



LUVGOLF SOUTH AFRICA

PLAYERS CONSTITUTION

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*This document sets out the rules, terms and conditions governing participation in LUVGolf South Africa events.
By entering an event, a player agrees to be bound by this Constitution.*

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PREAMBLE

LUVGolf South Africa (Pty) Ltd, registration number 2025/223397/07 (“LUVGolf” or “the Company”), operates a golf series for senior professional and amateur golfers who wish to play competitive golf on a regular basis. LUVGolf provides players with the opportunity to compete in more rounds of competitive golf under professional conditions, thereby developing and improving their skills for participation at a higher level.

LUVGolf's one-day and two-day events are structured to be affordable for both professional and amateur golfers, while offering high earning potential.

LUVGolf South Africa (Pty) Ltd is a privately owned company. It is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or registered under any golfing body, including but not limited to The R&A, Golf South Africa, or the Sunshine Tour. References in this Constitution to the Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status are to the rules published from time to time by The R&A, which LUVGolf SA applies as its own standard for fair and consistent competition.

The enjoyment of the game is central to LUVGolf's purpose, and this Constitution is drafted to ensure that all events are conducted fairly, transparently and in the spirit of golf.

Advisory Committee

The following persons serve on the LUVGolf Executive Committee:

- **Kevin Smith** — Director
- **Angus Dickson** — Advisory
- **Alan Smith** — Advisory
- **Johann Nel** — Advisory

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 “LUVGolf” or “the Company” means LUVGolf South Africa (Pty) Ltd, registration number 2025/223397/07.
- 1.2 “this Constitution” means this Players Constitution, as amended from time to time.
- 1.3 “the Director” means the director of LUVGolf, or any person designated by the Director to act on their behalf.
- 1.4 “Event” means any one-day, two-day or multi-day golf competition organised and conducted by LUVGolf.
- 1.5 “Player” means any Professional or Amateur golfer entered in an Event.
- 1.6 “Rules of Golf” means the Rules of Golf published and amended from time to time by The R&A.
- 1.7 “Rules of Amateur Status” means the Rules of Amateur Status published and amended from time to time by The R&A.
- 1.8 Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine, and the singular includes the plural, and vice versa.

2. NAME, STATUS AND GOVERNANCE

- 2.1 The organisation trades as “LUVGolf South Africa” and operates under LUVGolf South Africa (Pty) Ltd, registration number 2025/223397/07.
- 2.2 LUVGolf is a privately owned, for-profit company and is not affiliated with or registered under any golfing body.
- 2.3 The affairs of LUVGolf are managed by the Director, supported by an Executive Committee comprising professional and amateur advisory members.
- 2.4 The Executive Committee serves in an advisory capacity. Final decision-making authority in respect of all matters governed by this Constitution rests with the Director.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 3.1 The following categories of golfer are eligible to enter LUVGolf events:
 - 3.1.1 Senior Professional golfers;
 - 3.1.2 Senior Amateur golfers;
 - 3.1.3 Professional golfers aged 50 and older, playing off the Blue Tees as set by LUVGolf; and
 - 3.1.4 Amateur golfers aged 45 and older, playing off the Blue Tees as set by LUVGolf.
- 3.2 LUVGolf reserves the right to amend the eligibility criteria set out in this Article. Any amendment applies prospectively from the date on which it is published to Players.

4. TOURNAMENT ENTRY

- 4.1** The current process to enter for each tournament will be conducted via a Poll on the LUVGolf SA WhatsApp Group.
- 4.2** Members must respond to the tournament poll as soon as possible by selecting either:
- **“IN” if they intend to play; or**
 - **“OUT” if they elect not to play.**
- 4.3** Players are encouraged to enter early so that the organiser can make the necessary bookings with the designated golf course.
- 4.4** Entries will close the day before at 12h00 (midday). No entries will be accepted after this time.

5. WAGER - ENTRY FEES

- 5.1** Wager Entry fees are payable as follows:
- 5.1.1 one-day event wager: R500.00
- 5.1.2 two-day event wager: R1, 000.00
- 5.2** Wager Entry fees must be paid by electronic bank transfer before the event, using the banking details set out below.
- 5.3** Banking details are as follows:

Account Name	LUVGolf SA
Bank	Capitec Bank
Account Number	1748497853
Account Type	Savings
Payment Reference	Player's initials and surname and event name, if space permits

- 5.4** An entry is confirmed only once the entry has been submitted and payment has been received and reflected in LUVGolf's bank account.
- 5.5** The proof of payment (POP) must be sent to Lugolfsouthafrica@gmail.com or via WhatsApp to (078)619-6757.

6. REFUND, CREDIT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- 6.1 Once a Player has entered and paid for an event, the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable to any subsequent event, save as expressly provided in this Article.
- 6.2 Where LUVGolf cancels an event before it commences, for reasons within LUVGolf's control, LUVGolf will, at its sole discretion, either refund the entry fee or carry it forward to the next scheduled event. An entry fee carried over is only valid for the next event and not future events.
- 6.3 Where an event is suspended or cannot be completed due to weather, course conditions, or any other circumstance beyond LUVGolf's control, and fewer than nine holes have been completed by all Players, entry fees will be carried forward to the next event. No cash refund will be made.
- 6.4 Any dispute regarding a refund or the carry-over of an entry fee will be determined by the Director, whose decision is final.

7. ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION FEE

- 7.1 Players must pay an annual registration and administration fee of **R1, 000.00**, payable into the LUVGolf SA bank account referred to in Article 5.3.
- 7.2 The annual registration and administration fee is non-refundable and must be paid by no later than 30 April each year.
- 7.3 A Member with unpaid registration fees will be eligible to enter any future LUVGolf event. Outstanding fees will be deducted from any prize money earned with the outstanding that Order of Merit points will only be earned once all outstanding registration fees have been paid in full.
- 7.4 If a Member joins LUVGolf during the course of a year, the annual registration and administration fee will be calculated on a pro rata basis at R100.00 for each remaining month of that year.

8. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 8.1 All LUVGolf events are played as Stroke Play, with Players competing off scratch. Due to players competing for their own money, Every event is classified as a "Wager Event" played over 18 holes or 54 holes.

9. PRIZE MONEY AND AMATEUR STATUS

- 9.1 In accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status, an Amateur Player competing in a Wager Event may accept prize money up to a maximum of **R17, 500.00** per event.

- 9.2** The limit in Article 9.1 does not apply to:
- 9.2.1 A prize for a hole-in-one;
 - 9.2.2 A prize for longest drive or closest to the pin;
 - 9.2.3 Gambling or wagering among Players, or team events in which participants create a pool from their own funds and compete for it; or
 - 9.2.4 Reimbursement of expenses to compete in a subsequent stage of the same event.
- 9.3** An Amateur Player's amateur status is not affected by participation in events conducted, or prizes accepted, in accordance with Articles 9.1 and 9.2.
- 9.4** Player winnings will be paid by electronic bank transfer to the Player's nominated bank account.
- 9.5** There is no fixed prize fund for any event. The prize fund for each event is determined by the Director in the Director's sole discretion. I.e. Numbers of players, and Course costs like additional carts. There is no admin cost per event as it is incorporated into the annual registration fee.
- 9.6** The base prize fund is based on the amount of players entered which determines the Wager entry amount for the event.
- 9.7** It remains each Player's responsibility to be aware of, and to comply with, the Rules of Amateur Status applicable to that Player under their national golf union or other governing body. LUVGolf accepts no liability for the loss of a Player's amateur status.

10. PLAYER CATEGORY RATING SYSTEM

- 10.1** LUVGolf maintains a category rating for each Player, based on the Player's demonstrated skill and performance, reviewed after each event.
- 10.2** Ratings range from 0 to 10 for Amateur Players, and from +4 to 0 for Professional Players.
- 10.3** New Senior Touring Professional Players who are members of any Senior Tours and the Sunshine Legends Tour category, or the Sunshine Tour Order of Merit list, play their first two events off a rating of +4, adjusting to a maximum of 0. This rating is applied to the Player's gross score to determine the Player's net score. This mechanism is intended to create a fair and even playing field for all participants aged 45 and older.
- 10.4** All Players play their first two events before receiving a LUVGolf rating. Thereafter, ratings are determined by the LUVGolf rating system and may range from +4 to 0 for active Senior Professional Sunshine Legends Tour Players, and from 0 to 10 for all other Players.

Rating System Calculation: -

Two best Gross Scores from last 3 games.

Sum best 2 scores - 144)/2*0.85) Rounded up.

Example

$77+80 = 157 - 144 = 13 / 2 = 6.5$ (Over par per game) * 0.85 = 5.525 = 6 (Category Rating)

- 10.5** Where an event is reduced to nine holes, a Player's rating is not adjusted for the following event and remains unchanged.
- 10.6** Where a Player does not participate in two consecutive events and again fails to participate in the two events thereafter, that Player's rating will be automatically adjusted down by one stroke for every two events missed. This provision is intended to prevent Players from protecting their rating ahead of major events.

New Sunshine Legends Senior Tour Professionals

- 10.7** Rating of +4 for the first two events, thereafter, adjusted within a range of +4 (minimum) to 0 (maximum). Tee markers: **Blue**, at all times.

Existing Members

- 10.8** Rating as per the current rating schedule maintained by LUVGolf. Tee markers: **Blue**, at all times.

New Amateur Members

- 10.9** Rating of 50% of the Player's official club handicap for the first two events, subject to a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 10. Tee markers: **Blue**, at all times.

11. NINE-HOLE EVENTS

- 11.1** Where an event is reduced to nine holes, and all Players have completed nine holes, each Player's rating is applied to determine the result.
- 11.2** Where a Player's rating is, for example, 3, fifty percent thereof is 1.5. The full decimal figure is used in the calculation and is not rounded up or down, so as not to disadvantage either the lower- or higher-rated Player.
- 11.3** Where an event is suspended before any Player has completed it, entry fees are carried forward to the next event. No refund will be made.

12. ORDER OF MERIT

- 12.1** The LUVGolf Order of Merit (OOM) runs from January to December each year.
- 12.2** To qualify for the year-end bonus prize, a Player must play a minimum of twelve (12) events during the 2026 season.
- 12.3** The Order of Merit winner is determined following the year-end Series Championship event, based on the total Order of Merit points accumulated across the season's events.
- 12.4** Order of Merit points are allocated as follows:
- 12.4.1** Every Player is awarded 50 base points for each event entered and played;
 - 12.4.2** Money winners are awarded additional Order of Merit points, calculated according to the prize pool, which are added to the Player's base points;

12.4.3 In the event of a tie, the points awarded are equal to the position in which the tied Players finished; and

12.4.4 A Player who does not play in an event receives zero points for that event.

12.5 Players who have played twelve (12) or more events during the season qualify to compete for the bonus prize at the year-end Series Championship.

13. TIES

13.1 In the event of a tie, prize money is shared equally between the relevant Players.

13.2 There is no play-off to determine a winner.

14. ENTRIES, FIELD SIZE AND TEE TIMES

14.1 Entries close at 12h00 on the day before the event as stipulated in section 4.

14.3 Tee times are published on the official LUVGolf WhatsApp group one day prior to the event.

15. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

15.1 LUVGolf events are played twice a month on a Tuesday unless otherwise advised by the Director.

15.2 The host course and course set-up for each event are determined by LUVGolf.

16. LADY MEMBERS

16.1 Lady Members play off the **Blue** Tee markers.

17. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

17.1 Players may use distance-measuring devices to measure distance only. Devices with slope-measuring functionality may not be used, in accordance with the applicable Local Rule on distance-measuring devices under the Rules of Golf.

18. GREEN FEES, GOLF CARTS AND CADDIES

18.1 Green fees are for the Player's own account.

18.2 Caddie fees, where applicable, are for the Player's own account.

18.3 The use of a golf cart is compulsory at all events. Golf cart fees are for the Player's own account.

18.4 Green fees, caddie fees and golf cart fees must be booked and paid by the Player directly at the host course's Pro Shop.

18.5 Players must register at the Pro Shop on the day of the event.

19. DRESS CODE

- 19.1** Players may wear long or short trousers.
- 19.2** Golf shirts must have a collar and must be tucked in.
- 19.3** Players represent LUVGolf at all events and are required to always maintain a neat and appropriate standard of dress.

20. REGISTRATION AND TEE-OFF TIMES

- 20.1** Players must report to the registration table 30 minutes before their scheduled tee-off time, to allow organisers sufficient time to close registration and to allow Player's time to warm up.
- 20.2** Tee-off times are as follows:
 - 20.2.1 Summer: 09h30, due to the likelihood of afternoon rain.
 - 20.2.2 Winter: 10h00, due to colder mornings and earlier nightfall.

21. WITHDRAWAL AND NON-PARTICIPATION POLICY

- 21.1** A Player who wishes to withdraw from an event must do so no later than three days before the event, to allow LUVGolf to confirm player numbers with the host club.
- 21.2** A withdrawal received after this deadline is recorded as a Withdrawal ("WD").

22. PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS

- 22.1** Pro-Am tournaments are played as a Better Ball Medal event.

23. PRIZE-GIVING

- 23.1** Prize-giving takes place immediately after all scorecards have been collected and verified. Players are asked to be patient and encouraged to be present at the prize-giving.

24. RULES OF PLAY AND PLAYER CONDUCT

24.1 General

- 24.1.1 All Players must comply with the Rules of Golf published by The R&A, save where varied by this Constitution or applicable Local Rules.
- 24.1.2 Local Rules in force at the host course apply on the day of the event.
- 24.1.3 Relief under the equivalent of one club-length is permitted at all LUVGolf events, subject to any restriction imposed by the applicable Local Rules.
- 24.1.4 It is the Directors responsibility to communicate to all the Players if there is any change

24.2 Format

24.2.1 Unless otherwise stated, all events are played as Medal Stroke Play.

24.3 Pace of Play

24.3.1 Players must always maintain their position relative to the group ahead of them.

24.4 Suspension of Play

24.4.1 Where play is suspended due to a dangerous situation, Players must mark their ball and return to the clubhouse immediately.

24.4.2 If play cannot resume and a minimum of nine holes has been completed by all Players, the event is regarded as an official, completed event.

24.5 Practice during a Round

24.5.1 Practice between holes is prohibited, including rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole just completed.

24.6 Ties

24.6.1 Refer to Article 13.

24.7 Scorecard Submission & Results

24.7.1 Marker Allocation: Each Player may mark only one other Player's scorecard. A Player and Marker may not share a cart or mark each other's scorecards.

24.7.2 Scorecard Standards: Markers must complete scorecards neatly and legibly. A Marker may be fined for submitting a dirty, unclear or illegible scorecard.

24.7.3 Score Confirmation and Signature: After the round, the Player and Marker must each verify the recorded scores and sign the scorecard. A Player will be disqualified for submitting an unsigned or incorrect scorecard.

24.7.4 Submission of Scorecards: Players are responsible for submitting their completed scorecards to the scorekeeper promptly after the round.

24.7.5 Closure of Competition: After all scorecards have been submitted and the final results sheet has been compiled, the competition is closed. No further changes to the results will be considered.

24.8 On-Course Disputes

24.8.1 If a Player is uncertain about the correct ruling in any situation, the Player must consult their Marker before playing the next stroke.

24.8.2 If the Player and Marker remain unsure of the correct ruling, the Player may play two balls in accordance with R&A Rule 20.1c and must refer the matter to the Rules Official before finalising the scorecard.

24.9 Relief from a Penalty Area

24.9.1 When a Player takes relief from a penalty area, the reference point is the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. The reference point is not the place where the ball is found. This applies in accordance with R&A Rule 17.

24.10 Player Conduct and Integrity

24.10.1 A Player found to have acted dishonestly in connection with an event, including in relation to scoring, will be disqualified from that event and may be suspended or permanently excluded from LUVGolf competitions, at the Director's discretion.

24.10.2 Players must conduct themselves with dignity and respect at all times. This includes treating fellow golfers and host-course staff courteously and in a manner that upholds the honour and reputation of LUVGolf.

24.10.3 Failure to comply with Article 24.10.2 may result in disciplinary action, including a fine, suspension, or permanent dismissal from LUVGolf SA.

24.11 Late Registration

24.11.1 Players must report to the registration table 30 minutes before their scheduled tee-off time.

24.11.2 Players who register late will incur a two-stroke penalty, which will be added to that Player's score at the conclusion of the round.

24.11.3 Players must report to the tee box 10 minutes before their tee-off time.

24.11.4 Any Player who is not present at the designated tee box at that Player's scheduled tee-off time will be disqualified from the Event.

25. AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION

25.1 This Constitution may be amended by the Director from time to time.

25.2 Amendments take effect from the date on which they are published to Players, unless otherwise stated.

25.3 This Constitution is governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa.

