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RAND A ROUND 2024

A WP GOLF AND AFFILIATED CLUBS PARTNERSHIP

OVERVIEW

Western Province Golf, in partnership with all the Clubs affiliated of the Union, established a Rand a Round funding program in 2009 whereby EVERY GOLFER makes a small but positive contribution to this initiative when playing a round of golf at an affiliated Club in the Union. Each round, including member, visitor (local and overseas), social golfer and corporate/charity day rounds played is levied a fee of R1 (in January 2024 it was increased to R2).

Rand a Round funding contributes to the financial sustainability of the Clubs junior foundation framework, bolsters and supports initiatives to promote and safeguard the growth of the game developing young golfers. Since its inception this program has assisted many young, up-and-coming golfers to flourish and advance to either represent their Clubs at tournaments or leagues or to be selected and capped to play in Junior Invitationals or GolfRSA tournaments and IPTs.

AIMS OF RAND a ROUND

The fund assists Affiliated Clubs in partnership with Western Province Golf to:

1. Give every young athlete, who wishes to learn the game, an opportunity and equal chance to succeed.
2. Provide a structure for players who demonstrate potential and have a desire to improve their golfing skills.
3. Promote and grow Club memberships by assisting juniors appreciate the history and rules of the game and etiquette required.
4. Provide opportunities for young players to compete in club competitions and on merit, represent their clubs in WPG Leagues.
5. Help develop potential Provincial players.
6. Support transformation in the sport

To achieve the above-mentioned aims, Affiliated Clubs in partnership with WP Golf must:

1. Provide a safe and fun environment for young golfers to start their golf journey allowing them to experience and learn the swing basics, etiquette and associated life skills.

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2. Provide free, regular professional group coaching sessions (range and on-course) for players wishing to improve and develop their golfing skills.
3. Offer guidance and support to young players.
4. Provide financial assistance with transport costs and entry fees for players wishing to test their competitive golf skills.
5. Help safeguard that transformation targets in the sport are met.

GOVERNANCE

Affiliated Clubs report and pay to WP Golf (the custodians) all levies charged, either monthly or bi-monthly for a year (January to December). Dependant on the nature of assistance provided and the structures a club has in place to help junior player development, clubs will receive back between 80% to 120% of **their contributions paid**, over that period.

GUIDANCE ON HOW TO CLAIM (AFFILIATED CLUB)

At the end of the year period, Affiliated Clubs must:

1. Submit a completed claim form prior to the specified due date.
2. Claims will only be considered and processed if signed by both a Club Committee or Board member and either the Club manager or Golf Director.
3. Submit evidence of expenditure (detailed ledgers), for payments made in respect of their development program to assist junior players.
4. Permissible disbursements that may be included in the claim are: coaching for groups or individuals, use of range, transportation costs to/from coaching or tournaments, equipment, tournament entry fees, Junior membership fees and rounds.

PROPOSED FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO PLAYERS

WP Golf is fully aware of the financial burden Clubs are under to offer a junior development coaching program and meaningful assistance to players with the costs associated with playing competitive golf, with limited budget. Especially with regards to the tournament series run in partnership between the WPG Affiliated Clubs and WPG, namely the Club Opens (Premier Amateur Tour) and the Club Junior Opens/Championships.

Each club has a differing number of active players in their program wishing to play competitively. WP Golf would like to ensure that junior players from **ALL** clubs are afforded an equal opportunity.

In the interests of fairness and support of clubs who have greater numbers of junior golfers who would either like to start playing competitive golf or play more tournaments to improve their OoM ranking but require financial assistance with entry fees to Club PAT events or Club Junior Opens, WP Golf proposes the following:

RAND A ROUND WP GOLF TOURNAMENT PLAYER SUPPORT POLICY

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Hold in trust an amount of approximately R100 000 out of the yearly funding awarded to clubs to support players from ANY Affiliated Club (requesting financial assistance) with entry fees to:

- A. Club PAT's 16 Tournaments (Appendix A)
- B. Junior Club Opens 18 Tournaments (Appendix B)

1. Eligibility:

Any player whose Handicap Index (HI) is within the parameters of the tournament and is a full paid-up member of an WPG Affiliated Club.

2. Tournaments:

All Premier Amateur Tour events and Club Junior Opens, listed in Appendix A.

3. Limitations:

- a. A player may only apply for support for:
 - Club Opens (PAT) - eight (8) tournaments per season
 - Junior Club Opens – five (5) per year
- b. A maximum of ten (10) players per tournament will be considered for financial assistance.
- c. In the event that there are an excessive number of applications, an elimination process will be implemented based on performance and previous results in that season of tournaments (Club Opens PAT or Junior Open).
- d. WP Golf reserves the right to use a percentage-based qualification system if the number of entries for the women's open division exceeds the limited number of entries in the PAT series.

4. New players and players applying for the 1st time:

- a. Players not having played a Club Open (PAT) event or a Club Junior Open tournament before will be assisted (100%) with their first 3 entries, in order to establish a performance record, on which any further support requests will be based.
- b. Players who played in the previous year's Club Open (PAT) season or a Club Junior Open tournament but not yet in the current season, will be assisted (100%) with their 1st entry in the current season to launch their performance record in the current season, on which any further support requests will be based.

5. Application process:

- a. Players must complete and submit the Rand a Round WP Tournament player support request form when entries, for the tournament being applied for, open online.
- b. Applications will close five (5) days PRIOR to close of entries of said tournament and will no longer be accepted.

6. Notification:

- a. Players whose support request forms for their tournament entry have been correctly completed and submitted within the above timeframe will be notified by email whether their application has been successful.
- b. Successful applicants who are eligible or qualify for 100% support, will be advised by WP Golf thereof. **They will be added to the entry list.**
- c. Successful applicants who qualify for 90% or lower support of their entry, based on their previous performance, will be advised of the percentage (amount) WP Golf will contribute

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towards their entry. **They must immediately pay the balance of the entry fee to WP Golf. Once payment has been received, they will be added to the entry list.**

7. Withdrawals:

- a. Players withdrawing prior to the draw being done will be credited 50% of the percentage portion paid.
- b. Players withdraw after the draw has been published, they will forfeit their entry fee.

8. Non arrivals:

- a. If a player does not arrive to play on day of the tournament without a valid reason given to WP Golf they will be sanctioned in the following way:
 - Where 100% support for their entry fee was awarded – they will not be eligible for 100% support on their next application.
 - Where 90% or lower support for their entry was awarded – they will need to pay their next entry in full themselves.

9. Table of player support: The level of financial assistance determined by the player's previous performance is as follows;

Men/Boys:

- Top 05 (100% of entry fees)
- Top 10 (90% of entry fees. Player pays 10% of entry fee)
- Top 15 (80% of entry fees. Player pays 20% of entry fee)
- Top 20 (70% of entry fees. Player pays 30% of entry fee)
- Top 30 (60% of entry fees. Player pays 40% of entry fee)
- Top 40 (50% of entry fees. Player pays 50% of entry fee)

Women/Girls:

- Top 02 (100% of entry fees)
- Top 04 (90% of entry fees. Player pays 10% of entry fee)
- Top 06 (80% of entry fees. Player pays 20% of entry fee)

WP Golf reserves the right to make exceptions to this policy.

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APPENDIX A

1. ATLANTIC BEACH LINKS OPEN
2. BELVILLE OPEN
3. CLOVELLY OPEN
4. DURBANVILLE OPEN
5. ERINVALE OPEN
6. KING DAVID MOWBRAY OPEN
7. KUILS RIVER OPEN
8. METROPOLITAN OPEN
9. MILNERTON OPEN
10. PAROW OPEN
11. RONDEBOSCH OPEN
12. ROYAL CAPE OPEN
13. SOMERSET WEST OPEN
14. STEENBERG OPEN
15. STRAND OPEN
16. WESTLAKE OPEN

APPENDIX B

1. ATLANTIC BEACH LINKS JUNIOR OPEN
2. BELVILLE JUNIOR OPEN
3. CLOVELLY JUNIOR OPEN
4. DURBANVILLE JUNIOR OPEN
5. ERINVALE JUNIOR OPEN
6. KING DAVID MOWBRAY JUNIOR OPEN
7. KUILS RIVER JUNIOR OPEN
8. METROPOLITAN JUNIOR OPEN
9. MILNERTON JUNIOR OPEN
10. PAROW JUNIOR OPEN
11. RONDEBOSCH JUNIOR OPEN
12. ROYAL CAPE JUNIOR OPEN
13. SOMERSET WEST JUNIOR OPEN
14. STEENBERG JUNIOR OPEN
15. STRAND JUNIOR OPEN
16. WESTLAKE JUNIOR OPEN
17. VERNON DICKSON MEMORIAL TROPHY
18. PRENTICE MEMORIAL TROPHY

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