



Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour 2019/20

10 Sunshine Tour Cards for 2020

Incentives

Big Easy IGT Challenge Events (16)

1. Road to Sunshine Tour (16 events Big Easy IGT Challenge) Top 10 earns Sunshine Tour Card.
2. Road to Sunshine Tour (16 events Big Easy IGT Challenge) Players in positions 11 – 30 promotions to Sunshine Tour Q-School final.

Notes: Amateurs do not win any money on Big Easy IGT Challenge Events. Amateurs who want to compete for the Road to Sunshine Tour Order of Merit points must change their status to Pro.

IGT Classic Events (15)

1. The leading 10 and tied IGT members in IGT Classic event, will qualify to play in the next Big Easy IGT Tournament.
2. IGT ranked members fill the field up to the maximum advertised size (i.e. 120) for Big Easy IGT Challenge events.

Race To Q-School Events (11)

1. Race to Q-School (11 events IGT Race to Q-School. RTQS) Top 15 promotion to Sunshine Tour Q-School final.

Note: All above incentive are only applicable to players who have Full Membership status with Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour for 2019/20 season. Please visit Membership for information or contact IGT at 078 3300 440.

Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour

- The Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour starts 1 April 2019.
- The Tour will have 42 events running from 1 April 2019 to 11 March 2020.
- The Road to Sunshine Tour will be 16 events running from April to November 2019.
- The Race to Sunshine Tour Q-School will be 11 events played from December 2019 to March 2020.

Membership

- An eligible member of the Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour 2019/20 will be regarded as a Full Member for the current Official Season upon receipt of a completed membership application form and membership fee.
- IGT players on category 9 and higher playing in Big Easy IGT Challenge event, who wants their winnings to count on Road to Sunshine Tour Order of Merit must take up affiliated membership (R1000) with the Sunshine Tour.

Entry Fees

IGT Classic Events: R1700

Big Easy IGT Events: R750

Tournament Info

All tournaments will be held over 54 holes, with a N-player cutline after 36 holes.

IGT Classic Events: N = The number of players (and ties) to 66% percent of the field to a maximum of 50 players (summer) and 40 players (winter) and ties who will proceed to the final round.

Big Easy IGT Challenge Events: N = 30 and ties (excluding amateurs) who will proceed to the final round.

Tournament Field

IGT Classic Events: Tournament field size will be restricted to a total of 156 players in summer, 132 players in autumn/spring and 120 players in winter.

Big Easy IGT Challenge Events: Tournament field size will be restricted to a total of 120 players.

Eligibility

Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour

- The Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour events are open to all professional or amateur golfers from South Africa and International.
- Amateurs must have an official handicap of 4 or less.
- There are no restrictions on nationality or gender.
- Age restriction is 16 years. Players younger than 16 can apply to play on the Tour.
- Please note players under 18 years must play as amateur. (No Exceptions)
- The Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone. Evidence of playing ability may be required.

Big Easy IGT Challenge Events (Ranking Categories)

Category Description

Category 0b The leading 10 and tied BET members, who are not otherwise exempt, will qualify to play in the next Big Easy Tour Order of Merit tournament

Category 1a Winners of the Big Easy Tour Order of Merit from 2016 – 2018 (who are eligible for membership)

Category 1b Winners of 2018 & 2019 Big Easy Tour sanctioned tournaments (who are eligible for membership)

Category 3 Top 30 players off the Final 2018 Big Easy Tour Order of Merit who are eligible for membership

Category 4 2018 BET members and Affiliate members earning more than the 30th placed player off the Final 2017 BET OoM

Category 6 Players outside Top 100 who have earned money, and played at least 6 tournaments, on the 2018-2019 Sunshine Tour Final OoM

Category 7 Sunshine Tour “5 year members” in Category 9h on the 2018/2019 Sunshine Tour

Category 8a Players in positions 31 – 60 from the 2019/2020 Sunshine Tour Qualifying School & players in positions 16 – 30 from the 2019/2020 Vusi Ngubeni Q School, staggered

Category 8b Players in positions 31 – 40 from the 2019/2020 Vusi Ngubeni Q School

Category 9 The leading 10 and tied IGT members, in an IGT Classic event will qualify to play in the next Big Easy IGT Tour Order of Merit tournament

Category 10 Winners of 2018 & 2019 IGT sanctioned tournaments

Category 11 5 Invitations for International Players
Category 12 5 Invitees
Category 13 IGT ranked members fill the field up to the maximum advertised size (i.e. 120)

Notes:

1. Category 13 – IGT rankings 2019 starts 14 January 2019.

Orders of Merit

To be eligible for all Order of Merits, players must be members in good standing of the Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour. (Membership fully paid up).

Order of Merits is based on the following:

1. Road to Sunshine Tour 2019/20: Based on money earnings
2. IGT Rankings 2018: Based on points earned
3. IGT Race to Q-School: Based on points earned

IGT Rankings 2019

- Order of Merit (OoM) Points are awarded for each event.
- Where players tie, the points will be shared.
- Minimum of 3 events to be played.

IGT Race to Q-School 2019/20

- Top 15 on the final 2019/20 IGT race to Q-School order of merit gain entry into 2019 Sunshine Tour QS Final Stage
- All events played by member counts towards Order of Merit
- No minimum events

Road to Sunshine Tour 2019/20

- Non-members who are exempt for Big Easy IGT Challenge tournaments, and who want their money and Top 10 finish (to get into the following event), to count on the Road to Sunshine Tour OoM, are required to take up Affiliate Membership at R1000 with the Sunshine Tour.
- Top 10 on the final BET Road to Sunshine Tour 2019/20 order of merit earn cards on the Sunshine Tour for the 2020/21 season
- Players 11-30 on final BET 2019/20 order of merit gain entry into the 2020/21 Sunshine Tour QS Final Stage
- Player would need to play at least 6 events on the Road to Sunshine Tour sanction tournaments to be eligible for the Order of Merit.
- The Road to Sunshine Tour Order of Merit will be Money earnings.

Entry Regulations

Each Player wishing to enter a Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour Approved Tournament shall either:

- i) Enter online via the Members' or
- ii) Telephone the Entries Department on 078 3300 440; or
- iii) Email the Entries Department on office@igtgolf.org; or
- iv) Enter in person at the Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour 2018/19 office on-site.
- v) Use Quick Entry under Tournaments on IGT website. www.igtgolf.org

vi) Players in category 1 – 8 must book through the Sunshine Tour Offices. Contact 021 8506500

Entry Closing Date

- Big Easy IGT Challenge events; Entries close 5pm seven (7) days prior to event starting.
- IGT Classic events: Entries close 2 (two) days prior to event starting.

Payment Methods & Terms of Payment

Payable in full prior to the member's commencement of the tournament he has entered to the Big Easy IGT Challenge Tour.

Payments can be made by;

1. EFT (Please contact IGT for Bank details). EFT payment must be made 3 days prior to event and proof to be send to office@igtgolf.org
2. Cash or Credit/Debit cards at event registration.

Please note: Player payment not received before his tee time will not be allowed to tee off.

Tournament Withdrawals

Any player wishing to withdraw must do so in writing (office@igtgolf.org) or contact IGT offices (078 3300 440). Players must withdraw 3 days before event. All late withdrawals carry a R500 fine.

Tournament Registration

Players will receive a registration confirmation 3 days before event starts. All players must register before 10am day before event starts. Players who are not registered will be removed from draw and forfeit their entry fee.

Please note that any person or other player can register a player.

Contact: 078 3300 440 **Email:** office@igtgolf.org **Web:** www.igtgolf.org

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