



2010 SUNSHINE TOUR CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1

Winners of: Major Golf Championships from 2000
World Golf Championships from 2000
Final Sunshine Tour OoM from 2000/2001
SA Open Championship from 2000/2001
SA PGA Championship from 2000/2001 up to and including 2003/04
Honorary Members

for the remainder of the official season in which the players win takes place and for 10 official seasons thereafter

CATEGORY 2

Winners of: European Tour OoM winners from 2005
PGA Tour OoM winners from 2005
Telkom PGA Championship from 2005/2006
SA Masters from 2005/2006
Alfred Dunhill Championship from 2005/2006
Tour Championship from 2005/2006
2005/2006 Dimension Data Pro-Am
Joburg Open and Nedbank Challenge from 2007
Africa Open from 2010

for the remainder of the official season in which the players win takes place and for 5 official seasons thereafter

CATEGORY 3

Category 3a: Winners of tournaments with prize money of R500 000 or more for the 2008 season
Winners of more than one Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournament in one season with prize money less than R500 000 for the 2008 season
Winners of Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments with prize money of R700 000 or more from the 2009 season
Winners of more than one Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournament in one season with prize money less than R700 000 from the 2009 season

Category 3b: Winners of tournaments with prize money less than R500 000 for the 2008 season
Winners of tournaments with prize money less than R700 000 from the 2009 season
(For co-sanctioned & limited field events, these players move into a lower category based on their Final 2008 Order of Merit position or their Qualifying School finishing position.)

Category 3c: Medical extension category

for the remainder of the official season in which the players win takes place and for 2 official seasons thereafter

CATEGORY 4

Category 4a: Sponsor Invites:
Max of 5 sponsor invites for a field size of over 128
Max of 4 sponsor invites for a field size of 100 - 127
Max of 3 sponsor invites for a field size of 86 - 99
Max of 2 sponsor invites for a field size of 85 or less
(The Telkom PGA Pro-Am, SA Open and PGA Championship have their own invite criteria)
(The Coca Cola Charity Championship and Nedbank Challenge have NO invites)

No member may receive more than 2 Sponsor Invitations into Summer Swing events, and more than 3 Sponsor Invitations into Winter Swing events in any one Official Season

Category 4b: Development Invites:
Development Invites will be awarded as per the 2010 Development Programme that is to be announced
(The Coca Cola Charity Championship and Nedbank Challenge have NO black invites)

Category 4c: 10 pre qualifying spots

In the event of all players ranked in Category 1 through Category 13e becoming exempt for a tournament, then any additional withdrawals **will result in an increased number of qualifying spots**. This means that players in Category 13f -h and all players in Category 14 will automatically be placed into the qualifying round. Should the qualifying round be cancelled, then all players entered for the tournament, will be made exempt

CATEGORY 5

Past winners of the tournament* in question prior to 2004/2005. Past winners of the tournament* in question for 2005/2006 & 2006/2007 under 65 years of age on the first day of said tournament. Past winners of the tournament* in question under 55 years of age on the first day of said tournament.

* This exemption only applies to winners in those years when the tournament in question was a Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournament.

CATEGORY 6

Players ranked 1 – 50 on the OWGR @ closing date for entries of the tournament in question

CATEGORY 7

Category 7a: Top 70 players off Final 2009 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit

Category 7b: Medical extension category

CATEGORY 8

National/Regional Orders of Merit. (Non Sunshine Tour Members may be entered in this category).

CATEGORY 9

Category 9a: Players, up to the age of 55, who have had membership with the Sunshine Tour for 5 years, and who have won at least 15 official tournaments worldwide. At least one win must be an international win. (For the sake of clarity, the first "official" Winter Tour was played in 1987. One day tournaments played in 1987 are not recognised as "official". A list of "official" Winter Tour events is available from the Sunshine Tour offices
(For co-sanctioned and limited field events, these players move into their lower category)

Category 9b: Top 20 Players from the Sunshine Tour career money list

CATEGORY 10

Players ranked 51 – 100 on the OWGR @ closing date for entries of the tournament in question
Players in top 100 of 2009 Final Official World Money List
Current Ryder or Presidents Cup members
Professionals who represented their national teams in the last played WGC World Cup

CATEGORY 11

Players not ranked (did not play enough tournaments) on Final 2009 OoM, who were top 50 on Final 2008 OoM.
(may only use once in career)

CATEGORY 12

- Category 12a: Players in categories 1 - 8 on the latest Europe Tour's ranking list (in their ranking order)
- Category 12b: Top 125 players off the latest final PGA Tour's Order of Merit (in their ranking order)
- Category 12c: Leading player within top 5 from the latest final Canadian Tour Order of Merit
- Category 12d: Players earning more in the 2010 Sunshine Tour season than 40th placed player off final 2009 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit
- Category 12e: Medical extension category

CATEGORY 13

- Category 13a: Winners of the 2010 Qualifying School and Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School
- Category 13b: Players in positions 71 - 80 on Final 2009 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit
- Category 13c: The leading 2nd – 8th placed players from the 2010 Qualifying School and the 2nd placed player from the Vusi Ngubeni Qualifying School
- Category 13d: Players in positions 81 - 120 on Final 2009 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit
- Category 13e: Remaining players from Qualifying School and Vusi Ngubeni
- Category 13f: Sunshine Tour Members for past 5 consecutive years (may only use this once in a career)
- Category 13g: Non Exempt Life Members (past winners of the South African Open, the PGA Championship and the final Sunshine Tour Order of Merit, whose exemption has expired, and winners of Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments co-sanctioned with a Tour(s) who is/are a Member of the International Federations of PGA Tours for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 seasons, whose exemption has expired)
- Category 13h: Medical extension category

On the 31st March 2010, the leading 10 money leaders within category 13 will be re-ranked in order of official money won on the 2010 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit. On the 1st September 2010, all players in category 13 will be re-ranked in order of official money won on the 2010 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit.

CATEGORY 14

- Category 14a: Winners of 2005/2006 & 2006/2007 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments offering prize money of R1 000 000 or more, whose exemption has expired and for ten years thereafter
- Category 14b: Winners of 2005/2006 & 2006/2007 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit tournaments offering prize money of less than R1 000 000, whose exemption has expired and for five years thereafter
- Category 14c: Affiliate Members
- Category 14d: Founder members of the Professional Golfers' Association of South Africa ("PGA of SA") in good standing with that body;
- Category 14e: Temporary Members

CATEGORY 98

Players finishing in the top 10 positions in previous event (for regular events)

Players finishing in the top 5 positions in previous event (for co-sanctioned events & limited field events)

CATEGORY 99

Amateurs included in the field (A maximum of three amateurs may be invited to tournaments that are not co-sanctioned or limited field events, where the field size is greater than 120 professionals. A maximum of 5 amateurs may be invited to play in the SA Open, and a maximum of 4 amateurs may be invited to play in the Joburg Open)

NOTE 1: In the event of an exempt player withdrawing, on conclusion of the qualifier, the next RANKED player will replace him - i.e this spot will NOT go to the first alternate from the qualifying round

NOTE 2: The exemption criteria for the South African Open, The Coca-Cola Championship and the Nedbank Golf Challenge are not as listed above.