

STAYSURE TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2019 – FINALS

Monday 28 January – Thursday 31 January 2019

EXEMPT & STAGE 1 QUALIFIER PLAYERS INFORMATION

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Final of the 2019 Staysure Tour Qualifying School at Vale da Pinta from Monday 28 January – Thursday 31 January 2019. Full details of the venue are as follows:-

Pestana Golf Resorts (Vale da Pinta Course)

Carvoeiro Golf SA

Apartado 1011

8401-908 Carvoeiro LGA

Algarve

Portugal

Telephone Number: +351 282 340 900

Email: info@pestanagolf.com

Web: www.pestanagolf.com

2. Conditions

A minimum field of 72 competitors and ties will play 54 holes, after which only those players within 8 shots of 5th position will go forward to contest the final round. Friday 1 February 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.

Players finishing in positions 1-5 at the Staysure Tour Qualifying School Finals will be eligible for Ranked Membership of the Staysure Tour.

3. Format of the Week

Official Practice Days: Saturday 26 January from 14:00 and Sunday 27 January from 09:00 to 13:00 from the 1st tee only. Call Tournament Office on +351 282 340 443 to reserve times.

The Club have kindly agreed to allow Professionals Practice Rounds in advance of the Official Practice Days where space is available between 19 January and 25 January at a charge of €27. Starting Sheets for advance bookings will be given to Rui Gago by Derrick Cooper before Saturday January 26 and these will be posted and controlled by ST from Saturday 26 January when the office will be open from 9:00am for registration. Practice sheet times will be available outside the tournament office from noon on Friday 25 January.

Practice Range: is located within the Golf Academy a short distance away from the Clubhouse and provides a chipping green and practice bunker and club storage facilities.

It will be open Saturday 26 January to Thursday 31 January from 07:30 – 17:30 (12:00 noon on Thurs 31 January).

Official Tournament Days: Monday 28 to Thursday 31 January from 09:00 – 10:30 daily, three (3) ball format at 10 minute intervals. Two tee start off the Tournament 1st & 10th tees (the Club's 3rd and 12th tees respectively).

Daily Draw and Drawsheets: will be available from the Tournament Office and host hotel.

4. Offices and Registration

The Tournament office is located in the Sales Office to the right hand side as you enter the Vale da Pinta Clubhouse. Contact numbers are:

Tournament Office / Media Centre: Tel: +351 282 340 443 or 444

Players are expected to register between **09:00 on Saturday 26 to 17:00 on Sunday 27 January**. This may be done in person at the Vale da Pinta Tournament office or by telephone to the European Tour office at Wentworth, telephone + 44 (0) 1344 840 400 or + 44 (0) 1344 844 471.

5. Withdrawals

All withdrawals must be notified to the European 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 the Finals, a refund of entry is not possible under any circumstances.

6. Catering

Clubhouse from 07:00 to 19:00 daily. Lunch will be provided for **players only** free of charge on tournament days, wristband accreditation will be provided via the Tournament Office.

Additional lunches for family/friends available at €14.00 per person daily.

7. Shuttle Buses

A shuttle service will operate between the Clubhouse and 10th tee on Tournament Days and between the 16th green and 17th tee.

8. Caddies & Trolleys

Caddie availability is limited and competitors requiring a caddie may book online at stqs@pestana.com as early as possible. Cost will be €50 per round + tip.

Players may also reserve an electric trolley subject to availability at €20 booked in advance.

9. Medical

There is a Doctor on call, who can be contacted via the Tournament Office. Red Cross personnel will be onsite during tournament competition days.

The nearest hospital is in Portimao (15 minutes from Course).

Physiotherapist will be onsite from Sunday 27 January free of charge to players.

10. Staysure Tour Rules

The 2019 Rules of Golf rules apply. A full list of Local Rules and Regulations will be available on the 1st tee/10th tee or from the Tournament office. 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) Pace of play – please refer to the policy attached.
- 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, or wind speed, etc,) the player is in breach of Rule 4-3a 1.

11. Staysure Tour Staff

Tournament Director: Derrick Cooper

Referees:, Pascal Vincent, Sebastiano Torrasi FPG Referees: TBA

Office Manager/Recorder: Carmel Treacy/Africa Perea

Stage Management: George Griffith/Taha Gomaa/Joana Trigos

Daniel Youngs (Membership & Entries Administrator) will be onsite from 30 January p.m. and 31 January, providing you with an opportunity to introduce yourself and ask any questions.

12. Accommodation

The Official Hotel is:

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

Rates are as follows:

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 European Tour web-site - [Q School accommodation](#)

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 [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.

14. Yardage Books

Yardage books will be available from the Recorder at the tournament office at players' cost.

15. Press Facilities

Press Centre Location: Identified area in the clubhouse.

Press Officer: TBC

16. Car Parks

Location: Large car park available by the clubhouse.

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 Saturday 26 January.

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

Derrick Cooper
Tournament Director