



2025/2026 Vusi Ngubeni Tournament Rules and Conditions of Entry

Qualifier: **Tuesday 1 – Wed 2 April 2025** **Observatory Golf Club**
Tournament: **Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 April 2025** **Soweto Country Club**

Entry Deadlines: Non-Sunshine Tour members – Tuesday 11 March 2025 @ 2pm
Sunshine Tour Members – Tuesday 25 March 2025 @ 2pm

Entry fees: R1150 (This covers both the qualifier and tournament, and Yardage book)

Entry Method: Online Entry Form

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- a) The Vusi Ngubeni Tournament (hereafter referred to as the tournament) is open to Transformation Players, who are male and over the age of 18 at the commencement of the tournament. Transformation players are defined as Blacks, Coloureds, Indians, and Chinese who arrived before 1994.
- b) All players who comply with point a) above with a handicap index of 2.0 or better with a clearance from GOLF RSA if they have played any amateur or provincial golf.

Note to Amateurs: It is not in itself 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 the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament. An Amateur may receive prize money without forfeiting his amateur status. If an amateur successfully qualifies for Sunshine Tour or BETWAY Big Easy Membership through Vusi Ngubeni Tournament, he will only forfeit his amateur status once he officially takes up Membership.

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

- All professionals, other than Sunshine Tour members from 2019 to 2025, and Members or Registered Apprentices of the PGA of SA, Members of Golf RSA, 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 Fully Qualified or Registered Apprentices of the PGA of SA needs to be approved by Dietrich Uys, of PGA of SA, as well as the Tournament Director.
- Players who are Fully Qualified PGA members or Registered Apprentices, need to participate in the Stage 1 qualifying round of the 2025 Vusi Ngubeni Tournament.
- Any players not meeting the above requirements, who are unable to provide recent competitive results, may apply to the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament Committee, in writing, requesting that their entry be accepted. Such entries may be accepted or rejected, without recourse, at the discretion of the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament Committee.

2. FORMAT

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

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE (36 holes stroke play)

The qualifier will be played at Observatory on 1 & 2 April 2025. All applicants will be placed into the qualifier, **except** for those exempt for Final stage of the Tournament.

The leading 30 players and those tying on 30th place will qualify through to Final 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) Sunshine Tour card holders from the previous 5 seasons.
- b) The Top 40 players from the 2024 Vusi Ngubeni Tournament.
- c) Top 30 players from the Transformation Order of Merit off the 2024 BETWAY Big Easy Tour Season.

- d) A limited number of invitations based on performance.
 - e) BET card holders from the previous 3 seasons (this excludes Big Easy Tour Affiliate members)
- Successful qualifiers from First Stage will not be required to pay an additional entry fee for Final Stage of the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament

The tournament is scheduled to be played over 72 holes with a cut to the leading 50 players and ties after 36 holes. On conclusion of 72 holes, all players will be ranked according to score.

The leading 12 players & ties will be eligible for membership in Category 9 of the Sunshine Tour for the 2025/2026 season.

The leading 30 players & ties will be eligible for BETWAY Big Easy Tour membership for 2025/2026.

The leading 1-30 players will be eligible for the Papwa Sewgolum Class 2025/2026.

3. ENTRY FEES, PAYMENT PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

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 VUSI, 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 without such **proof of payment** will be rejected.

4. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Non-Sunshine Tour members - Entries close on Tuesday 11 March 2025 @ 2pm

Sunshine Tour members – Entries close on Tuesday 25 March 2025 @ 2pm

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

5. REGISTRATION

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

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

Registration will open at 10am on the Friday before the First round of the relevant stage, and will close at 10am 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 ONLINE ENTRY 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 R200 admin fee.

7.3 If a player misses his official tee time for the first round of Vusi Ngubeni Tournament, he will be disqualified and he will forfeit his entry fee.

7.4 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 Vusi Ngubeni Tournament 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 2025.

9. PRACTICE TIMES

FIRST STAGE: Official practice round is on Monday 31 March 2025

FINAL STAGE: Official practice round is on Monday 7 April 2025

These practice rounds can be booked by calling the relevant golf club. Any player wishing to play a practice round prior to this must arrange times with the golf club. Players are reminded that they are obliged to pay green fees, should such a request be put to a player for any practice round other than the official practice day. The rules and regulations of the host club/s must be strictly adhered to at all times. Club regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

10. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

All players in First and Final Stage undertake to:

- a. Comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette;
- b. Conduct himself in a manner that will not injure or discredit the reputation of the Sunshine Tour;
- c. Be neat in appearance and personal grooming at all times. Shorts or jeans, of any colour, shall not be worn during tournament rounds or in the clubhouse and its surrounding areas;
- d. All players are required to wear long pants and golf shirt with a collar while at the tournament venue for the duration of the qualifier and tournament. The wearing of jeans is prohibited.
- e. Failure by a player to pay his caddie and/or settle any disputes with his caddie by the conclusion of the Tournament will be deemed to have breached the Code of Behaviour.

If a player is suspected of being in breach of this Code of Behaviour, he will be subject to the same Disciplinary Procedures as a member of the Sunshine Tour. This is outlined in the General Regulations

11. 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 11 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.

12. 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 the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament.

13. CADDIES

It is NOT compulsory for players to use caddies. A participant in the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament may carry his own bag. The use of golf carts or trollies of any kind is prohibited. Entrants into the 2025 Vusi Ngubeni Tournament or 2024/2025 Sunshine Tour and 2024 BETWAY Big Easy Tour members may **NOT** act as caddies.

14. REGULATIONS AND GENERAL POLICY

By submitting a completed Vusi Ngubeni Tournament application, each applicant:

- a) Acknowledges the sole authority of the Tournament Committee of Sunshine Tour to establish the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament 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 tournament, 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 venue.
- d) Agrees to attend a mandatory Sunshine Tour "New Members" Seminar if required, following the completion of the Vusi Ngubeni Tournament Final Stage.

The Sunshine Tour reserves the right to reject entries without recourse. Conduct unbecoming of a professional or non-competitive performance during a previous Vusi Ngubeni tournament 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 round or tournament at any time due to conduct or non-competitive performance. An entrant who is removed from a qualifying or tournament round 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 Vusi Ngubeni First Stage qualifying round.

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

15. ENQUIRIES

Please direct enquiries regarding the 2025/2026 Vusi Ngubeni Tournament to:

E-mail Address: membership@sunshinetour.com

Telephone: +27 21 850 6500

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

2025/2026 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School

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: _____