

EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR
QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2018 – STAGE 1
Thursday 25 – Friday 26 January 2018

PLAYER INFORMATION

1. Venues

Silves Golf
Pestana Golf Resorts
Vila Fria-Silves
8300-169 Silves
Portugal
Tel: + 351 282 440 130
Fax: + 351 282 440 131
Email: info@pestanagolf.com
Website: www.pestanagolf.com

Gramacho Golf Club
Pestana Carvoeiro Golf Resort
Apartado 1011
8401-908 Carvoeiro
Lagoa, Portugal
Tel: + 351 282 340 900
Fax: + 351 282 340 901
Email: info@pestanagolf.com
Website: www.pestanagolf.com

2. Conditions

Each First Stage event will be a 36 hole strokeplay event with 18 holes being played on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th January. Saturday 27th 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 23rd and Wednesday 24th January. Practice arrangements at each venue are as follows:

Silves Golf

Tuesday 23rd January

08:00 - 13:00 (1st tee)



Wednesday 24th January 08:00 - 13:00 (1st 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 22nd January. Players wishing to practice prior to 23rd will be charged at 50% of the rack rate up to a week before the event, then at a further discounted rate of €27.

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

Gramacho Golf Club

Tuesday 23rd January 08:00 - 13:00 (1st tee)

Wednesday 24th January 08:00 - 13:00 (1st tee)

Email rui.gago@pestana.com to reserve practice times.

Practice times will be available from the Tournament Office on Monday 22nd 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 24th 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 €770 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 has 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 €13.50 euros 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 both Stage 1 qualifying venues.

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) A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

11. Medical

Red Cross will be on-site Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th and Saturday 27th January if relevant situated by the clubhouse.

12. European Senior Tour Staff

Tournament staff for each venue will be advised on appointment.

12. Accommodation

The Official Hotel for Gramacho and Silves is the **Pestana Dom João II**, Praia dos Três Irmãos, 8501-904 Alvor, Algarve, Portugal.

Rates are as follows:

SINGLE : € 37,00

SINGLE SEA VIEW : €51,00

TWIN : € 43,00

DOUBLE SEA VIEW : €57,00

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

(A **10% discount** will be applicable to those staying for 7 nights or more)

Further details and booking forms are available from the European Senior Tour web-site – www.europeantour.com

13. 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 web-site).

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

14. Yardage Books

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

