all players will be ranked according to score. The leading 20 players & ties will be eligible for membership in Category 9 of the Sunshine Tour for the 2025/2026 season. All players within Category 9 will be subject to the re-rank policy as per the General Regulations Handbook. The number of players to receive BETWAY Big Easy Tour membership for 2025 will be confirmed.

In the event of the winners tying on the same score, there will be a play-off to determine the winner. Details of the play-off will be advertised in the Tournament Office. All remaining tied scores will be ranked by a count out as follows: (a) the best last 18 holes, (b) the best last 9 holes, (c) the best last 6 holes, (d) the best last 3 holes, (e) the best last 2 holes & (f) the best final hole

Applicants are advised that Saturday 12th April 2025 may be used in the event of bad weather interrupting the playing schedule. Every effort will be made to complete four rounds, but a result will be declared if only three rounds have been completed by all players.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- a) All male professional players over the age of 18 years (at the commencement of the Final Stage of the Q School)
- b) All male amateur golfers, over the age of 18 years (at the commencement of the Final Stage of the Q School), with a handicap index of 0.4 (SCRATCH) or better with a clearance from GOLFRSA if they have played any amateur or provincial golf.

Note to Amateurs: *It is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status for an amateur golfer under the jurisdiction of the R & A Rules Ltd. to file an entry for and play in the Sunshine Tour's Qualifying School. An Amateur may receive prize money without forfeiting his Amateur Status. If an amateur successfully qualifies for Sunshine Tour membership through the qualifying school, he will only forfeit his amateur status once he officially takes up Sunshine Tour membership*

In order for a player's entry to be accepted, the following rules will apply:

- All professionals, other than Sunshine Tour members from 2019 to 2024 and Members or Registered Apprentices of the PGA of SA, Members of GOLFRSA if they have played any amateur or provincial golf are required to submit results from recent competitive performances within the last 12 months with their entry.
- Entries from Members or Registered Apprentices of the PGA of SA need to be approved by the PGA of SA
- Entries will only be accepted from amateurs who have a 0.4 (SCRATCH) handicap index or better and all amateur entries will be reviewed by GOLFRSA for entry approval
- Any players not meeting the above requirements, who are unable to provide recent competitive results, may apply to the Q School Committee, in writing, requesting that their entry be accepted. Such entries may be accepted or rejected, without recourse, at the discretion of the Q School Committee

4. ENTRY FEES, PAYMENT PROCEDURES

All entry forms must be accompanied by the entry fee payable by direct EFT deposit or by credit card in South African currency.

No entry will be accepted without an accompanying entry fee payment.

Southern Africa PGA Tour Bank Details are:

Nedbank
Business Winelands
Address: 20 Bergsig Ave, Paarl, 7646
Account No: 149 811 6655
Branch #:198 765
Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

Please use the letters QS, followed by your initial and surname as a reference when making payment

Please send the deposit slip together with the entry form to the Sunshine Tour at membership@sunshinetour.com. Any entry form without such **proof of payment** will be rejected.

5. REGISTRATION

First Stage: All players must register by no later than 10 am on Monday 31st March 2025

Final Stage: All players must register by no later than 10 am on Monday 7th April 2025

Registration will open at 10 am on the Friday before the first round of the relevant stage, and will close at 10 am the day before the first round of the relevant stage

Registration is to be done online via the Sunshine Tour app. Failure to register timeously will result in a player being withdrawn from the event and removed from the draw. His entry fee will be refunded as per paragraph 7.2 below

6. ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION TO ENTER

THE ONUS LIES WITH THE PLAYER TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY FORM AND FEE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SUNSHINE TOUR ON TIME

7. WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

All withdrawals must be submitted in **writing** to the Sunshine Tour, and clearly marked for the Membership Department.

7.1 Any player withdrawing **prior** to the relevant closing date for entries will be refunded his entry fee in full.

7.2 Any player, other than those in 7.3 below withdrawing **after** the relevant closing date for entries without competing will be refunded his entry fee less a R500 admin fee

7.3 Any player withdrawing **after** the relevant closing date for entries, due to becoming exempt from Final Stage will be refunded his entry fee in full.

7.4 If a player misses his official tee time for the first round of Q School he will be disqualified and he will forfeit his entry fee.

7.5 Once a player has teed off, he will not be refunded his entry fee.

8. FORM AND MAKE OF CLUBS

All players obtaining a card at the Q School will be required to have their clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf as from the first Sunshine Tour or BETWAY Big Easy Tour tournament they participate in in 2025

9. PRACTICE TIMES

First Stage: Official Practice round is on Monday 31st March 2025

Final Stage: Official Practice round is on Monday 7th April 2025

These Practice rounds will be a “pitch and play” format. Any player wishing to play a practice round prior to this must arrange a tee time directly with the golf club. Players practicing at the venue other than during the official practice day are obliged to pay the relevant green fee if enforced by the club. Club regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

10. NEW MEMBER SEMINAR

First time Sunshine Tour members (this includes previous members of the BETWAY Big Easy Tour) are required to attend the Sunshine Tour New Member Seminar, on Friday 11th April 2025. The Seminar will commence directly after play. Failure to attend may result in the loss of eligibility or other membership benefits, and could result in a disciplinary fine.

11. RULES OF GOLF

Play shall be governed in accordance with the latest Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf as published by the R&A Rules Ltd, The Members General Regulations, Permanent Local Rules and any other local rules the Tournament Director deems necessary, will apply for the duration of the tournament. Any questions and/or disputes arising from this tournament shall be settled by the Tournament Director whose decision will be final. A sound knowledge of the Rules of Golf will be an advantage at Q-School.

12. CADDIES

It is NOT compulsory for players to use caddies. A participant in the Qualifying School may carry his own bag. The use of golf carts or trollies of any kind is prohibited. 2024/25 Sunshine Tour and 2024 BETWAY Big Easy Tour members may **NOT** act as caddies.

13. REGULATIONS AND GENERAL POLICY

By submitting a completed Qualifying School application, each applicant:

- a) acknowledges the sole authority of the Tournament Committee of Sunshine Tour to establish the Qualifying School Rules and Conditions of Entry as published in this application form, and any subsequent rules and regulations of which the applicant is notified prior to any stage of the qualifying school, and agrees to abide by these and any amendments made from time to time by them or persons acting with their authority. This may include but not be limited to changes to the format conditions and schedules referred to above
- b) accepts and abides by the decisions of the Tournament Committee, Board of Directors, Chief Executive, Commissioner, Tournament Director or such other authorized persons of the Sunshine Tour
- c) agrees to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Behavior of the Sunshine Tour as specified in the current Sunshine Tour Members General Regulations Handbook. Copies are available from the Sunshine Tour offices or from the Tournament Office at any qualifying school venue
- d) agrees to attend a mandatory Sunshine Tour “New Members” Seminar if required, following the completion of the Qualifying School Final

The Sunshine Tour reserves the right to reject entries without recourse. Conduct unbecoming of a professional/amateur or non-competitive performance during a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of an application to enter. The Sunshine Tour also reserves the right to remove a player from a Qualifying School Stage at any time due to conduct or non-competitive performance. An entrant who is removed from a Qualifying School Stage for any of these reasons, after he has commenced play, will not be entitled to any type of refund of his entry fee

The Sunshine Tour will not accept entries from anyone under the age of 18 years, at the commencement date of the Qualifying School Final Stage.

If, after the closing date for entries, the number of players contesting the Qualifying School is, in the opinion of the Sunshine Tour, such that it does not warrant the playing of the Qualifying School, the Sunshine Tour reserves the right to cancel the tournament without recourse and all entry fees will be refunded.

14. ENQUIRIES

Please direct enquiries regarding the Sunshine Tour Qualifying School to:

E-mail Address: membership@sunshinetour.com

Telephone: + 27 21 850 - 6500

Physical Address: Sunshine Tour House, Momentum Golf Village, De Beers Avenue, Somerset West, Western Cape

2025/2026 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School **Application form**

Please send entry form together with the proof of payment to membership@sunshinetour.com

Full Name: _____ Nationality: _____

How would you like your name to appear in the draw? _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ Post Code: _____ Country: _____

Mobile number: (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Club Attachment: _____

INFORMATION:

(a) Are you entering as a professional or an amateur: _____
(*In terms of the New Rules of Amateur Status, Amateur Golfers may win up to R17 500 in prize money*)

(b) Are you currently a member or Registered Apprentice of the PGA of SA? _____

(c) State your handicap index and "SA Player ID" on Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) _____

(d) Name of PGA, Tour or Golf Union where results can be accessed _____

(e) I hereby authorize and consent to Southern Africa PGA Tour NPC sharing my personal information with the parties listed on the
Page 7 below: **YES** **NO**

EXEMPTIONS:

I claim exemption from the First Stage under exemption category: _____

PAYMENT (players entering online get a discounted rate):

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ CVV numbers on the back of the card: _____ Signature: _____

I, the undersigned, acknowledge the sole authority of the Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, Tournament Director, the Board of Directors, Players Committee of the Sunshine Tour and any person authorized to act on their behalf to apply, amend and interpret the Sunshine Tour Qualifying School Rules and Conditions as published in this entry form. Furthermore, I agree to abide by these Rules and any decisions taken by the Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, Tournament Director, the Board of Directors, Players Committee and any person authorized by them in terms thereof.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information furnished by me in this application is true and complete and understand that any false statement herein furnished by myself may result in my expulsion from the Sunshine Tour Qualifying School or the suspension or termination of my playing privileges in tournaments sanctioned by the Sunshine Tour.

I, the undersigned, have read the information and conditions of entry above, and agree to abide thereby

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Television, Radio, Motion Picture, Photographic, And Similar Rights/Declarations

Note: This form **MUST** be returned with your completed entry form and entry fee. Failure to return this form may render your entry invalid.

Applicant's Name: _____
First _____ Surname _____

I hereby acknowledge that all television, radio, film, photographic, statistical data and information and all other electronic media rights including the right to broadcast, display, publish or otherwise exhibit (in any manner howsoever) in all and any forms of media (including, but not limited to, television, radio, motion picture, print, video, CD, DVD, interactive media of any kind, multi-media, internet, website, mobile telephony and communication and other similar opportunities, as well as all rights in all statistical and scoring data and information shall be granted and assigned to the Sunshine Tour, which accepts such grant and assignment. For the avoidance of doubt, it is a condition of entry, that all players grant and assign such rights to the Sunshine Tour and each player will be deemed to have done so on entering this tournament. As a result of the grant and the assignment, all such rights shall be the property of and expressly reserved by and to the Sunshine Tour, and any use thereof without the express written consent of the Sunshine Tour shall be prohibited

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

POPI NOTICE AND CONSENT FORM

We understand that your personal information is important to you and that you may be apprehensive about disclosing it. Your privacy is just as important to us and we are committed to safeguarding and processing your information in a lawful manner.

We also want to make sure that you understand how and for what purpose we process your information. If for any reason you think that your information is not processed in a correct manner, or that your information is being used for a purpose other than that for what it was originally intended, you can contact our Information Officer.

You can request access to the information we hold about you at any time and if you think that we have outdated information, please request us to update or correct it.

Our Information Officer's Contact Details	
Name	Linde Jooste
Contact Number	021-8506500
Email Address:	ljooste@sunshinetour.com

Purpose for Processing your Information

We collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information mainly to provide you with access to the services and products that we provide. We will only process your information for a purpose you would reasonably expect, including:

- Providing you with guidance, advice and services related to your participation in all Sunshine Tour events
- Publishing tournament entries and results
- To verify your identity where applicable
- To process payments to or from you in relation to your participation in all Sunshine Tour events
- To notify you of information or developments that may be applicable to you
- To confirm, verify and update your details
- To comply with any legal and regulatory requirements
- To provide your information cross-border and to third parties for purposes related to your participation in all Sunshine Tour events
- For any other purpose related to your participation in all Sunshine Tour Events

Some of your information that we hold may include, your first and last name, email address, a home, postal or other physical address, other contact information, your title, birth date, gender, occupation, credit card details, SARS registration details and your banking details.

Consent to Disclose and Share your Information

We may need to share your information to provide advice, reports, analyses, products or services that you have requested.

Where we share your information, we will take all precautions to ensure that the third party will treat your information with the same level of protection as required by us. Your information may be hosted on servers managed by a third-party service provider, which may be located outside of South Africa.

I hereby authorize and consent to Southern Africa PGA Tour NPC sharing my personal information with the following parties:

Other Golf Federations, World Golf Rankings, Revenue services, relevant service providers at golf tournaments

Applicant's Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____