

2022 ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

For the 2023 season

First Qualifying Stage: 2nd, 3rd & 4th November 2022
Final Qualifying Stage: 9th, 10th & 11th November 2022
ITALY

1. FORMAT

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

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE:

(36 holes scheduled) – Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th November 2022 at Le Fonti and Miglianico
Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November 2022 at Acaya

This applies to all applicants except those who have automatically qualified for the **Final Stage**.

First Stage will be played at the following venues:

Golf Club Le Fonti	Miglianico Golf & Country Club	Acaya Golf Club
Viale Terme, 1800 40024 Castel San Pietro Terme (BO) Tel. +39 051 695 1958 Email: info@golfclublefonti.it Web: www.golfclublefonti.it/	Contrada Cerreto 120 66010 Miglianico (CH) Tel. +39 0871 950566 Email: segreteria@miglianicogolf.it Web: www.miglianicogolf.com	Strada Provinciale Life Km 5 73029 Acaya (LE) Tel. +39 0832 832 861 378 Email: info@acayagolfclub.com Web: www.acayagolfclub.com
<u>Nearest airports:</u> Bologna: 35 Km – Florence: 130 Km Milan Malpensa: 300 Km – Rome: 440 Km	<u>Nearest airports:</u> Pescara: 20 Km Rome: 200 Km	<u>Nearest airports:</u> Brindisi 66 Km - Bari 185 Km Naples 424 km, Rome Ciampino 584 km, Rome Fiumicino 610 Km

*In the event of a delay in completing the First Stage, **applicants are advised that Friday 4th November (Acaya) or Saturday 5th November 2022 (Le Fonti & Miglianico) 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 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 at Golf Club Le Fonti only.

If there are less than 156 applicants, the First Stage will be scheduled at Golf Club Le Fonti and at Miglianico Golf & Country Club.

REVISED: *As there are more than 168 applicants, a third course has been opened in South of Italy: Acaya Golf Club.*

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.

Before booking their return flights, players MUST consider the possibility to play on Saturday 5th November 2022 to complete the First Stage (Friday 4th Nov at Acaya).

FINAL STAGE:

(54 holes scheduled) – Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November 2022

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 **Castelconturbia Alps Open** (as 30th September 2022)
- The winner of the Alps Tour Qualifying School in 2019, 2020 and 2021
- The leading 15 European Amateur players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking on 5th October 2022
- Players who took part in the 2022 World Amateur Team Championship and/or the 2022 European Boys/Men Team Championships and/or the Walker Cup 2021
- Players being members of the European Tour for the 2022 season (till category 23) or members of the Challenge Tour for the 2022 season (till category 17)

The Final Stage will be played **from 9th to 11th November 2022** at the following venue:

Golf Nazionale	Olgiata Golf Club
Via Cassia Km 44,500 01015 Sutri (VT) Tel. +39 0761 609 308 Email: info@golfnazionale.it Web: www.golfnazionale.it/ <u>Nearest airports:</u> Rome Fiumicino: 69 Km Rome Ciampino: 65 Km	Largo Olgiata 15 00123 Roma (RM) Tel. +39 06 3088 9141 Email: segreteria@olgiatagolfclub.it Web: www.olgiatagolfclub.com/ <u>Nearest airports:</u> Rome Fiumicino: 41 Km Rome Ciampino: 45 Km

The Final qualifying Stage is scheduled to be played over 54 holes.

REVISED: Due to a very high number of players directly qualifying for the Final Stage this year, the field has been increased to **156** players. They will play two rounds over each of the Golf Nazionale and Olgiata Golf Club 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 Golf Nazionale golf 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 2023 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 2023 season.

Players between the 66th and the 144th position will be eligible for membership in Category 9 of the Alps Tour for the 2023 season.

Players in categories 8 and 9 will be subject to the 2023 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 Olgiata Golf Club course, (c) the best last 9, 6, 3, 2 and 1 holes (10 to 18).

Players are advised that Saturday 12th November 2022 may be used as a full playing day. Every effort will be made to complete three rounds. If it has not been possible to complete the 54 holes on Friday 11th November, the game will continue on Saturday 12th November.

Then, if the weather conditions do not allow it to finish off the third round on Saturday 12th November, a result will be declared with only two rounds. In the event that less than two rounds are only possible the Final Stage may be rescheduled, in whole or in part.

Program:

FIRST STAGE (Le Fonti & Miglianico) (Acaya)	
31 Oct.	Official practice day at Acaya
01 Nov.	Official practice day on the 3 courses
02 Nov.	Official practice day at Le Fonti & Miglianico 1 st Round at Acaya
03 Nov.	1 st Round at Le Fonti & Miglianico 2 nd Round at Acaya
04 Nov.	2 nd Round at Le Fonti & Miglianico Completion of Rd2 at Acaya if necessary
05 Nov.	Completion of Rd 2 if necessary

FINAL STAGE	
07 Nov.	Official practice day
08 Nov.	Official practice day
09 Nov.	1 st Round on both golf courses
10 Nov.	2 nd Round on both golf courses
11 Nov.	3 rd Round on Golf Nazionale for Top 65 and ties
12 Nov.	Completion of final round if necessary

Practice rounds can be booked through the Alps Tour Golf app. Bookings open one week before the tournament.

When booking their return flights, players MUST consider the possibility to play on Saturday 12th November to complete the Final Stage.

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: **725 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 725 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.

5. ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries close **Monday 10th October 2022**

6. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the Alps Tour Office.

If a player withdraws prior to the 1st October 2022, his entry fee will be refunded fully.

If a player withdraws prior to the closing date (between 1st October and 10th October 2022), his entry fee will be refunded 600 Euros only.

If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date (from 11th October 2022), without competing, he will be refunded 400 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.

7. 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 sent by email upon request.

Final venue allocation and information will be available on Friday 14th October 2022 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 come-first serve basis, then at the discretion of the Alps Tour and once assigned, a venue may not be changed.

8. ALPS TOUR REGULATIONS

General:

By submitting a completed Qualifying School Application Form each applicant:

- a) 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.
- b) accepts and abides by the decisions of the Tournament Committee, Board of Directors, Qualifying School Director or such authorized persons of the Alps Tour.
- c) 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.

9. 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.

10. JOINING THE ALPS TOUR

To obtain full membership rights, players who are eligible for membership in categories 0, 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 **must** have paid their membership fee **prior** to competing in their **first** Alps Tour Ranking Event. (category 9 before playing the 2nd tournament). Players who are eligible for membership in category 9 **must** have paid their membership fee **prior** to competing in their **second** Alps Tour Ranking Event.

A player without any category can be eligible for Tour membership once he has made a cut on an official Alps Tour tournament. If he wishes to take up his Tour membership for the current Official Season, he must do so within 14 days from the end of the tournament or before competing in his next Alps Tour Ranking Event, whichever is sooner.

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 2023 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 2022/2023 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 2023 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) 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 16;
 - iii) Be a member of Challenge Tour the previous season with a category 17, 18 or 19 **AND** have played the 2022 Final Stage of the DP World Tour Qualifying School.
- (6) The Top 35 (and ties) from 2022 Alps Tour Qualifying School.
- (7) The **31st** to **50th** placed full Alps Tour members (plus amateurs) in the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit of the 2022 season.
- (8) Players finishing between the 36th and 65th position (inclusive) at the 2022 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will also be subject to the 2023 re-rank policy.
- (9) Players finishing between the 66th and 144th position (inclusive) at the 2022 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will also be subject to the 2023 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.

Do you need help or advice on how to enter or pay?

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