

# **2016 MASTERS 60+ DOUBLES TOURNAMENT**

Concurrent with the 2016 World Masters Squash Championships

## **JOHANNESBURG**

**23 – 30 September 2016**

(Doubles Play begins on 26 September)

### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION** *for International Players*

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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The Tournament will be conducted under the World Squash Federation (WSF) Doubles Rules and Regulations and will be played at The Country Club Johannesburg (CCJ) (Auckland Park).

Whilst the Doubles Tournament is not a Championship event, all who enter will be considered part of the Championship fraternity and will be welcome to participate in the functions and use the tournament transport – see details in this document.

Players may not enter the Doubles Events as well as the 2016 World Masters Championship Events.

### 1. EVENTS

The following doubles events will be held, subject to the rules set out below:

- Men's Doubles O60 yrs Played from Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 September
- Men's Doubles O70 yrs " " " " "
- Ladies Doubles O60 yrs " " " " "
- Mixed Doubles O60 yrs Played from Thursday 29 – Friday 30 September
- Competitors in all events must be of the age or older on the start date of the tournament, namely 26 September 2016.
- Men may enter one of the Men's Doubles events and/or the Mixed Doubles. Ladies may enter the Ladies Doubles and/or the Mixed Doubles.
- Players must present a passport or identity document on registration to confirm their date of birth.

### 2. EVENT FORMAT

- All events will be run on the Swiss Pairing format or in Pools.
- All pairings will be offered a minimum of 3 matches.
- Each pairing is expected to complete all scheduled matches.
- Prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in each event.
- No prize money is offered for any of the events.

### 3. TOURNAMENT SEEDINGS

- The Seeding of all events will be done by a Seeding Panel.
- Entrants are requested to provide relevant information on playing standard and previous results when completing their entry, to assist with seedings.

### 4. SCHEDULE of CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS, DOUBLES EVENTS and FUNCTIONS

- Thursday 22 September: Player Registration and Practice
- Friday 23 September: Player Registration and Practice  
**Opening Function**
- Saturday 24 September: First day of match play
- Sunday 25 September: Second day of match play
- Monday 26 September: Third day of match play / **First day of Men's and Ladies Doubles**
- Tuesday 27 September: Fourth day of match play / **Second day of Doubles**
- Wednesday 28 September: Fifth day of match play / **Third day of Doubles**
- Thursday 29 September: Sixth day of match play / **First day of Mixed Doubles**
- Friday 30 September: Finals / **Final day of Mixed Doubles and Prize Giving at CCJ**  
Prize Giving at Squash Venues to follow last scheduled matches

## Closing Function

### 5. PLAYING REGULATIONS

- All matches are to be played in accordance with the WSF's The Rules of Squash.
- Point-A-Rally scoring to 15 will apply in all events, with sudden death at 14 points all.
- Appropriate protective eyewear must be worn at all times on court.
- All matches will be played on the Doubles Courts at CCJ and, if necessary, on the adjoining singles courts.
- Players must report to the Tournament Office 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each match.
- A pairing may be disqualified and the match awarded to the opponents if one or other player or both players arrive 10 minutes or more after the scheduled start time or after the court becomes available, if later.
- All players must wear appropriate squash clothing and non-marking shoes.

### 6. OFFICIAL BALL

- The Dunlop double yellow dot ball will be used for all events.

### 7. REFEREEING

- Official referees may be available to referee matches. However, in the event that there are not referees or players available, the players will referee themselves.
- In the event of a dispute the players may consult the Tournament Referee.

### 8. TOURNAMENT VENUE

- The Tournament will be played at The Country Club Johannesburg (Auckland Park).
- Food and beverages will be available throughout each day.

### 9. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- Player registration will take place in the squash complex at The Country Club Johannesburg (Auckland Park) on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 September between the hours of 9h00 and 17h00. Players arriving after Friday 23 September can register at CCJ an hour before their first match.
- All players will receive a tournament shirt and a welcome pack.

### 10. ACCOMMODATION

- The tournament hotels are situated mainly in the Rosebank area which is a good office, shopping and restaurant hub in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg and close to the Gautrain, a railway service which links Rosebank to Johannesburg's international airport.
- Players will need to book their own accommodation.
- For information on the hotels, and to book, go to "HOTELS" on the website.

### 11. FUNCTIONS

The following official functions will be held during the Championships:

#### Opening Function:

This will be held at The Country Club Johannesburg (Auckland Park). Players who choose the Basic Entry Fee option will need to sign up for the Opening Function "add-on" in order to attend. Players may book tickets for non-playing companions or spouses in advance.

#### Closing Function:

This will be held in the Ballroom at The Wanderers Club. Players must book in advance as tickets will be limited to 400. Players may book tickets for non-playing companions or spouses in advance.

### 12. TRANSPORT

- A shuttle bus service will operate from The Crowne Plaza hotel, the main championship hotel, which is centrally situated in Rosebank, to The Country Club Johannesburg, Parkview Squash Centre and The Wanderers.

- The shuttle bus service will include the Opening and Closing Functions and will operate from Friday 23 to Friday 30 September.
- To use the Transport, players must sign up for Transport. See Player Entry Fees.
- Please note that there will be no airport pick-up or drop-off service provided.
- Players arriving at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Tambo) are advised to use the Gautrain Rail Service to the Rosebank station which is close to the tournament hotels. Transfer from Rosebank station to each hotel is by own arrangement.

### 13. PLAYER ENTRY FEES

There are a number of options available to entrants. The entry fee is an individual player entry fee and covers all doubles events entered. The player's partner(s) must enter separately.

If a partner is required for one or both events, the player must indicate this when entering and the tournament organisers will endeavour to find the player a partner or partners.

#### Basic Entry Fee:

1. The Basic Entry Fee until the entry closing date of 12 August 2016 is: US\$100
- The Basic Entry Fee does not include the Functions or Transport but these can be added.

#### Add-Ons:

1. **The Opening Function** US\$40
2. **The Closing Function** US\$60
3. **Transport** US\$55

### 14. NON-PLAYER BOOKING FEES

Players may book for Transport and the Opening and Closing Functions for non-playing companions and spouses when entering the Doubles Tournament.

The **Add-On Fees** for non-players are as follows:

1. **The Opening Function** US\$40
2. **The Closing Function** US\$60
3. **Transport** (names will be required for lanyards) US\$55

### 15. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- Entries must be made via the **TO ENTER** button under the **DOUBLES EVENT** tab on the website – [www.wsfworldmasters.com](http://www.wsfworldmasters.com). Non-South African players must go to the "International Players" button to enter.
- Payments must be made via VISA or MASTER credit cards.
- Confirmation of entry will be emailed to the player once payment has been confirmed. Should confirmation of entry not be received, please contact the organisers at the address provided on the website.
- Entries will close on Friday 12 August 2016 at 23h59 GMT.
- Entry Fees, function fees and transport fees are non-refundable after the closing of entries on Friday 12 August 2016. Prior to the closing date, refunds will be made less a 25% administration fee, provided the request is made by the player by email or in writing and is received by the closing date.
- It is the player's responsibility to check that their entry has been received before the closing date. No responsibility can be taken by the Tournament organisers for entries not received.

### 16. PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

All non-South African entrants are advised to check if they require a visa to enter South Africa and to apply for the appropriate travel documentation well in advance of the Tournament dates.

By submitting an entry for the 2016 Masters 60+ Doubles Tournament players agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations governing the Tournament.

South African players must have a valid Squash South Africa Registration Number which can be obtained by going to the Squash South Africa website at [www.squashsa.co.za](http://www.squashsa.co.za) .

All players enter and compete in the Tournament at their own risk. The event organisers, the sponsors, Squash South Africa and the WSF accept no liability whatsoever for injury or loss arising from participation in the Tournament. It is strongly recommended that all participants take out suitable insurance to cover themselves in the event of injury, loss, illness or accident.

Players who book tickets on behalf of non-players do so at their own risk. The event organisers, the sponsors, Squash South Africa and the WSF accept no liability whatsoever for injury or loss incurred by a non-player arising from their presence at any of the functions, the venues or from using the tournament transport.

#### **17. DECLARATION**

I hereby confirm my entry to participate in the 2016 MASTERS 60+ DOUBLES TOURNAMENT and declare:

1. that I have read this 2016 Masters Doubles Tournament Information document and accept all the conditions contained therein;
2. that I shall participate at my own risk and not hold the organisers, the sponsors, the host association or the WSF responsible for any loss, injury, disability or death arising from such participation.

