



THE 2019 EUROPEAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

Rules and Conditions of Entry and Participation

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1.DATES

First Qualifying Stage (Section A)	Tuesday 03 – Friday 06 September 2019
First Qualifying Stage (Section B)	Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 September 2019
First Qualifying Stage (Section C)	Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 September 2019 Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 September 2019
First Qualifying Stage (Section D)	Tuesday 01 – Friday 04 October 2019
First Qualifying Stage (Section E)	Wednesday 09 – Saturday 12 October 2019
Second Qualifying Stage	Thursday 07 – Monday 10 November 2019
Final Qualifying Stage	Friday 15 – Wednesday 20 November 2019

2. VENUES

First Qualifying Stage (Section A)	The Players Club, Bristol, England
First Qualifying Stage (Section B)	Golf Fleesensee, Fleesensee, Germany Arlandastad, Rosersberg, Sweden
First Qualifying Stage (Section C) Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21	Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, Stoke-by-Nayland, England Golfclub Schloss Ebreichsdorf, Ebreichsdorf, Austria
First Qualifying Stage (Section D)	Frilford Heath, Abingdon, England Bogogno Golf Resort, Bogogno, Italy
First Qualifying Stage (Section E)	Golf d’Hardelot, Hardelot, France Bom Sucesso, Obidos, Portugal
Second Qualifying Stage	Alenda Golf, Alicante, Spain Desert Springs Golf Club, Almeria, Spain Las Colinas Golf & Country Club, Alicante, Spain
Final Qualifying Stage	Lumine Golf Club, Tarragona, Spain

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

a) All male professional golfers.

b) All male amateur golfers whose playing handicap does not exceed 0.4 (SCRATCH) and/or who has appeared between positions 1-2,000 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking (see www.WAGR.com) during the period WAGR week 2019/01 to date of entry. All amateur entrants will be accepted under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. **All applications must be accompanied by a valid handicap certificate.**

Note: It is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status for an amateur golfer to file an entry for and play in any Stage of the European Tour Qualifying School, provided that the player waives his right to prize money prior to each Stage by completing the appropriate forms which will be emailed to the player. An amateur golfer who fails to waive his right to prize money is in breach of the Rules of Amateur Status, but if he is unsuccessful at the Qualifying School, he may apply for reinstatement as an amateur.

4. EXEMPTIONS

(A) FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE

The following players are exempt from the **First and Second Stages** and are automatically eligible to participate in the **Final Stage**:

- a. The 111th - 145th Ranked **European Tour Members** (or Ranked European Challenge Tour Members) and those Affiliate Members finishing within these positions in the Final 2019 Race to Dubai Rankings.
- b. The 16th - 45th Ranked **European Challenge Tour Members** or Associate Members (1&2) and those Ranked Amateurs or Associate Members (3) finishing within these positions in the Final 2019 European Challenge Tour Rankings.
- c. Players whose eligibility as a **European Tour Race to Dubai Tournament Winner** expired (or will expire) at the end of either one of the following Official Seasons: - 2018 or 2019.
- d. The winner of the last played **Qualifying School**.
- e. The winner of the **2018 European Challenge Tour Rankings**.
- f. European Tour Members in 75th position or above in the **European Tour Career Money List** on 21st August 2019.
- g. The 5 leading entrants (not otherwise eligible above) on 21st August 2019 to a limit of 15th place in the **Asian Tour Order of Merit** provided that the relevant applicants had applied to enter the Qualifying School by 21st August 2019.
- h. The leading 3 entrants (not otherwise eligible above) on 21st August 2019 to a limit of 15th place in the following Orders of Merit provided that the relevant applicants had applied to enter the Qualifying School by 21st August 2019:
 - **PGA Tour of Australasia (Final 2018 Order of Merit)**
 - **The Japan Golf Tour**
 - **The Sunshine Tour (Final 2018/2019 Sunshine Tour Players List)**

Note: Should an exempt player withdraw under the eligibility criteria set out in category g. or h. above after the closing date for the First Stage entries, he may be replaced by the next eligible player under that category (subject to the applicable limits as stated within the relevant category) but any such replacement must take place before the commencement of the Second Stage.

(B) SECOND QUALIFYING STAGE (72 holes scheduled)

The following players are exempt from the **First Stage** and are automatically eligible to participate in the **Second Stage**:

- 1.** All **European Tour Members** in Categories 1 - 23 as at 21st August 2019.
- 2.** The top 90 **European Challenge Tour** Ranked Members and Associate Members (1 & 2) and those Ranked Amateurs or Associate Members (3) ranked within these positions in the European Challenge Tour Rankings as of the 21st August 2019.
- 3.** The top 90 **European Challenge Tour** Ranked Members or Associate Members (1 & 2) and those Ranked Amateurs or Associate Members (3) finishing within these positions in the Final 2019 European Challenge Tour Rankings.
- 4.** Winners of the **Qualifying School** in 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- 5.** Winners of the **European Challenge Tour Rankings** in 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- 6.** Players whose eligibility as a **European Tour Order of Merit Tournament Winner** expired at the end of any of the following official seasons: - 2009 - 2017 (inclusive).
- 7.** European Tour Members in positions 76-100 in the **European Tour Career Money List** on the 21st August 2019.
- 8.** The leading player (i.e. ranked 1st) in each of the following Satellite Tour Final Orders of Merit for 2019, unless already exempt under category 11. below:
 - **The PGA Europro Tour**
 - **Pro Golf Tour**
 - **The Nordic League**
 - **ALPS Tour**
- 9.** The leading 6th to 15th placed entrants (not otherwise eligible above) to a limit of 25th place from the **Asian Tour Order of Merit** as at 21st August 2019, provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter the First Stage by the 21st August 2019.
- 10.** The leading 4th – 10th placed entrants (not otherwise eligible above) as at 21st August 2019 to a limit of 25th place in the following Orders of Merit provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter the First Stage by 21st August 2019:
 - **PGA Tour of Australasia (Final 2018 Order of Merit)**
 - **The Japan Golf Tour**
 - **The Sunshine Tour (Final 2018/2019 Sunshine Tour Players List)**
- 11.** The leading 6 entrants as at 21st August 2019 to a limit of 10th place in the following Satellite Tour Orders of Merit provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter the First Stage by 21st August 2019:
 - **The PGA Europro Tour**
 - **Pro Golf Tour**
 - **The Nordic League**

- **ALPS Tour**

12. The leading 3 entrants as at 21st August 2019 to a limit of 10th place in the following Orders of Merit provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter the First Stage by 21st August 2019:

- **China Tour**
- **Korean Tour**

13. The leading 5 entrants as at 21st August 2019 to a limit of 15th place in the **World Amateur Golf Ranking** provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter the First Stage by 21st August 2019.

Note: Under the eligibility criteria set out in categories 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 above, should an exempt player withdraw after the closing date for the First Stage entries, he may be replaced by the next eligible player under that category (subject to the applicable limits as stated above) but any such replacement must take place before the commencement of the Second Stage.

5. ENTRY FEES

All applicants **£1,800** or **€2030**. This payment covers entry to all Stages of the Qualifying School in which the applicant is eligible to participate.

6. METHODS OF PAYMENT AND PAYMENT ADVICE

Payment may only be made by Credit Card or Debit Card and must be made before the application form is completed and submitted, by clicking on "Process Payment" below.

The following card types are accepted: VISA / MASTERCARD / AMERICAN EXPRESS.

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 as stated on their payment card statements.

VERY IMPORTANT: The applicant must ensure that the credit card account has the funds available and should check the card limit with the credit card company if in any doubt. Should the funds not be collected, you will not be able to progress to the entry form. (Delays on receiving payment could result in you not getting your preferred venue).

Once payment has been received, the European Tour will issue a receipt to each applicant advising the exact date when the funds were collected from the credit or debit card account.

7. ENTRY DEADLINES

First Stage	Sections A, B, C, D and E	Entries close 21 st August 2019
Second Stage	Exemption categories 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13	Entries close 21 st August 2019
	Exemption categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8	Entries close 28 th October 2019
Final Stage	Exemption categories g or h	Entries close 21 st August 2019
	Exemption categories a, b, c, d, e or f	Entries close 4 th November 2019

8. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the European Tour Entries Department or the European Tour office at the player's venue.

If a player withdraws prior to the appropriate closing date his entry fee will be refunded in full.

If a player withdraws (for any reason and without exception) after the appropriate closing date without competing he will be refunded **£1,700** or **€1,920**.

If a player is absent on the tee without notification, no refund will be given and he may face disciplinary action subject to the circumstances. **Once an entrant has teed off no refund of his entry fee will be made.**

9. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY/QUALIFYING VENUE

Once an application has been accepted by the European Tour (only after receipt and approval of any relevant documentation and the full entry fee), applicants will be emailed a Confirmation of Entry. Venue allocation and information for First Stage will be available **2 days after the close of entries** (see rule 4. Entry Deadlines). Players who have qualified for or who have entered and are exempt for Second Stage will be advised of their venue allocation by the 16th October 2019.

Allocation of venues is at the discretion of the European Tour and once assigned, a venue may not be changed.

10. REGULATIONS

By submitting a completed Qualifying School application form each applicant;

a) acknowledges the sole authority of the Tournament Committee and Board of the European Tour to establish the Qualifying School Rules and Conditions of Entry and Participation as published in this application form and any subsequent rules and regulations of which the applicant is notified of prior to any stage of the Qualifying School and agrees to abide by these and any amendments made from time to time by them or persons acting with their authority. This may include but not limited to changes to the format, conditions, field sizes and schedules referred to in this form.

b) accepts and abides by the decisions of the Tournament Committee, Board of Directors, Chief Executive, Qualifying School Director or such other authorised persons of the European Tour.

c) agrees to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Behaviour of the European Tour as specified in the current European Tour Members General Regulations Handbook. Digital copies are available upon request from the European Tour's offices or from the Tournament Office at any Qualifying School venue.

d) acknowledges that the PGA European Tour has an appropriate legal basis for collecting, processing, using and storing personal information provided in this application form and consents to the processing, storing and transfer of his personal information as detailed in the PGA European Tour's Privacy Notice. Further, if an applicant provides the personal information of a third person (e.g. a family member), then he hereby confirms that he has obtained the consent of that third person to the provision of such personal information to the PGA European Tour and the processing, storing and transfer of such personal information in accordance with the Privacy Notice. The PGA European Tour's Privacy Notice is available on the European Tour Website at www.europeantour.com/aboutus/privacy/index.html

e) agrees to notify the PGA European Tour of any previous or pending criminal conviction and co-operate with the Criminal Convictions Committee which shall be convened to consider the applicant's eligibility in light of such conviction(s).

11. GENERAL POLICY

The European Tour reserves the right to reject an application for entry at any time. Conduct unbecoming a professional or non-competitive performance during a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of an application to enter. The European Tour also reserves the right to remove a player from a tournament at any time due to conduct or non-competitive performance. An entrant who is removed from a tournament for any of these reasons, after he has commenced play, will not be entitled to any type of refund of his entry fee.

12. PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

The Category of Membership earned by successful graduates (top 25 and ties) should not be regarded as providing "Full" playing rights on the European Tour. Greater opportunity will be available to higher ranked members such as tournament winners and top 110 from the previous Season's Race to Dubai. Moreover, the final position earned within the top 25 and ties at the Qualifying School and the subsequent re-rank(s) during the Season will have a significant impact on resultant playing opportunities. Over the last 5 years, **the average** number of tournament opportunities this Category has provided to successful graduates is as follows: **Winner of the Qualifying School - 29; 25th ranked at the Qualifying School - 19.** It is important to recognise however, that **this Category offers full playing rights on**

the European Challenge Tour when graduates do not qualify for the European Tour on any given week.

13. HELP OR ADVICE

In the event of any problems with your entry or payments **please contact the Membership and Entries Department:** Email: qs@europeantour.com Telephone: +44 1344 840471.

Before preceding, please ensure you have the following to hand in order to complete your entry:

- 1) Details of your credit card with the correct amount of funds available.
- 2) For Amateur Entrants - an electronic copy of your handicap certificate and details of your highest WAGR position in 2019 (if relevant).

Please remember that the onus is on the applicant to ensure that his application has been correctly submitted.

Problems with payment:

If your card is declined, please contact your bank.