



2019 ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

For the 2020 season

First Qualifying Stage: 15th & 16th December 2019
Final Qualifying Stage: 19th, 20th & 21st December 2019

1. FORMAT

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

- **FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE:**
(36 holes scheduled) – Sunday 15th & Monday 16th December 2019

This applies to all applicants **except** those who have automatically qualified for the **Final Stage**.
First Stage will be played on **15th and 16th December 2019** at the following venue:

La Cala Resort
« **AMERICA Course** »
Urb. La Cala Golf s/n
Costa de Mijas – 29649 Malaga
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« **ASIA Course** »

« **EUROPA Course** »

➔ **Malaga (39 km)** - 🚗 **Malaga (47 km)**

*In the event of a delay in completing the First Stage, **applicants are advised that the Tuesday 17th December 2019 may be used as a full playing day** in order to complete the competition.*

Applicants must indicate their venue preferences.

Field sizes will be restricted to a maximum of **78** players at each venue. If the course of your choice is full, you will have to choose the next available.

If the number of applicants is 78 or under, the First Stage will be scheduled on the "Asia Course" only.

If there are less than 156 applicants, the First Stage will be scheduled on the "Asia Course" and on the "America Course".

If the total number of applicants is more than 234 at the First Stage, a fourth course will be added (venue TBA).

The number of players who are able to qualify for the Final Qualifying Stage will be announced as soon as possible once all participants have teed off in the first round of the First Qualifying Stage.

Players who are tied on the final qualifying place score shall be required to participate in a play-off to determine who qualifies for the Final Stage. Any play-off will be conducted as soon as reasonably possible after play has concluded on the final day of the First Stage.

The alternate reserves order will be determined by the number of players on each course.

Players MUST consider the possibility to play on Tuesday 17th December 2019 to complete the First Stage to book their return flights.



➤ **FINAL STAGE:**
(54 holes scheduled) – Thursday 19th, Friday 20th & Saturday 21st December 2019

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

- All players in positions 1 – end of the Alps Tour Order of Merit after Cervino Open (as 8th September 2019)
- All players in positions **31** – end of the 2019 **FINAL** Alps Tour Order of Merit
- The winner of the Alps Tour Qualifying School in 2016, 2017 and 2018
- The leading 10 European Amateur players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking on 14th November 2019
- Players who took part in the 2018 World Golf Amateur Team Championships and/or the 2019 European Boys/Men Team Championships
- Players being members of the European Tour for the 2019 season (till category 23) or members of the Challenge Tour for the 2019 season (till category 17)
- Players who took part in the 2019 European Tour Qualifying School Stage 2 (November 2019).

The Final Stage will be played **from 19th to 21st December 2019** at the following venue:

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The Final qualifying Stage is scheduled to be played over 54 holes. A field of **144** players will play two rounds over each of the Asia and America Courses. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading **65** players and those players tied on the final qualifying place score who will then play one further round on "ASIA Course".

At the conclusion of the 54 holes, the leading **35** players (and those players tied on the final qualifying place score) will be ranked according to score. Players holding these positions will be eligible for membership in Category 6 of the Alps Tour for the 2020 season.

Players making the cut of the Final Qualifying Stage and finishing between the 36th and the 65th position will be eligible for membership in Category 8 of the Alps Tour for the 2020 season.

Players between the 66th and the 144th position will be eligible for membership in Category 9 of the Alps Tour for the 2020 season.

Players in categories 8 and 9 will be subject to the 2020 re-rank policy adopted by the Alps Tour Committee.

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

(a) the best last 18 holes, (b) the score over the "AMERICA Course", (c) the best last 9, 6, 3, 2 and 1 holes (10 to 18).

Players are advised that Sunday 22nd December 2019 may be used as a full playing day. Every effort will be made to complete three rounds. If it has been not possible to complete the 54 holes the Saturday 21st December, the game will continue on Sunday 22nd December.

Then, if the weather conditions do not allow to finish off the third round on Sunday 22nd December, a result will be declared with only two rounds. In the event than less than two rounds are only possible the Final Stage may be rescheduled, in whole or in part.



Program:

FIRST STAGE (on each course)	
13 Dec.	Official practice day
14 Dec.	Official practice day
15 Dec.	1 st Round
16 Dec.	2 nd Round
17 Dec.	Completion of Rd 2 if necessary

FINAL STAGE	
17 Dec.	Official practice day
18 Dec.	Official practice day
19 Dec.	1 st Round on both golf courses
20 Dec.	2 nd Round on both golf courses
21 Dec.	3 rd Round on Asia Course for Top 65 and ties
22 Dec.	Completion of final round if necessary

Players MUST consider the possibility to play on Sunday 22nd December to complete the Final Stage to book their return flights.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- (a) All male professional golfers
 (b) All male amateur golfers, with a handicap of **two** (2) under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. The Tournament Committee might decide to enter amateurs with a higher handicap in its sole discretion.

Note: It is not a breach of the Rules of **Amateur Status** for an amateur golfer under the jurisdiction of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews to file an entry for and play in any stage of the Alps Tour Qualifying School, providing that the player waives his right to the prize money **prior to each stage by completing the appropriate forms** available at each venue.

An amateur golfer who fails to waive his rights 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.

3. ENTRY FEES

All applicants: **650 Euros**. This payment covers entry to **all** Stages and the cost of yardage books for all courses.

All entry forms must be accompanied by the entry fee. Please note that your entry will not be processed until your full entry fee has been received and banked.

For further information please refer to 4. below.

4. METHOD OF PAYMENT AND PAYMENT ADVICE

When considering entering the Alps Tour Qualifying School it is vital that you have organized your payment method in advance as your entry will not be processed until the full payment of 650 Euros has been received and banked.

Our preferred method of payment is by credit card for which there will not be an administration charge. The following card types are accepted: VISA / MASTERCARD / AMERICAN EXPRESS.

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 the entry form. Delays in receipt of payment could result in failure to be allocated to the preferred venue.

The Alps Tour Golf Association will issue a receipt advising the exact date when the funds were collected from the credit card account.

6. ENTRY DEADLINES

First Stage
Final Stage

entries close **Friday 15th November 2019.**
 entries close **Monday 25th November 2019.**



7. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the Alps Tour Office.

If a player withdraws prior to the appropriate closing date his entry fee will be refunded 550 Euros only.

If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date, without competing, he will be refunded 250 Euros 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.**

NOTE: refunds will be issued the week after the final event.

8. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY / QUALIFYING VENUE

Once an application has been accepted, applicants will be e-mailed a Confirmation of Entry. The receipt of the payment of the entry fee will be available at the Tournament Office.

Venue allocation and information will be available on Tuesday 19th November 2019 and will be posted on the official website (www.alpstourgolf.com).

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status in the Qualifying Tournament.

Allocation of venues is on first serve basis, then at the discretion of the Alps Tour and once assigned, a venue may not be changed.

9. PRIZE MONEY

Only for the Final Qualifying Stage, there is prize money of € 3,000* for Professional players as follows:

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| 1. 800 € | 4. 300 € |
| 2. 550 € | 5. 200 € |
| 3. 400 € | 6 to 10. 150 €. |

**A 2,5% levy is deducted from all prize fund earnings.*

10. ALPS TOUR REGULATIONS

General:

By submitting a completed Qualifying School Application Form each applicant:

- acknowledges the sole authority of the Board of the Alps 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 applicant is notified 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 be limited to changes to the format, conditions and schedules referred to above.
- accepts and abides by the decisions of the Tournament Committee, Board of Directors, Qualifying School Director or such authorized persons of the Alps Tour.
- agrees to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the Alps Tour as specified in the current Alps Tour Members General Regulations Handbook. Copies are available at Headquarter Office or from the Tournament Office at Qualifying School venue.

Tobacco Consumption:

Tournament participants are NOT allowed to smoke or chew tobacco during any round (including pro-am event) in the following areas: (a) on the course; (b) at practice areas (driving range, practice chipping and putting greens, practice bunker...): it is not allowed to smoke during any kind of play. Smoking will be permitted in dedicated areas only.

11. GENERAL POLICY

The Alps Tour Golf Association 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 Alps 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. JOINING THE ALPS TOUR

To obtain full membership rights, players who are eligible for membership in categories 0, 1, 4, 6, 7 8 and 9 **must** have paid their membership fee **prior** to competing in their **first** Alps Tour Ranking Event.

Players who are eligible for membership in other categories **must** have paid their membership fee **prior** to competing in their **second** Alps Tour Ranking Event.

Application forms for joining the Alps Tour will be available at the Qualifying School, or may be obtained from Alps Tour Office or mobile offices.

ALPS TOUR CATEGORIES FOR THE 2020 SEASON

- (0) Winners of the Alps Tour Final Order of Merit. (3 years exemption).
- (1) Winners of regular Alps Tour Ranking tournaments listed on the 2019/2020 Alps Tour schedule **for one calendar year** (including amateurs who turn pros).
- (2) **National field **** (including invitations and amateurs)
- (3a) The leading 5 players (including amateurs) from the previous Alps Tour Tournament
- (3b) At the date of the 2020 re-rank policy (from week TBA – mid season until the end of the season), the leading 3 players (including amateurs) entered, not otherwise exempt, and within the top 30 of the current Alps Tour Order of Merit at the conclusion of the previous week's tournament will be eligible to play.
- (4) The leading **30** full members (plus amateurs who turn pros) finishing within these positions in the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit of the previous official season.
- (5a) Alps Tour wild cards & invitations to be decided by the Alps Tour Director
- (5b) Alumni players from the penultimate season and who obtained a Challenge Tour category for the previous season, not otherwise exempt.
- (5c) Former players under the following conditions:
 - i) Be a former Alps Tour member (within the last three years);
 - ii) Be a member of Challenge Tour the previous season, with a category 15;
 - iii) Be a member of Challenge Tour the previous season with a category 16 or 17 AND have played the Final Stage of the European Tour Qualifying School.
- (6) The Top 35 (and ties) from 2019 Alps Tour Qualifying School.
- (7) The **31th** to **50th** placed full Alps Tour members (plus amateurs who turn pros) in the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit of the 2019 season.
- (8) Players finishing between the 36th and 65th position (inclusive) at the 2019 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will also be subject to the 2020 re-rank policy.
- (9) Players finishing between the 66th and 144th position (inclusive) at the 2019 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will also be subject to the 2020 re-rank policy.

**** National field:** the field of the regular Alps Tour tournaments is composed as follows:

- In Austria, France and Spain: 65% for the Alps Tour (in category order) and 35% for national players
- In Italy and if there are 5 events scheduled: 70% for the Alps Tour and 30% for national players.
- In Egypt, the national field is reduced to 10 spots.