

## **2021 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SENIOR ORDER OF MERIT TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

*These terms relate to the determination of the winner, place getters and other positions for the 2021 South Australian Senior Women's & Men's Orders of Merit (SASOOM) upon the conclusion of the SASOOM period.*

### **1. Events**

- 1.1** The 2021 South Australian Women's & Men's Senior Order of Merit (SASOOM) consists of designated Senior events approved by Golf Australia (South Australia) conducted from February to September.
- 1.2** Scores from designated events will count towards the following Senior Order of Merit tables:
  - Senior Women (Gross, 55+ years of age)
  - Senior Women (Nett, 55+ years of age)
  - Senior Men (Gross, 55 – 64 years of age)
  - Super Senior Men (Gross, 65+ years of age)
  - Senior Men (Nett, 55+ years of age)
- 1.3** All events are to be of at least 18 hole duration and shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition rounds are being played.
- 1.4** Each event is required to offer prizes for both gross and nett performances.
- 1.5** All clubs staging designated South Australian Senior Order of Merit events are required to follow the "South Australian Senior Order of Merit – Club Event Guidelines" presented by Golf Australia (SA).
- 1.6** Any club desiring to stage a SASOOM event must formally approach the Golf Australia (SA).

### **2. Eligibility**

- 2.1** For players to accrue points towards their respective 2021 SASOOM, at a SASOOM event they must meet each of the following criteria at the time of the event:
  - 2.1.1** Be an amateur golfer, holding a GA handicap
  - 2.1.2** Have attained 55 years of age on the first day of the event
    - 2.1.2.1** Eligibility for a designated event shall be based on a player's age on the date of that event.
    - 2.1.2.2** Eligibility for the overall Senior Order of Merits shall be determined based on a player's age as at the date of the first event of the season (8<sup>th</sup> February 2021).
  - 2.1.3** Conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Ltd.
- 2.2** Players who breach the Golf Australia Code of Conduct or the Golf Australia Anti-Doping Policy may incur penalties which could impact upon their capacity to accrue SASOOM points. Players in breach of either the Code of Conduct or the Anti-Doping Policy may be removed from the SASOOM. Any decision relating to condition 2.2 will be in the sole purview of Golf Australia.
- 2.3** The decision of Golf Australia as to acceptance or refusal of a player's results from SASOOM events for the SASOOM is final.

### 3. General

- 3.1 Golf Australia will have the sole management and control of the SASOOM, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the terms.
- 3.2 Protests must be made to Golf Australia (SA) no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the final designated event within the calendar year. The decision of the Golf Australia (SA) will be final in all matter relating to the South Australia Men's Senior Order of Merit.
- 3.3 All SA OOMs will be administered through the Golfbox tournament managements system. For events utilising other management systems, the results for the OOM will be sourced primarily though Golfink or the Event Manager. It is the responsibility of the tournament administers to make sure the results are returned and/or uploaded to Golfink in a timely manner.
- 3.4 Golf Australia's decision on matters affecting the SASOOM will be final.

### 4. Determining the Winner and Other Finishing Positions

- 4.1 A player's SASOOM position will be determined by totalling the points gained from the respective SASOOM events, taking the player's best results in 50% (rounded up) of the total number of SASOOM events on offer.
- 4.2 Trophies to be awarded:
  - 4.2.1 The senior female player who accrues the highest total of points for stroke performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the Women's Senior Order of Merit trophy.
  - 4.2.2 The senior female player who accrues the highest total of points for nett performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the Women's Senior Order of Merit Nett trophy.
  - 4.2.3 The senior male player who accrues the highest total of points for stroke performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the John Beaumont Memorial Trophy.
  - 4.2.4 The super senior male player who accrues the highest total of points for stoke performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the Tony Mazzone Memorial Trophy.
  - 4.2.5 The male player who accrues the highest total of points for nett performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the Men's Senior Order of Merit Nett Trophy.
- 4.3 Eligible players competing in a SASOOM event will be awarded points for that tournament as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 4.4 In the case of ties for finishing positions, joint winners will be awarded.
- 4.5 A progressive listing will be maintained at <https://www.golf.org.au/orderofmerit>

### 5. Motorised Transport

- 5.1 The use of a motorised transport (ride-on buggy) by a competitor or caddy is at the discretion of the Host Club of each club run event. Please refer to the event Terms of the Competition and Club's Cart Policy.
- 5.2 For the SA Senior Amateur conducted by Golf Australia (SA), a player or a caddie will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) or (c) below.
  - a. When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about

to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, and their caddie, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.

- b. When approved by Golf Australia due to one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation.
  - Details of the 10 eligible impairments are provided on the following webpage – [https://edgagolf.com/downloads/definitions\\_of\\_Impairment.pdf](https://edgagolf.com/downloads/definitions_of_Impairment.pdf)
  - A player or caddie seeking authorisation to ride on any form of motorised transportation as a result of one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation must email Golf Australia (golfoptions@golf.org.au) to obtain information on procedures for submitting requests.
  - All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia before the closing time for entries.
- c. Any player or caddie who is not covered by one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation (see clause (b)), but who believes they are impacted by exceptional circumstances, has the option of applying to Golf Australia for special approval to use motorised transportation. To be considered, such applications must be received via email by Golf Australia's General Manager – Golf Operations before the event's closing time for entries (email: golfoptions@golf.org.au).

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which this a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

## **6. Database of Competitors Details**

- 6.1** The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia. This data may be utilised of Golf Australia or its sponsors for distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf Australia events, or information about events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf Australia of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

## APPENDIX 1 – 2021 Men's & Women's South Australian Senior Order of Merit Points Breakdown

SA Senior Amateur Championship	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Points	400	350	306	276	248	223	201	181	163	147	132	119	107	96	86	77	69	62	56	51
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	Points	46	42	38	34	31	28	25	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11

54 Hole National Ranking Events	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Points	350	306	268	241	217	196	176	158	142	128	115	104	94	84	75	67	60	54	49	45
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35					
	Points	41	37	33	30	27	24	23	20	18	17	16	15	14	13	12					

36 Hole Events	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Points	250	219	191	172	155	139	125	113	102	92	83	75	67	60	54	48	43	39	35	32
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30										
	Points	29	26	23	21	19	17	15	13	12	11										

18 Hole Events	Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Points	200	175	153	138	124	112	101	91	82	74	66	60	54	48	43	39	35	31	28	25
	Place	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30										
	Points	23	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	11										

### Notes:

- (i) Where a gross competition event is decided by a play-off, the winner will be allocated the maximum available points relevant to that event. Point allocations to other player(s) in any such play-off will also be made based on the play-off outcome if this is clearly achieved. If this is not the case, remaining play-off player(s) tying on the same score will have relevant points determined as per the tables above.
- (ii) During a SASOOM event, any ties in the gross competition (not decided by play-off) or nett competitions will see relevant points added and split by the number of competitors tying on the same score. Points for each competitor will then be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.
- (iii) Every eligible player competing in a SASOOM event will be awarded a minimum of 10 points. *Note: players returning with status of DNF, NSA or WD will result in 0 points being allocated.*
- (iv) Should any SASOOM event be reduced in duration (e.g. 54 holes to 36 holes) due to extreme weather, course conditions or any other factor as determined by the event Championship Committee, points will be awarded on the basis of the event's original duration.
- (v) Should any SASOOM event be abandoned without any round being completed, all players in the draw as of the first day of competition will each be allocated 10 points.