

## COMPULSORY TOURNAMENTS & SELECTION CRITERIA

### Addition to selection criteria for all players and managers :

In the team selection process, attitude and behavior by players and managers are of paramount importance. The only individuals who will be eligible for selection to represent any Mpumalanga Golf Union team – irrespective of position on the order of merit - will be those who consistently display a respect for the etiquette of the game, as well as an attitude and behavior that are of the highest standard.

The reason for this is simple. Once selected these individuals will become role models for many aspiring golfers; in addition they will be representing the Union and all that it stands for, and finally, because attitude and behavior are fundamental to the performance of both the individual and the team.

1. Ranking points and Stroke averages over the previous 12 months window in the tournaments –We use a combination of both as adopted by the MGU selection panel. These are the major influence in selecting any team to represent Mpumalanga Golf Union. The players best 8 scores count towards Ranking points and Stroke Averages. Matchplay results in tournaments will be taken into account.. The top 5 players on the applicable Stroke Average and Ranking List are automatic selections for IPT, Mid Amateur and Country Districts teams with the final 3 players being the selectors wild cards who are regarded by the selectors as the best 3 players for an Inter Provincial matchplay tournament, the venue also plays a role here. A wild card is any player of repute who is a member of a club in Mpumalanga or an outside player who has just joined a club in Mpumalanga from an outside province and has the SAGA recommended 6 month residential qualification - or is on the MGU Stroke average list with the necessary qualifications.
2. To qualify for any MGU team all players must play the MGU Closed Championship - Exceptional circumstances may well be considered but it is the players responsibility to inform the Convenor of the Selection Panel of these circumstances in writing. To be selected for the IPT or Country Districts teams a player must in addition play either the Highveld or Lowveld Open and any 3 other tournaments. Mid Amateur players must in addition play the Highveld or Lowveld Mid Amateur tournaments and any 3 other tournaments. Senior players must in addition play the Senior Open Championship and any 3 other tournaments. All players must therefore have played in 5 tournaments prior to the selection of the specific MGU team. In being selected a player can now go up or down the ladder and need not sit out 12 months to qualify for a team lower than where he is - Ranking in order - 1. IPT - 2 Mid am - 3. Country District Players younger than 50 can play SAGD, Mid Am or IPT but not both Mid Am and IPT.
3. Any player competing in a National or Ranking Provincial tournament who finishes in the top 30 can count this as a qualifying event and the score will be used to assist the player's stroke averages. If a player makes the cut he will be allocated points but it is the players duty to inform the convenor of said tournaments played.
4. The Selection Panel will be ; MGU President, MGU Vice-President concerned, Highveld nominee and Lowveld nominee. The Secretary will prepare all statistics necessary – the Secretary may sit in on all selection meetings, he will have an input but not a vote. Any team selected to represent the MGU must still have the final approval of the Executive – their selection is final. The Selection Panel have the authority to overrule the Selection Criteria if it is in the interest of any MGU team - and is also coupled with the opening paragraph of this document.
5. The Country Districts Team will be selected not later than 6 March – the IPT and Mid Am teams will be selected not later than 6 July. These dates are not cast in stone but the Selectors have the right to change the selection dates should circumstances demand them.

6. All Mpumalanga/Highveld/Lowveld tournaments appearing on the Fixture List will count towards the Stroke Averages/ Ranking System List. The results sent to the Secretary must be in a proper scoring program – all the players details must be shown, full name, Club, handicap index, players ID, am scores, pm scores and total scores. No other format is acceptable and must reach the Office within 7 days.
7. This for 18 hole Club Open Days  
Clubs can charge R400.00 entry fee but must adhere to the following prize list – clubs that do not or cannot comply can only charge R300 entry fee – should any club not comply they will be taken off the Fixture List.

**PRIZE VOUCHERS**

Best all day Gross	R1800.00	Best all day nett	R1300.00
Runner-Up	R1400.00	Second all day nett	R1000.00
Third Gross	R1200.00	Best AM/PM nett	R700.00
Fourth Gross	R1000.00		
Best AM/PM Gross	R800.00	Early morning coffee and a light lunch are included in	

8. This for 9 hole Club Open Days - entry fee R350.00

**PRIZE VOUCHERS**

All day gross	R1300.00	All Day Nett	R1100.00
Runner Up	R1100.00	Runner-Up	R900.00
Third Gross	R900.00	Best am/pm Nett	R600.00
Best Am/Pm Gross	R700.00		

Maximum Field - 96 players for Summer & 78 in Winter - 18 hole golf course.

Maximum Field - 51 players for winter & 39 in Winter - 9 hole golf course

9. When sending in the result scoresheet to the Secretary the list of prizes awarded and their value must accompany the scoresheet.
10. Any Player over 50 years of age may use a motorized cart in any Open Day.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

EFFECTIVE AS FROM  
10.06.2023