

## **ORDER OF MERIT (OOM)**

The Order of Merit will be maintained as follows:

1. U13 - A Dynamic / Performance ranking Order of Merit: This Order of Merit takes scores from Counting Tournaments into account and calculates the score of the position of the player in relation to the rest of the field rather than an actual score (this therefore takes out the effects of adverse weather conditions in a tournament). The best 80% of differentials for a player will be used. Prior to the selection of any team the individual should have at least have played 2 events (that is 2 scores) within the previous 3 months prior to the date of selection.

New players in this division may be considered for selection as a "captains" pick / "wild-card selection".

2. U15 - A Dynamic / Performance ranking Order of Merit: These players will form part of the U19 Order of Merit and therefore the same criteria applies to this age group with the exception that for the automatic picks the number of required tournaments is 5 (five).
3. U17 and U19 selection will be based on the Order of Merit system as indicated under U/19 IPT further below.

Tournaments scores that will count for the Order of Merit stroke averages will be as follows:

- A. All Southern Cape Junior Order of Merit Tournaments (excluding Matchplay tournaments)
- B. All Southern Cape Golf Union Order of Merit Tournaments (excluding Matchplay tournaments)
- C. Southern Cape Affiliated Club Open tournaments
- D. Bridge Fund tournaments within the Southern Cape

### **U/19 IPT**

#### **Information**

- The U/19 Inter Provincial Tournament annually takes place in December, and the side will be announced in October of each year.

#### **Age Limit**

- Only players that are under 19 (Nineteen) years of age will be eligible for the U/19 IPT.
- A player must be U/19 years of age on the start date of the tournament.

#### **Minimum SCGU Requirements**

- A player must play a minimum of 30% of all rounds at counting tournaments.
- The counting tournaments are the SCGU Junior and Mens tournaments as per the SCGU fixture list.  
It is required of a player to play at least 2 (two) tournaments within the 3 months preceding selection to qualify for automatic selection.
- For the 2019 year Dynamic / Performance ranking Order of Merit will be maintained: This Order of Merit requires a minimum of 30% of all rounds to be played at Counting Tournaments for selection purposes, but the player may well appear on the Order of Merit despite not having played the required minimum number of Tournaments and calculates the score of the position of the player in relation to the rest of the field rather than an actual score (this therefore takes out the effects of adverse weather conditions in a tournament). The best 80% of differentials for a player will be used.

The above Order of Merits it will be calculated on the previous 9 months' results on moving basis (exclusive of December).

Average points Order of Merit / Cumulative points Oder of Merit.

These Order of Merits may be run in conjunction with the Dynamic / Performance ranking Order of Merit and can/may be considered by SCGU, but it is expressly stated that these should not be relied upon for selection purposes if they are ever published. This Order of Merit is calculated on an average points system per tournament. To qualify on this Order of Merit a minimum of 10 Counting Tournaments needs to be played (otherwise "DNQ" will appear next to the players' name). The point's allocation for Junior Tournaments is as per Category B on

the SCGU website. The Junior Southern Cape Strokeplay, Southern Cape Open, Southern Cape Closed and Cape Province Open will have points allocated to them as per Category A on the SCGU website.

In both of the above Order of Merits it will be calculated on the previous 9 months' results on moving basis (exclusive of December).

- A player must play in 50% of the Super League matches for his respective Club or Team.
- The SCGU may at its discretion disregard the requirement to play in 50% of the league matches should extenuating circumstances exist.

### **GOLFRSA Conditions**

- The Southern Cape Golf Union will ensure that all representative teams are selected in accordance with the conditions as set by the South African Golf Association.
- As from 1 January 2016, 2 (two) players of colour must represent this Team. Should these players not be an automatic selection (top 4), then the wild card or selectors' picks will go to these players in order to adhere to the SAGA conditions.
- Players that have moved to the Southern Cape, must be an affiliated member of a golf club and handicapped in the Southern Cape region for at least 6 (six) months, before being eligible for SCGU Team selection. The 6 (six) month window applies from handicap effective date, until start of respective IPT/Team event.

### **Automatic Selection to the U19IPT (minimum SCGU requirements apply):**

1. The Top 2 players from the Top 50 positions on the GolfRSA National Order of Merit will automatically qualify for selection. Should a player be unavailable then only 1 player will be selected under this option or none should both the top 2 players be unavailable for selection. In either instance where a player/(s) is/are unavailable the option of selection under this method of selection will then form part of the "Wild Card" / "Selectors Pick" options.
2. The top 2 available eligible players on the Dynamic / Performance ranking Order of Merit that do not form part of 1 above will qualify for selection.
3. The remaining 4 (four) players (or additional players that are not chosen under 1 above) will be chosen as per the "Wild Card" / "Selectors Pick" below.

### **Wild Card or Selectors Picks**

- The selectors may, at their discretion, select any 4 (four) players who are members of a Golf Club affiliated to the SCGU. The selection of such players is not restricted to any minimum requirements or position on the Junior Order of Merit.

### **HANDICAP**

The onus is on each player to enter all their scores for completed rounds, not just rounds at their home club. This can be done at any club or online using the website <http://www.handicaps.co.za/>. The selection committee may leave you off the team for failing to register all your scores. Please note that handicaps are not factored into any decision with regard to selection of teams, but is based on stroke averages as determined above.

### **SELECTION DIVISIONAL TEAMS**

Selection will be done by the selection committee. The selection policy will be as follows: For teams of 6 the first four will be the top players in that age group on the order of merit and the other 2 players will be as selected by the selection committee as they deem fit ("captains pick"). For teams of 8 the first four will be the top players in that age group on the order of merit and the other 4 players will be selected by the selection committee as they deem fit ("captains pick").

To be eligible to play for a Southern Cape team you are required to play the minimum SC OOM rounds as per the stroke average order of merit requirements, unless the selection committee chooses the player as a ("captains pick").

It is a GolfRSA requirement that players should have been members within the affiliated union for a period of 6 months prior to selection.

### **NATIONAL ORDER OF MERIT (NOOM)**

FOR THE NOOM TOURNAMENTS ANNUALLY the top players on the U15, U17 and U19 Order of Merit (as per the Average Points Order of Merit) as well as any player in the top 20 on the NOOM will

most likely be eligible to play (although GolfRSA will set the requirements for each tournament). Should any of the top players choose not to participate the next players on the OOM will be offered the opportunity to play, but the GolfRSA ballot system may well apply, which will mean they might not qualify for the event.