

COMPULSORY TOURNAMENTS & SELECTION CRITERIA 2017

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. Stroke averages over the previous 12 months window in the tournaments are the major influence in selecting any team to represent Mpumalanga Golf Union – this will prevail until the **Ranking System** is up and running – matchplay results in tournaments and Scratch League will be taken into account. The **top 4** players on the applicable Stroke Average List are automatic selections for IPT, Mid Amateur and Country Districts teams with the final 4 players being the selectors **wild cards** who are regarded by the selectors as the best 4 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 and Club Championships – Exceptional circumstances will be considered.** 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. **All players must therefore have played in 6 tournaments prior to the selection of any specific MGU team.**
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.
4. The Selection Panel will be ; MGU President, MGU Vice-President, Highveld President and Lowveld President. The Secretary shall 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 ignore the Selection Criteria if it is in the interest of any MGU team.**
5. The Country Districts Team will be selected after the **Witbank Open** – the IPT Team after the **Foursomes** – the Mid Amateur after the **Lowveld Mid Am**. These dates are not cast in stone and 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 in future count towards the Stroke Averages.**

Clubs can charge R275.00 entry fee but must adhere to the following prize list – clubs that do not or cannot comply can only charge R200 entry fee – should any club not comply they will be taken off the Fixture List.

Best all day Gross	R1500.00	Best all day nett	R1000.00
Second all day gross	R1200.00	Second all day nett	R700.00
Third All day Gross	R900.00	Best AM/PM nett	R500.00
Best AM/PM Gross	R600.00	Early morning coffee and a light lunch are included in the entry fee.	

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE
19.11.2016**

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