



2011 QUALIFYING SCHOOL

FIRST STAGE SECTION A
13th – 16th September

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
1200 hrs Monday 12th September



EUROPEAN TOUR
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PLAYER INFORMATION

1. **Venues**

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

Golfclub Schloss Ebreichsdorf

Schlossallee 1
2483 Ebreichsdorf
Austria
Tel: +43 2254 73888
Email: office@gcebreichsdorf.at
Website: www.gcebreichsdorf.at

Dundonald Links

Ayr Road
Gables
Ayrshire
Scotland
KA11 5BF
Tel: +44 1294 314000
Email: reservations@dundonaldlinks.com
Website: www.dundonaldlinks.com

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 as soon as reasonably possible after all players have teed off at both venues during Section A. 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.

Golfclub Schloss Ebreichsdorf

On the official practice days players are not required to book practice rounds



and the 1st tee will be open at the following times:

Sunday 11th September - 12.30 – 17.00
Monday 12th September - 07.45 – 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 the club reserves the right to charge for any additional rounds (€60 for a weekday and €90 at the weekend). All prior reservations for practice must be made through the club reception - **+43 2254 73888** or office@gcebreichsdorf.at

Dundonald Links

The course will be available on Sunday 11th September and Monday 12th September at the following times:

Sunday 11th September - 12.30 - 17.00
Monday 12th September - 07.30 - 16.00

All bookings for practice must be made through the pro shop.

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 £40 (standard PGA rate). All prior reservations for practice must be made through the Pro Shop, **+44 1294 314006** or reservations@dundonaldlinks.com

4. **Registration**

All competitors are required to register with the European Tour by **12.00 on Monday 12th September**. 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 €1,475 or the Sterling equivalent of £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 17th 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:

Ebreichsdorf

Monday - Thursday - 06.45 – 19.00 (last balls)
Fri - 06.45 – 10.00

Dundonald Links

Monday - Thursday - 06.45 – 19.00 (last balls)
Fri - 06.45 – 10.00

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 €115 (£100) nor greater than €4,700 (£4,000) 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 €115 (£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.

NOTE: Use of a trolley with a distance measuring device or a device used to gauge or measure other conditions (including temperature, wind speed, gradient, etc.) is not permitted. The penalty for using a trolley with such a device attached is disqualification.

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 1st 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 2010 R&A Groove Regulations as listed on the European Tour "Hard Card" **will not** be in effect for the 1st or 2nd Stage of the Qualifying School. (However, please be aware that the regulations will be operative for the Final Stage of the QS.)
- g) **Distance Measuring Devices**
Please note that the use of a distance measuring device or a device used to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (eg. temperature, gradient, wind speed, etc.) is **not permitted**. Penalty for breach of rule: **disqualification**. (Please refer to point 11. above.)
- h) **Anti-Doping**
This will be in effect, please refer to point 13., below.

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

The European Tour 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.

The European Tour reserves the right to implement testing at any Stage of the Qualifying School.

14. **Tournament Officials**

Ebreichsdorf: Thomas Waldenstedt – Tournament Director
 Dawn Rimmer – Referee
 Mark Rotermund – Referee (Austrian Golf Association)
 Hans Kienesberger – Referee (Austrian Golf Association)
 Valeria Luna – Recorder/Secretary

Dundonald Links: Gary Butler – Tournament Director
 Nigel Watt - Referee
 Robert Moss - Referee (PGA)
 John Grant - Referee (PGA)
 Carmel Treacy - Secretary/Recorder

15. **Prize money**

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

- 1. €1,800
- 2. €1,200
- 3. € 900
- 4. € 650
- 5. € 450
 €5,000



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 Sasha Forster, QS Entries Administrator:
Tel: +44 1344 840448 Email: gs@europeantour.com

16. **European Tour Website**

The European Tour Website www.europeantour.com includes a dedicated section about the Qualifying School – this can be accessed via the main navigation bar at the top of the home page (“**Q School**”). 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. **2012 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 2012 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 2012 season.

At the conclusion of 1st Stage of the QS full details of Unranked Membership will be forwarded to those players who fail to reach 2nd Stage.

Mike Stewart
Qualifying School Director



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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 €345 (£300) fine
Three bad times	-	Two stroke penalty and €690 (£600) fine
Four bad times	-	Disqualification

In addition, a player who has been timed on 3 separate occasions (or more) during an event but has not breached the above regulations will incur a fine of €345 (£300). A player who has already been penalised under the above conditions will not be liable for any further penalty.

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