



# 2010 QUALIFYING SCHOOL

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FIRST STAGE SECTION A  
31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**1300 hrs Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**



**EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**QUALIFYING SCHOOL – FIRST STAGE – SECTION A**  
**31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010**

**PLAYER INFORMATION**

1. **Venues**

Full details of the location of each venue can be found on their respective websites listed below.

**London Golf Club** (International Course)

Stansted Lane

Ash

Nr Brands Hatch

Kent

TN15 7EH

Tel: +44 1474 879899

Email: [info@londongolf.com](mailto:info@londongolf.com)

Website: [www.londongolf.co.uk](http://www.londongolf.co.uk)

**Ribagolfe** (Ribagolfe I)

Empreendimentos de Golfe, S.A.

Vargem - En 119 - Infantado

2135-194 Samora Correia

Portugal

Tel: +351 263 930 040

Email: [geral@ribagolfe.pt](mailto:geral@ribagolfe.pt)

Website: [www.ribagolfe.pt](http://www.ribagolfe.pt)

2. **Conditions**

Each First Stage event will be contested over 72 holes of stroke play with 18 holes being played each day. After 54 holes only those players within **7 shots** of the final qualifying place will go forward to contest the final round. Saturday may be used as a full playing day and competitors should take note of this when making their travel plans.

The number of players qualifying to proceed to the Second Stage will be announced during the appropriate Section. In all cases, players who tie the final qualifying place score will proceed to the Second Stage.

The European Tour reserves the right to alter the schedule of play (or courses) at any time.

3. **Practice**

Details of practice rounds at each venue are as listed below.



## London Golf Club

On the official practice days players are not required to book practice rounds and the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be open at the following times:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August - 13.00 – 17.00  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August - 07.45 – 16.00

Prior to the official practice days players will be able to play one round at the professional rate of £25 and any further rounds at the members guest rate (£50 Mon - Thurs & £60 Fri - Sun). Arrangement to play should be made through the professionals shop, tel **+44 1474 875737** or email [professionals@londongolf.co.uk](mailto:professionals@londongolf.co.uk) – (contact, Paul Stuart).

## Ribagolfe I

On the official practice days players are not required to book practice rounds and the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be open at the following times:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August - 08.00 – 16.00  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August - 08.00 – 16.00

Practice before the official practice days can be arranged directly with the Club subject to prior notification and availability. Players will be permitted one practice round free of charge and for any subsequent rounds there will be a charge of €25. All prior reservations for practice must be made through the club reception - **+351 263 930 040**. Players should indicate that they wish to play **Ribagolfe I** (rather than Ribagolfe II).

## 4. Registration

All competitors are required to register with the European Tour by **13.00 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. 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 Tour Entries Dept or the European Tour office at the player's venue.

If a player withdraws after the closing date and prior to competing (for any reason and without exception) he will be refunded £1,250.

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 refund of entry is not possible.**



A player may withdraw following the completion of any round providing notification is given to the European Tour office on site **prior** to the conclusion of that days play.

## 6. **Bad Weather**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September has been reserved at each venue in case of delays due to bad weather. As a principle the following guidelines will be used:

- 4 stipulated rounds is the objective.
- If 4 rounds cannot be completed by the evening of the bad weather day, 3 rounds is the objective.
- If 3 rounds cannot be completed by the evening of the bad weather day, 2 rounds is the objective.
- If 2 rounds cannot be completed by the evening of the bad weather day, the event may be rescheduled in whole or in part.
- A full day's play will not be scheduled after the bad weather day but in exceptional circumstances a round in progress may be completed.

## 7. **Clubhouse Information**

The clubhouses will open approximately 1¼ hours before play begins and breakfast will be available.

## 8. **Practice Ranges**

The European Tour will be providing Titleist balls for the use of School competitors on the range at each venue.

In principle, the ranges will be fully operational from Monday morning (unless otherwise specified) and opening and closing times will be as follows:

### **London Golf Club**

Monday – Thursday - 06.30 – 19.00

Friday - 06.30 – 10.00 (assuming only one section of 2 tee starting)

### **Ribagolfe**

Sunday – Thursday - 07.15 – 19.30 (last balls)

Friday - 07.15 – 10.00 (assuming only one section of 2 tee starting)

Please check the noticeboard at each venue for any amendments to these timings.

**Any player found removing balls from the range will be subject to disciplinary action under the European Tour Code of Behaviour (see 9 below).**

## 9. **Conduct and Dress Regulations**

All competitors must abide by the European Tour Code of Behaviour as contained in the Members General Regulations Handbook – copies will be available from the Tournament Office on site. For a minor breach of the code a fine of not less than £100 nor greater than £1,000 will be applied.



Jeans, shorts and collarless shirts are not acceptable attire at any time or for any reason.

If any player is seen or reported for breaking any of the under noted Rules of Etiquette, whether in practice or during the School, he shall be fined a minimum of £100 for the first offence, doubling thereafter in accordance with the European Tour Disciplinary Procedure:

- a) Playing from outside teeing area during practice.
- b) Not repairing pitchmarks.
- c) Not raking bunkers.
- d) Breaching European Tour practice regulations.

#### 10. **Caddies**

No First Stage QS competitor may caddie for another participant at the same venue.

Caddies are **not** permitted to wear jeans, sandals or golf shoes (with spikes). Caddies may wear shorts provided they are tailored, solid coloured and knee length. Beach style shorts or shorts with cargo pockets, patterns or stripes of any kind are unacceptable.

#### 11. **Trolleys**

Trolleys will be available at all venues and will be provided free of charge. These will be available on a first come first served basis.

#### 12. **European Tour Rules and Regulations**

All European Tour Competition Conditions, Rules and Regulations will apply with the exception of the 2010 Groove Regulations as indicated below. A full list of Competition Conditions, Rules and Regulations will be available at each venue and on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) **Limitation of balls used during Round**  
During a stipulated round the balls a player uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls.
- b) **Driving Clubs**  
The driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current list of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited. Penalty for Breach of Condition: **disqualification**.
- c) **Dangerous Situation - Play Suspension**  
If play is suspended due to a dangerous situation, **play must be suspended immediately**. Penalty for breach of rule: **disqualification**.
- d) **Practice Putting Prohibited**  
A player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played.
- e) **Pace of Play**



Please refer to the attached policy.

f) **Groove Regulations**

Please note that the new 2010 R&A Groove Regulations as listed on the European Tour "Hard Card" **will not** be in effect for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage of the Qualifying School. (However, please be aware that the regulations will be operative for the Final Stage of the QS.)

g) **Anti-Doping**

This will be in effect, please refer to point 13., below.

13. **European Tour Anti-Doping Policy**

The European Tour now operates an Anti-Doping Policy which has been developed to protect the integrity that is inherent in the sport, and to ensure the health and safety of all competitors. As a condition of participation all competitors must comply with and be bound by the terms of the policy. A handbook detailing information on the policy is available from the European Tour.

Although it is unlikely that any testing will be carried out during the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage please note that the European Tour reserves the right to implement testing at any Stage of the Qualifying School.

14. **Tournament Officials**

London Golf Club: Mats Lanner – Tournament Director  
Mark Litton – Referee  
Nigel Watt – Referee  
Ashley Weller – Referee (PGA)  
Trevor Hill – Recorder/Secretary

Ribagolfe: Jose Maria Zamora – Tournament Director  
Rob Simpson - Referee  
TBC - Referee (FPG)  
Amadeu Ferreira - Referee (FPG)  
Ian Barker - Secretary/Recorder

15. **Prize money**

The leading Professional players at each venue will receive prizes as follows:

1. £1,500
2. £1,000
3. £ 700
4. £ 500
5. £ 300

Amateur entrants are **not** eligible for prize money.

Please note that prize money payments can only be made by bank transfer and we are unable to issue cheques. Prize money may be subject to tax depending on the requirements of the Tax Authorities in each country.



Players who win prize money must supply their bank account details and a copy of the appropriate section of their passport in order to receive payment.

For further information please contact Sara Stringer, Players' Account Manager:

Tel: +44 1344 840502 Email: [sstringer@europeantour.com](mailto:sstringer@europeantour.com)

16. **European Tour Website**

Please note that the European Tour Website [www.europeantour.com](http://www.europeantour.com) was updated earlier this year and now includes a dedicated section about the Qualifying School – this can be accessed via the main navigation bar at the top of the home page. This site will carry various information about all Stages of the Qualifying School including specific details about each venue. This will include entry lists, draws and results once each tournament commences. Please use the following link to source information about a specific venue:

<http://www.europeantour.com/europeantour/qualifying/tournament/index.html>

17. **2011 Challenge Tour Membership**

Any player who participates in the First Stage of the European Tour Qualifying School will be eligible for Unranked Membership of the European Challenge Tour for the 2011 season. **To obtain full membership rights, players who are eligible for membership MUST have paid their Membership Fee prior to competing in their first Challenge Tour Ranking tournament.** A player joining after this date shall not obtain full rights during the 2011 season.

**Mike Stewart**  
**Qualifying School Director**



## QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2010

### FIRST STAGE

#### PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Players at all venues are advised to note carefully the provisions of the Tour's Pace of Play policy printed on the European Tour "Hard Card".

Because of the large entry and the growing restrictions of daylight, referees will be instructed to **time any group which is both over their allotted time and out of position with the group in front.**

Players must recognise their obligation to keep tight up to the group in front (not ahead of the group behind).

Please assist us to keep play moving for the benefit of everyone by:

- a) being ready to play when it is your turn
- b) keeping within the per stroke limits
- c) playing provisional balls when necessary or advisable
- d) adopting Rule 3-3 (Doubt as to Procedure) if needed

Tour policy on pace of play is that **we do not warn groups before we time them.** All players are expected to know when their group is out of position and assume that they are being timed.

Please note that the Pace of Play penalties are amended as follows:-

One bad time	-	Verbal warning from Official.
Two bad times	-	One stroke penalty and £250 fine
Three bad times	-	Two stroke penalty and £500 fine
Four bad times	-	Disqualification

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