



2012 APPLICATION TO ENTER EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL



Stage 1: Thursday 26th – Friday 27th January 2012
Finals: Monday 30th January – Thursday 2nd February 2012

ENTRY DEADLINE: 31st December, 2011
Entry Fee: £800 or €950 (Stage 1 and/or Finals)

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- (a) All male professional golfers who are 50 years of age on or before Friday 16th November 2012.
- (b) All male amateur golfers who are 50 years of age on or before Friday 16th November 2012, with a handicap of **one (1)** or lower under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter.

Note: (1) It is not in itself a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status for an amateur golfer **under the Jurisdiction of the R&A Rules Ltd** to file an entry for and play in any stage of the European Senior Tour Qualifying School, providing that the player waives his right to the prize money prior to each stage by completing the appropriate forms available on site at each venue. An amateur golfer who fails to waive his right to prize money is in breach of the Rules, but if he is unsuccessful at the Qualifying School, he may apply for reinstatement as an amateur golfer."

- (2) **Successful qualifiers will only be eligible to participate in European Senior Tour Tournaments on reaching 50 years of age.**

FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The School will be conducted in two stages of stroke play.

Stage 1

Stage 1 will be conducted over 36 holes, with no cut, at the following venues:

**Silves Golf
Pestana Golf Resorts
Vila Fria-Silves
8300-169
Silves
Portugal**

(14kms East of Portimao)

**Tel: + 351 282 440 130
Fax: + 351 282 440 131
Email: info@pestanagolf.com
Website: www.pestanagolf.com**

**Pestana Vila Sol Golf
Mogadinhos
8125-307
Vilamoura
Algarve
Portugal**

(20kms West of Faro Airport)

**Tel: + 351 289 300 505
Fax: + 351 289 316 499
Email: golfreservations@vilasol.pt
Website: www.vilasol.pt**

**Gramacho Golf Club
Pestana Carvoeiro Golf Resort
Apartado 1011
8401-908 Carvoeiro
Lagoa
Portugal**

(12kms East of Portimao)

**Tel: + 351 282 340 900
Fax: + 351 282 340 901
Email: info@pestanagolf.com
Website: www.pestanagolf.com**

Applicants are advised that, at all 3 venues, Saturday 28th January, 2012 may be used as a full playing day as a contingency. The number of players to advance from Stage 1 to the Finals will be on a pro rata basis from each Stage 1 competition determined after taking into account players automatically eligible for the Finals, and will be announced **during Stage 1**. In all cases, players who tie the final qualifying place score will proceed to the Qualifying School Finals.

2. Finals

The Finals are to be played over 72 holes, at the following venue:

Pestana Golf Resort (Pinta Course)

Carvoeiro Golf SA

Apartado 1011

8401-908 Carvoeiro LGA

Lagoa

Portugal

(12kms East of Portimao)

Tel: + 351 282 340 900

Fax: + 351 282 340 901

Email: info@pestanagolf.com

Website: www.pestanagolf.com

A field of minimum 72 competitors will play 54 holes, after which only those players within 8 shots of the final qualifying place will go forward to contest the final round.

Players are advised that Friday 3rd February 2012 may be used as a full playing day as a contingency. Every effort will be made to complete four rounds, but a result will be declared if only three rounds are possible.

EXEMPTIONS

The following applicants shall be automatically exempt into the Qualifying School Finals:

1. Players finishing between 1st – 75th position in the Final European Senior Tour Order of Merit of the 2011 season.
2. Winners of European Senior Tour Order of Merit Tournaments for a period of 10yrs from the date of the win.
3. Winners of European Tour events up to their 60th birthday
4. The winner of the last played EST Qualifying School.
5. The leading available player, on the closing date for entries, to a limit of 10th place, notified by the Southern African Tour and the PGA of Australia. Where Co-Sanctioned Tournaments are held with the European Senior Tour 2 places will be available to a limit of 10th place notified by the PGA of Japan, the Taiwan Senior PGA and the China Golf Association.
6. Players finishing between 1st – 100th position in the All Time Career Money List as of 11th December 2011.
7. Players eligible for Category 15 membership of the European Tour in their 50th year.

ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY FEE/NOTICE OF STAGE 1 SITE

Once an application has been accepted (only after receipt of the relevant documentation and the full entry fee) applicants will be mailed a Confirmation of Entry. Once Entries have closed, applicants will be emailed with notification of their allocated Stage 1 venue along with specific information relating to the appropriate Stage/Venue.

Note: Applicants will not be allocated to a course until the full entry fee has been received. All entries must be sent with the relevant supporting documentation – failure to do so will result in the entry form being returned. The European Senior Tour is not responsible for the timely delivery of any Postal Service and it is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status in the Qualifying Tournament.

WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the European Senior Tour Entries Department. If a player withdraws **prior** to the closing date his entry fee will be refunded in full. If a player withdraws **after** the closing date, without competing, he will be refunded £700 or €830 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, refund of entry is not possible under any circumstances.**

ENTRY FEES

All Applicants: £800 or €950. This payment covers entry to both stages. When considering entering the European Senior Tour Qualifying School it is vital that you have organised your payment method in advance as your entry will not be processed until the full payment of £800 or €950 has been received and banked.

NB. Entry fee is waived for any player that has taken up Affiliate Membership during the 2011 season.

METHODS OF PAYMENT:

Our preferred method of payment is by credit card, for which there will **not** be an administration charge.

A) Credit Card: The following card types are accepted: VISA / MASTERCARD / AMERICAN EXPRESS. Unfortunately we are unable to accept DINERS CLUB. You will need to supply us with the following information:

- Card Type
- Card Number (should be 16 digits except for Amex which are 15 digits)
- Full Name as shown on card
- Valid from and expiry dates
- Signature as it appears on the card
- Security Code

It is acceptable for a third party (i.e. Sponsor) to pay on your behalf. If this is the case then we would also need to have the address stated on their credit card statements.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please make sure your credit card account has the funds available – check with your credit card company of your card's limit if unsure. Should your funds not be collected on the first attempt, we will try a further 2 times (we will allow a few days between attempts) before we contact you. (Delays in receiving payment could result in you not getting venue preference). You will be sent a receipt from the Accounts Department advising the exact date when the funds were collected from your credit card. Please have this receipt with you when registering in case of queries.

We would make the following suggestion – two weeks after sending in your form, check your credit card to see if £800 or €950 has been debited – if not, it may be that we are experiencing problems and if this is the case you should contact Accounts Department at The European Tour immediately to discuss.

Herewith list of other methods of payment and charges if appropriate.

B) UK Bank Account Cheque: No administration charges. Please make cheques payable to PGA European Tour.

C) Sterling Cash: No administration charges. We do not recommend posting cash!

D) Sterling Bank Draft: If you live anywhere other than the UK you can ask your bank to issue you with a Sterling Bank Draft. They will charge you for this service.

E) Bank Transfer:

Bank: Barclays Bank PLC
The Luton & Dunstable Group
28 George Street
Luton, LU1 2AE, UK

Sort Code: 20-53-30
Swift: BARC GB 22
A/c Name: European Senior Tour
A/c No: 200 155 47
IBAN No: GB49 BARC 2053 3020 0155 47

Note: If making payments from an overseas bank it is VITAL you quote the IBAN number.

Bank charges will be between £6 - £30 and will be charged by all banks involved with the transaction. When asking your bank to make a transfer please make sure they charge you with all costs not the European Senior Tour. To enable us to identify the payment on receipt, please make sure your name is quoted in reference by the issuing bank and send us proof of payment with your entry form.

EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR MEMBERSHIP / ELIGIBILITY

European Senior Tour Full Membership will be awarded to the leading 14 players at the conclusion of the Finals.

The **top six** will be included in Category 6 for the 2012 season. These players will be exempt into all 72 man field events. If a player from the top 6 chooses not to enter a 72 man field Tournament, the next available player from positions 7 through 14 will take his place in Category 6.

Positions **7 through 14** will be placed into Category 9 for the 2012 season. This Category offers a limited number of starts. Entries in Category 9 will be taken sequentially from European Senior Tour Members ranked 21-200 in the All Time Career Money List, positions 7-14 from the 2011 European Senior Tour Qualifying School and European Senior Tour Members ranked 41 – 100 in the 2011 European Senior Tour Order of Merit.

All tied scores shall be ranked by card play off as follows:

(a) the best last 18 holes, (b) the best last 36 holes (c) the best last 54 (d) best last 9, 6, 3, 2 & 1 holes (holes 10 to 18).

For each player, aged 49, finishing among the top 14, a corresponding player will be included in Category 6 (Category 9 for positions 7-14) until such time that said 49 year old player reaches age 50. The player who was provided net 14th position access will then cease to be part of Category 6, but will be included within Category 9.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Official Hotel: Pestana Dom Joao 11, Pestana Vila Sol Hotel.

Nearest Airport: Faro, Portugal – FAO

Pestana Golf Resort (Vale da Pinta)	-	45 minutes
Gramacho Golf Club	-	45 minutes
Silves Golf	-	40 minutes
Pestana Vila Sol	-	25 minutes

INFORMATION

The European Senior Tour reserves the right to change or amend the above format and schedule of play and also to reject application for entry at any time (including Stage 1). Conduct unbecoming a professional golfer or non-competitive performance including the current or a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of the application to enter. The European Senior Tour reserves the right to remove said player from the competition, at any time.

PRIZE MONEY

1. £4,000	6. £1,400	11. £950
2. £2,500	7. £1,300	12. £900
3. £2,000	8. £1,200	13. £850
4. £1,700	9. £1,100	14. £800
5. £1,500	10. £1,000	

Any Prize Money won will be subject to 21.5% Portuguese withholding tax. In order to pay out any Prize Money, we will require a copy of your passport. Please include a copy of your passport (photograph page) with your entry form.

ENQUIRIES

Need help of advice on how to enter?

Contact Lisa Collett, Assistant to Entries and Membership Manager

Tel: + 44 (0) 1344 840400 / Fax: + 44 (0) 1344 840500 / Email: sqsenquiry@europeantour.com

Need help of advice on how to pay:

Contact: Accounts Department, European Senior Tour Player Accounts Manager

Tel: + 44 (0) 1344 840400 / Email: sqsenquiry@europeantour.com or accounts@europeantour.com

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PAYMENT

Entry Fee: £800 or €950

I am paying by cheque Bank Transfer Credit Card

Credit Card Information

Type of Card Name on Card.....

Card No

*Security Code

Security code - 3 digit code except Amex which is 4 digits.

Valid From Expiry Date

Signature (as it appears on the card)

Address of Credit Card Holder (If different to mailing address above)

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*The Security Code is a 3 digit code which normally appears as the last 3 numbers on the signature strip of a credit card

I acknowledge the sole authority of the Tournament Committee of the European Senior Tour to establish the Qualifying School Rules and Conditions as published in this application for entry and agree to abide by these and any amendments made by them or persons acting with their authority, that may from time to time be made.

I accept that I will abide by the decisions of the Tournament Committee, ET Board of Directors, EST Managing Director, Qualifying School Director or other authorised persons.

I certify that I will conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Behaviour of the European Senior Tour.

SignatureDate.....

Please send completed entry form, payment and relevant documentation to:

**Lisa Collett
Assistant to Entries and Membership Manager
European Senior Tour
Wentworth Drive
Virginia Water
Surrey
GU25 4LX
England
Tel: + 44 (0) 1344 840400
Fax: + 44 (0) 1344 840500
Email: sqsenquiry@europeantour.com
Entry Deadline – 31st December, 2011 at 6:00pm GMT**



2012 EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRY CHECK LIST



HAVE YOU INCLUDED?

1. 2 letters of reference (if required)
2. Documentation of competitiveness throughout 2010/2011 (if required)
3. Handicap certificate (if required)
4. Remittance advice slip if paying by Bank Transfer
5. Copy of your passport (photograph page)



HAVE YOU INFORMED?

1. Your bank that the European Tour will be debiting your account



ARE YOU AWARE?

1. That if you are paying by cheque your entry will not be accepted until the cheque has cleared, this can take 7-10 days.
2. Cheques are made payable to the PGA European Tour.
3. That your entry will not be accepted until your full entry fee, 2 letters of reference and a handicap certificate (if required) have been received.
4. Venue allocations will not be confirmed until the day after the close of entries.
5. That you may not be allocated your preferred Stage 1 venue.
6. That your entry form will be invalid, and therefore returned to you, if it is incomplete, inaccurate or illegible.



