



2011 QUALIFYING SCHOOL

SECOND STAGE
2nd – 5th December

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
1200 hrs Thursday 1st December



EUROPEAN TOUR
QUALIFYING SCHOOL – SECOND STAGE
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PLAYER INFORMATION

1. Venues

COSTA BALLENA OCEAN GC

C/ Chipiona – El Puerto de Santa Maria –
Km. 5
11520 Rota
Cádiz
Spain
Tel: + 34 956 84 70 70
Email: comercial@ballenagolf.com
Website: www.ballenagolf.com

Location: 5km north of Rota, 25km west
of Jerez.

Nearest Airport: Jerez (30 min),
Seville (90 min), Gibraltar (90 min).

LA MANGA CLUB RESORT
(South Course)

La Manga Club 30389
Cartagena
Murcia
Spain
Tel: +34 968 175 000 ext.1360
Email: Pedro.Batista@lamangaclub.com
or
Jesus.moreno@lamangaclub.com
Website: www.lamangaclub.com

Location: 25km east of Cartagena
Nearest Airport: Murcia (San Javier) (30
min), Alicante (60 min).

EL VALLE GOLF RESORT

Autovia Murcia - San Javier km 4
Baños y Mendigo
30155
Murcia
Spain
Tel: +34 968 033 002
Email:
elvalle@murciagolfexperience.com
Website: TBA

Location: 20 km south east of Murcia.
Nearest Airport: Murcia (San Javier) (30
min), Alicante (60 min).

LAS COLINAS GOLF & CC

Avenida de Las Colinas, 2,
Ctra. de Campoamor a San Miguel de
Salinas, CV-941, km. 6,
03189 Orihuela,
Alicante,
Spain
Tel: + 34 965 324 004
Email: golf@lascolinas.com
Website: www.lascolinasgolf.es

Location: 5km south of San Miguel de
Salinas
Nearest Airport: Murcia (San Javier) (20
min), Alicante (45min)

Full details of the location of each venue can be found on the respective
websites for each venue as listed above.

2. Conditions

Each 2nd Stage event will be contested over 72 holes of stroke play with 18
holes being played each day. There will be no cut during 2nd Stage,
however, a competitor is entitled to withdraw at the conclusion of any round
provided that notification is given before the close of play each day.



The exact number of qualifying places available at each venue will be announced as soon as is reasonably possible after all players have teed off at all venues.

NOTE: Play may be scheduled on Tuesday 6th December if delays have occurred as a result of bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstance (please refer to point 7. below). The European Tour reserves the right to alter the schedule of play (or courses) at any time.

3. **Play-Offs**

Play-offs are likely as ties will not be taken and a number of alternate places will be available at each course. These will be conducted immediately after play has been completed on the final day (or the following day as necessary).

4. **Practice**

The official practice days at each venue are **Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December**. Arrangements for practice at each venue are as follows:

Costa Ballena Club de Golf

Wednesday 30th November & 1st December - from 08.45 until 15.30 (in 3 balls) from the 1st tee

On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November competitors will be given courtesy but should contact the club in advance to check availability. Prior to the 28th November a special reduced green fee of 25€ will be offered to all competitors.

Contact: (V́ctor Sáez – Director Comercial) Email: comercial@ballenagolf.com Tel: +34 956 847070.

El Valle Golf Resort

Wednesday 30th November & 1st December - from 08.30 until 15.00 (in 3 balls) from the 1st tee

Prior to the QS and throughout November the Club will give competitors one courtesy round and any additional rounds will be charged at the rates of €30. All competitors must contact the club in advance and practice will be subject to availability

Contact: Club Reception, Tel: +34 968 033 002 or email: elvalle@murciagolfexperience.com

La Manga Club Resort (South Course)

Wednesday 30th November & 1st December - from 08.30 until 15.00 (in 3 balls) from the 1st tee

Practice prior to this will be subject to availability and advance booking. Players will be given one courtesy round and all other rounds will be charged at the rate of €44.

Contact: Golf Reception – Tel: +34 968 175 000 ext. 1360 or email: Pedro.Batista@lamangaclub.com or Jesus.moreno@lamangaclub.com



Las Colinas Golf & Country Club

Wednesday 30th November & 1st December - from 08.30 until 15.00 (in 3 balls) from the 1st tee

Practice prior to this will be subject to availability. The Club will permit two courtesy rounds and all others will be charged at the rate 50% of the regular green fee.

Contact: Golf Shop - Tel: + 34 965 324 004 or email: golf@lascolinas.es

5. Registration

All competitors are required to register with the European Tour by **1200 (local time) on Thursday 1st December**. This may be done in person at the course where you are scheduled to play or by telephone to the European Tour Office at Wentworth:

Entries Department

**Telephone: + 44 (0) 1344 844471 or + 44 (0) 1344 840400
or email: QS@europeantour.com**

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.

6. Withdrawals

If an exempt 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. (Players who qualified at 1st Stage are no longer eligible for any type of refund).

Once an entrant has 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 before the close of play each day.

7. Bad Weather

Tuesday 6th December 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.



8. Clubhouse Information

All clubhouses will open by 07.30 each day, including practice days, and breakfast will be available from this time.

9. Practice Ranges

The European Tour will provide Titleist balls for use by School Competitors on the range at each venue. On practice days and tournament days range opening times will be as follows:

Costa Ballena	- 08.00 – 17.30 (last balls)
El Valle	- 08.00 – 17.00 (last balls)
La Manga Club Resort	- 07.45 – 17.00 (last balls)
Las Colinas	- 08.00 – 17.00 (last balls)

Any player found removing balls from the range will be subject to disciplinary action under the European Tour Code of Behaviour (see 10. below).

10. 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 at each venue. 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. Please note that jeans, shorts and collarless shirts are not acceptable dress at any time or for any reason.

11. Caddies

Caddies are permitted, however, no Second Stage 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.

12. Trolleys

Trolleys are available at all venues and will be provided free of charge 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.

13. Rules and Conditions

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 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 12. above.)
- h) **Anti-Doping**
This will be in effect, please refer to point 14., below.

14. **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.

Please note that the European Tour reserves the right to implement testing at any stage of the Qualifying School.



15. Prize Money

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

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

Please note that this prize money will not be paid until the conclusion of the Final Stage of the Qualifying School. In order to satisfy the requirements of the Spanish Tax Authorities, payments will be made by bank transfer only (not cheque) and **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: qs@europeantour.com

16. European Tour Staff

The following staff will be in attendance:

COSTA BALLENA

Thomas Waldenstedt
Nigel Watt
Gordon Dewar
Federation Referee tba
Carmel Treacy

EL VALLE

Niccolo Nesti
Gary Butler
David Rishworth
Federation Ref. tba
Jennie Janes

LA MANGA

Miguel Vidaor
Steve Kavanagh
Ashley Weller
Federation Ref. tba
Trevor Hill

LAS COLINAS

Jose Maria Zamora
Mark Litton
Rob Simpson
Alan Caithness
Federation Ref. tba
Valeria Luna

17. 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>



18. **2012 Challenge Tour Membership**

Any player who participates in the Second Stage of the European Tour Qualifying School will be eligible for Associate 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 (or by the 1st May whichever is the sooner).**

Mike Stewart
Qualifying School Director





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2nd 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 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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