EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2017 – STAGE 1
Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} – Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} January 2017

PLAYER INFORMATION

1. **Venues**

   Silves Golf  
Pestana Golf Resorts  
Vila Fria-Silves  
8300-169 Silves  
Portugal  
Telephone Number: +351 282 440 130  
Fax Number: +351 282 440 131  
E-Mail: info@pestanagolf.com  
Web: www.pestanagolf.com

Gramacho Golf Club  
Pestana Carvoeiro Golf Resort  
Apartado 1011  
8401-908 Carvoeiro  
Portugal  
Telephone Number: +351 282 340 900  
Fax Number: +351 282 340 901  
E-Mail Address of Club: info@pestanagolf.com  
Web: www.pestanagolf.com

2. **Conditions**

    Each First Stage event will be a 36 hole strokeplay event with 18 holes being played on Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} and on Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} January, Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} January may be used as a full playing day in the event of any weather delays and competitors should take note of this when making their travel plans.

    The number of players qualifying to proceed to the Qualifying School Finals will be announced during Stage 1.

3. **Practice**

    The official practice days are Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} and Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} January. Practice arrangements at each venue are as follows:
**Silves Golf**

Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} January 08:00 - 13:00 (1\textsuperscript{st} tee)

Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} January 08:00 - 13:00 (1\textsuperscript{st} tee)

Call Rui Gago on +351 282 340 900 or email rui.gago@pestana.com to reserve practice times.

Practice times will be available from the Tournament Office on Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} January. Players wishing to practice prior to 24\textsuperscript{th} will be charged at 50% of the rack rate.

The Tournament Office is situated in a portakabin adjacent to the Clubhouse.

**Gramacho Golf Club**

Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} January 08:00 - 13:00 (1\textsuperscript{st} tee)

Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} January 08:00 - 13:00 (1\textsuperscript{st} tee)

Fax Rui Gago +351 282 340 901 or email rui.gago@pestana.com to reserve practice times.

Practice times will be available from the Tournament Office on Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} January.

The Tournament Office is situated in a portakabin to the left of the Clubhouse entrance and reception.

4. **Registration**

All competitors are required to register with the European Senior Tour by 12.00 on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} January. This may be done in person at the appropriate venue or by telephone to the European Tour office at Wentworth, telephone + 44 (0)1344 840400 or + 44 (0)1344 844471. Amateur competitors who wish to maintain their amateur status must indicate their intention in writing and this can be done by completing a standard form available at registration.

5. **Withdrawals**

All withdrawals must be notified to the European Senior Tour Entries Department. If a player withdraws, without competing, he will be refunded £700 or €960 only. (NB: No exceptions).

If a player is absent on the tee without notification, **NO refund** will be given and he may face disciplinary action subject to circumstances.

**Once an entrant had teed off in either Stage 1 or the Finals, refund of entry is not possible under any circumstances.**
6. **Catering**

**Silves Golf:**
The Clubhouse will be open from 07:00 until 19:00.

**Gramacho Golf Club:**
The Clubhouse will be open from 07:00 until 20:00.

*Lunch will be complimentary for players only on tournament days – coloured wristbands will be issued by the recorder on completion of play for use on that day. Player guest lunches can be purchased at €13 at Gramacho and Silves.*

7. **Practice Range**

**Golf Academy Vale da Pinta:**
This is the Official Practice facility for both Gramacho and Silves Stage 1 venues.

Opening times: 07:30 – 17:00 on Practice and Tournament days.

A net is available at Silves Golf *adjacent to the putting green.*

8. **Caddies**

**Silves Golf:**
Caddie availability is extremely limited. Those competitors requiring a caddie should contact Marco Silva either by email or telephone: estqs@pestana.com, mobile: +351 964 500 669, land line: +351 282 340 900. Please book as early as possible. Cost will be €50 per round + tip. Players may also reserve electric trolleys at cost €20 booked in advance.

**Gramacho Golf Club:**
Caddie availability is limited and competitors requiring a caddie should email or call Marco Silva - email: estqs@pestana.com, mobile: +351 964 500 669, land line: +351 282 340 900. Please book as early as possible.

9. **Trolleys**

Pull trolleys will be readily available at all Stage 1 qualifying venues free of charge.

10. **European Senior Tour Rules**

All European Tour rules apply. A full list of Rules and Regulations will be available at each venue and on the 1st tee and 10th tees. Competitors are specifically asked to note:
a) One ball rule is applicable.
b) Prohibitions on practice putting.
c) Play suspensions in a dangerous situation requires an immediate stop.
d) Rule 4-1/1 Groove and Punch Mark specification will be in operation for Stage1 and Finals.
e) Distance Measuring Devices may be used during the Tournament but they must measure distance only. Penalty: 2 strokes for 1st offence; thereafter Disqualification.

11. **Medical**

Red Cross will be on-site 24th – 27th January situated by the clubhouse.

12. **European Senior Tour Staff**

**Silves Golf:**
Tournament Director: Jose Maria Zamora  
Referees: Thomas Waldenstedt  
R&A – TBA  
PGF – TBA  
Recorder/Secretary: Carmel Treacy

**Gramacho Golf Club:**
Tournament Director: Pascal Vincent  
Referees: Derrick Cooper  
R&A – TBA  
PGF – TBA  
Recorder/Secretary: Barrie Hill

13. **Accommodation**

The Official Hotel for Gramacho and Silves is:

**Pestana Dom João II**, Praia dos Três Irmãos, 8501-904 Alvor

Rates are as follows:

- Single : € 35  
- Single Sea View : €50  
- Twin : € 41  
- Double Sea View : €56

Prices are per room, per night for accommodation and breakfast.

A 10% discount will apply for those staying for 7 or more nights.
Further details and booking forms are available from the European Senior Tour web-site – www.europeantour.com

14. Car Rental

Special car hire rates have been set up with the Official Hire Car Company: Nice Rent (details of rates and a booking form are available on the EST website).

For further information or to make your booking please contact Nice Rent by emailing: info@nicerent.pt making reference to the Senior Tour “Q” School.

15. Yardage Books

Yardage books will be available from the Recorder at respective venues at players’ cost.