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The
WP Premier Amateur Tour



Tour Manual

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1. Introduction

This document provides the details, terms and conditions of the Premier Amateur Tour that will be operated in the Cape Town metropolitan area, based on the Open events run by the golf clubs affiliated to Western Province Golf.

The Premier Amateur Tour is owned, operated and managed by Western Province Golf. Only those golf clubs that are affiliated to WPG can participate.

2. Synopsis of the Premier Amateur Tournament Circuit

The Premier Amateur Tour will be an annual programme, operating over a 12 month period between January and December each year. The Premier Amateur Tour will embrace a number of designated sanctioned events that are sanctioned by the WPG. Only stroke-play events will be included in the Premier Amateur Tour circuit roster.

The circuit will be points based, with the winner of the circuit each year being the player with the most points accumulated over the year.

The Premier Amateur Tour will be operated and managed by WPG.

3. The Tour Organising Committee (TOC)

The Premier Amateur Tour Organising Committee (TOC) shall be comprised of members of the WPG Executive Committee. The TOC shall be responsible for operating and managing the Tour, but not operating and managing the events and Club Opens, the clubs themselves are responsible for organising, running and managing their Open tournaments.

The Tour TOC is responsible for implementing the rules and regulations of the Premier Amateur Tour, as described in this document. The decisions of the TOC are final.

4. The Merit Points System

The points system is innovative, simple and easy to manage. Points are allocated to players on the following basis:

- a. Participation points are earned at a rate of 5 points for each successfully completed tournament. Players who get D/Q'D or have N/R attract 0 points.
- b. Points are assigned for finishing positions in each tournament:

Finishing Position	Points Earned
1	65
2	62
3	59
4	56
5	53
6	50
7	48
8	46
9	44
10	42
11	40
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38	13
39	12
40	11
41	10
42	9
43	8

44	7
45	6
46	5
47	4
48	3
49	2
50	1

Where positions are tied the points allocated shall be summed and then divided equally to those sharing the position. For example, if 2nd place is shared by two players, 2nd and 3rd position points tally to 123 points (62 + 59); each player will be awarded with 61.5 points. Decimal points can be computed.

- c. Bonus points are earned for total tournament gross scores, relative to par for that tournament:
- i. A par score, earns 1 bonus point.
 - ii. A 1 under par score earns 3 bonus points.
 - iii. A 2-under par score earns 5 bonus points.
 - iv. A 3-under par score earns 7 bonus points.
 - v. Etcetera, etcetera.

The points system does not take cognisance of handicaps, nett scores or positions in each round in multi-round tournaments.

WPG will be solely responsible for managing, updating, controlling and issuing the points system database.

The points system is subject to finalisation; changes may occur before the first event.

5. Sanctioned Events

The following 16 tournaments will be sanctioned as designated events:

Counting Tournaments
Parow Open
Strand Open
Rondebosch Open
Somerset West Open
Kuils River Open
King David Mowbray Open
Atlantic Beach Open
Erinvale Open
Milnerton Open
Steenberg Open
Westlake Open
Bellville Open
Royal Cape Open
Clovelly Open
Durbanville Open
Metropolitan Open

Tournaments that have any restrictive entry conditions e.g. invitational only (Mid-Amateur stroke-play championship, WP Closed, etc.) cannot be included. All WPG league events are excluded.

An end-of-year season-ending tournament will be created for the top 30 on the PAT list.

6. Fixture Clashes

While every care is taken to avoid clashes with other fixtures as far as is practically possible, clashes will occur from time to time. Occasionally national or international team or individual call-ups could impact on players' availability to compete in the Premier Amateur Tour events. The WPG TOC cannot provide waivers or exemptions to those players impacted by such circumstances.

7. Eligible Participating Clubs

Only those clubs affiliated to WPG are eligible to participate.

WPG is available to provide consulting and advisory services to the Club to assist with organising and running the tournament.

Live Scoring – WPG will add a live scoring function to all PAT events with the use of blackberry's in every 3 ball. This will be so spectators will be able to follow the players progress from the website and at the venue.

On-line Entries – All entries will be done online for these events through a payment portal. This removes the unnecessary admin from tournaments. The online fee will range from R20-R30 per tournament. This amount will be included in the entry fee.

8. Cost To Clubs

There are no costs to WPG Clubs to participate as a sanctioned event on this circuit.

9. Eligible Participants

All amateur competitors affiliated to the SAGA and who are in possession of a valid SAGA handicap are eligible to participate, not just those from clubs in the WPG jurisdiction. Visiting amateur competitors from other countries are welcome to participate providing that they have proof of their handicap from their home union.

Women golfers belonging to WGWP are eligible to participate; the availability of tee-off times in the field at the various Club Opens will be negotiated with each Club. Tee-off times in all events cannot be guaranteed by the WPG TOC.

10. Competitors' Entry Costs and Requirements

Entry fees will be determined by the clubs, this entry fee will include the 36 holes of golf, meal and coldrink in-between each round. This will be for the discretion of the host club.

Some entry fees will include the use of carts at some venues.

11. Structure of Prizes Per Event

Prizes offered at each tournament by the Premier Amateur Tour will be additional and supplementary to the Club's main prizes on offer. Players will have to be present to collect their prizes; if not present the prizes will be forfeited for use at the next event.

12. The Final Season-Ending Tournament

A season-ending tournament will be held in December which is the culmination of the Premier Amateur Tour season. Only the top thirty players (and ties) will make the cut into the finale, to be played over 18 holes. The 30 or so contenders will play medal strokeplay in three balls. The venue will dictate the size of the field.

Points assigned in this final event will be as follows;

Winner 200 points, 2nd 190 points, 3rd 180 points.....20th 10 points

Bonus points:

- I. Each birdie 5 points
- II. Each eagle 10 points
- III. 1 under par round 5 points, 2 under par 10 points, 3 under par 15 points etc.

13. The WPG Order of Merit System

This Premier Amateur Tour does not have any influence on the various WPG Order of Merit systems currently in place.