

STAYSURE TOUR
QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2019 – STAGE 1
Thursday 24 – Friday 25 January 2019

PLAYER INFORMATION

1. Venues

Silves Golf
Pestana Golf Resorts
Vila Fria-Silves
8300-169 Silves
Portugal
Tel: + 351 282 440 130 (Tournament Office: +351 282 240 077 from Mon 21 January)
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
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 24 and Friday 25 January. Saturday 26 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 Staysure Tour Qualifying School Finals will be announced during Stage 1.

3. Practice

The official practice days are Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January. Practice arrangements at each venue are as follows:

Silves Golf

Tuesday 22 January 08:00 - 13:00 (1st tee)

Wednesday 23 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 21 January. Players wishing to practice between 1 and 13 January will be charged at 50% of the rack rate (€32), then at a further discounted rate of €27 between 14 and 21 January.

Gramacho Golf Club

Tuesday 22 January 08:00 - 13:00 (1st tee)

Wednesday 23 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 21 January. Players wishing to practice between 1 and 13 January will be charged at 50% of the rack rate (€37), then at a further discounted rate of €27 between 14 and 21 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 Staysure Tour by **12.00 on Wednesday 23 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 Staysure 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 for breakfast (chargeable) from 07:00 until 19:00.

Gramacho Golf Club:

The Clubhouse will be open for breakfast (chargeable) 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 €14 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: stqs@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.

Gramacho Golf Club:

Caddie availability is limited and competitors requiring a caddie should email or call Marco Silva - email: stqs@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. Players may also reserve electric trolleys at cost €20 booked in advance.

10. Staysure Tour Local Rules

The 2019 Rules of Golf apply. A list of Local 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) 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 4-3(a) 1.

11. Medical

There is a Doctor on call, who can be contacted via the Tournament Office. Red Cross will be on-site Tuesday 22 – Friday 25 and Saturday 26 January if relevant situated by the clubhouse. The nearest hospital is in Portimao (15 minutes from Course).

12. Staysure Tour Staff

Silves Golf:

Tournament Director: Ben Groutage

Referees: Sebastiano Torrisi (R1), John Mason(R&A), FPG Referees: TBA

Office Manager/Recorder: Africa Perea

Stage Management: George Griffith/Taha Gomaa

Gramacho Golf Club:

Tournament Director: Pascal Vincent

Referees: Pascal Vincent(TD), Derrick Cooper(ST), Roger Bathurst (R&A), FPG

Referees: TBA

Office Manager/Recorder: Carmel Treacy

Stage Management: George Griffith/Taha Gomaa

13. Accommodation

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

Single Deluxe Land View : € 35 Single Deluxe Sea View : €50

Double Deluxe Land View : € 41 Double Deluxe 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.

Cancellation Fee - until 15 days before arrival, no penalty will be applied. Between 14 days and 8 days before arrival, 2 nights fees penalty. Between 7 days and 1 day before arrival, full penalty.

Further details and booking forms are available from the Staysure Tour web-site [Q School accommodation](#)

14. Car Rental

Special car hire rates have been set up with the Official Hire Car Company: **Nice Rent** (details of rates are available on the [European Tour website](#)).

For further information or to make a booking, please contact Nice Rent by emailing: info@nicerent.pt quoting Staysure Tour "Q" School.

15. Car Parking

Locations and Access: Ample parking at Clubhouse and Academy.

16. Yardage Books

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

17. Banking

ATM facilities are available at the 2 supermarkets adjacent to the approach road to Gramacho and Pinta.

This booklet has been produced to provide you with all the information you are likely to require including details of those Officials who will be on hand to assist. Staysure Tour staff will be onsite from 09:00 on Monday 21 January 2019.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Final and wish you a successful tournament week.

Derrick Cooper

Tournament Director