

2016 ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

For the 2017 season

First Qualifying Stage: 11th & 12th December 2016
Final Qualifying Stage: 15th, 16th & 17th December 2016

1. FORMAT

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

- **FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE:**
(36 holes scheduled) – Sunday 11th & Monday 12th December 2016

This applies to all applicants **except** those who have automatically qualified for the **Final Stage**.
First Stage will be played on **11th and 12th December 2016** at the following venue:

« **ASIA Course** »

La Cala Resort
« **EUROPA Course** »

« **AMERICA Course** »

Urb. La Cala Golf s/n
Costa de Mijas – 29649 Malaga
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➔ **Malaga (39 km)**

🚗 **Malaga (47 km)**

*In the event of a delay in completing the First Stage, **applicants are advised that the Tuesday 13th December 2016 may be used as a full playing day** in order to complete the competition.*

Applicants must indicate on the application form their venue preferences in order from 1 to 3. The Alps Tour takes account of each applicant's venue preference where possible but the primary objective is to balance the number of applicants playing at each venue.

In the event of any venue being oversubscribed, priority will initially be determined by the payment date of the entry fee. The first 50 paid up entries received by the Alps Tour for each venue will be allocated to that venue. Thereafter, applicants will be allocated the venue which is highest in their list of preferences and which has availability at the time the application form and payment are received.

Field sizes will be restricted to a maximum of **78** players at each venue.

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

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.

Players MUST consider the possibility to play on Tuesday 13th December 2016 to complete the First Stage to book their return flights.

➤ **FINAL STAGE:**
(54 holes scheduled) – Thursday 15th, Friday 16th & Saturday 17th December 2016

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

- a. All players in positions 1 – end of the Alps Tour Order of Merit on 20th October 2016
- b. All players in positions **31** – end of the 2016 **FINAL** Alps Tour Order of Merit
- c. The winner of the Alps Tour Qualifying School in 2013, 2014 and 2015
- d. The leading 5 European Amateur players in the World Amateur Golf Ranking on 20th October 2016
- e. Players who took part in the 2016 World Golf Amateur Championships and/or the 2016 European Boys/Men Team Championship
- f. Players being members of the European Tour for the 2016 season (till category 20) or members of the Challenge Tour for the 2016 season (till category 15)
- g. Players who took part in the 2016 European Tour Qualifying School Stage 2
- h. The first 2 players of the Gecko Tour Order of Merit on 22th November 2016.

The Final Stage will be played **from 15th to 17th December 2016** at the following venue:

La Cala Resort

« **ASIA Course** »

« **EUROPA Course** »

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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 Europa 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 2017 season.

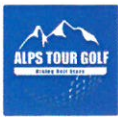
Players making the cut of the Final Qualifying Stage and finishing beyond 35th place will be eligible for membership in Category 8 of the Alps Tour for the 2017 season and will be subject to the 2017 re-rank policy adopted by the Alps Tour Committee.

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

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

Players are advised that Sunday 18th December 2016 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 17th December, the game will continue on Sunday 18th December.

Then, if the weather conditions do not allow to finish off the third round on Sunday 18th 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)	
09 Dec.	Official practice day
10 Dec.	Official practice day
11 Dec.	1 st Round
12 Dec.	2 nd Round

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

Players MUST consider the possibility to play on Sunday 18th 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 **scratch** (0) under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter.

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. METHODS 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.

A) **Credit Card:** The following card types are accepted: VISA / MASTERCARD

The applicant will need to supply the following information:

- . Card Type (VISA / MASTERCARD)
- . Card Number (should be 16 digits)
- . CVS - Security Code (normally the final 3 digits)
- . Full Name as shown on card
- . Expiry dates (month / year)
- . Signature as it appears on the card

It is acceptable for a third party (i.e. Sponsor, partner...) to pay on behalf of the applicant. If this is the case, their address as listed on their credit card statements must be supplied.

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 your funds not be collected on the first attempt to process payment, the Alps Tour Golf Association will try on a further two occasions (allowing a few days between attempts) before contacting the applicant.

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.

It is recommended that two weeks after sending in the entry form (and before the closing date of entries) that the applicant check with the credit card company to see if the entry fee of 650 Euros has been debited from his account. If not, it is likely that processing problems are being experienced and the applicant should contact the Alps Tour Golf Association without delay.

Please remember that the onus is on the applicant to ensure that his entry fee payment is not delayed.

B) **Bank Transfer:** Alps Tour Golf Association bank details are as follows:

Alps Tour Golf Association
SOCIETE GENERALE Neuilly Entreprises
72 avenue de Villiers
75017 PARIS

IBAN **FR76 3000 3038 7700 0507 4780 228**
BIC/SWIFT **SOGEFRPP**

To enable us to identify the payment on receipt, please ensure that the applicants name as quoted in reference by the issuing bank and include proof of payment with the entry form.

Failure to do so could result in the Alps Tour Golf Association being unable to connect the payment with the entry form and thus being unable to process the application and allocate a venue.

Bank charges will be between 10 € to 45 € and will be charged by **all** banks involved with the transaction.

When requesting a bank to make a transfer please ensure that the costs are borne by the applicant as the Alps Tour will not be responsible for any charges involved.

C) **Other payments:**

Cash, Cheques and Eurocheques are not accepted.

Return all entry forms to: Alps Tour Golf Association
68 Rue Anatole France
92300 Levallois Perret
France
Tel: +33 1 41 49 77 78 / Fax: +33 1 41 49 77 22
e-mail: alpstourgolf@ffgolf.org (scanned documents)

6. ENTRY DEADLINES

First Stage	entries close Friday 11th November 2016.
Final Stage	entries close Tuesday 22th November 2016.

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 300 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 (only after receipt of the relevant documentation and the full entry fee), 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 15th November 2016 and will be posted on the official website (www.alpstourgolf.com).

The Alps Tour is not responsible for the timely delivery of any Postal Service and **it is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status in the Qualifying Tournament.**

Allocation of venues is 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:

1. 800 €
2. 550 €
3. 400 €
4. 300 €
5. 200 €
- 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:

- 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.

Groove Regulation:

From the 2014 season, this rule applies. The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf (Decision 4-1/1).



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

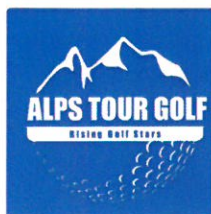
To obtain full membership rights, players who are eligible for membership in categories 0, 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 **must** have paid their membership fee **prior** to competing in their **first** Alps Tour Ranking Event.

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 2017 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 2016/2017 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 2017 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.
- (5) Alps Tour wild cards & invitations to be decided by the Alps Tour Director
- (6) The Top 35 (and ties) from 2016 Alps Tour Qualifying School (scheduled on Dec. 2016)
- (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 2016 season.
- (8) Players finishing between the 36th and 65th position (inclusive) at the 2016 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will also be subject to the 2017 re-rank policy.



Deadlines for entries:
First Stage: 11th November
Final Stage: 22th November

2016 ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

For the 2017 season

APPLICATION FORM

1. NAME:

(first)

(middle)

(surname/family name)

2. How do you wish to be known in the draw (tee times list) and results?

3. NATIONALITY:

(if UK please specify Eng, Scot, Wal or N.Ire)

4. CLUB/ATTACHMENT:

5. ADDRESS: (for correspondence):

6. CONTACT TEL No. (including international dialling codes)

Home: +

Mobile: +

7. EMAIL ADDRESS:

8. DATE OF BIRTH:

9. INFORMATION

(a) Are you a professional? Are you an amateur?

(b) If Amateur, Current Handicap is _____ (Handicap certificate signed by the Federation required)

(c) If professional, of which organisation are you a member (eg. British PGA)?

(d) Have you played in the Alps Tour Qualifying School before and when?

If your answer to (d) above is NO, you must provide:

(a) one letter of reference verifying that personal character and golf ability are of a nature to enable you to play the Alps Tour competitively, from officials of recognised golfing authority, **and**

(b) documentation of competitiveness, ie. Results of tournaments played in 2015/16.

Applications to enter the 2016 Alps Tour Qualifying School WITHOUT letter of reference and evidence of scores in 2015/16 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Amateur applicants who returns forms without handicap certificates verifying that they meet the handicap requirements will have their application rejected.



10. EXEMPTIONS

I claim exemption from the **First Stage** under category:

- (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

11. VENUE PREFERENCE (First Stage only)

Applicants must indicate their venue preference by entering 1, 2 and 3 in the column below against the appropriate venue.

<< **ASIA Course** >> << **EUROPA Course** >> << **AMERICA Course** >>

12. PAYMENT

I am paying the amount of **€ 650** by bank transfer credit card

Credit Card Information

We accept ONLY the following cards: Visa and Mastercard.

Type of Card Visa Mastercard

Name:

Card No. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Expiry date _ _ / _ _ *Security Code _ _ _

*The security code is a 3 digit code which normally appears as the last 3 numbers on the signature strip of a credit card.

Signature (as it appears on the card)

REMINDER

Your entry will not be processed until your full entry fee has been received as cleared funds by the Alps Tour.

By signing this application you are agreeing to abide by all the conditions and regulations of the Qualifying School as referred in the application form.

Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the form is fully and accurately completed. An entry form which is incomplete, inaccurate or illegible will be treated as **INVALID** and will be returned to the applicant.



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

Contact **Marie Jorez** at Alps Tour Office

Tel: +33 (0)141 497 741

Email: alpstourgolf@ffgolf.org

Please send completed entry form and payment to:

By mail	By fax	By email
Alps Tour Golf Association 68 rue Anatole France 92300 Levallois Perret France	+33 (0)141 497 722	You must complete the application form fully filled directly on your computer and send it to: alpstourgolf@ffgolf.org

**IMPORTANT for all payments by transfer:
a bank transfer copy is required by fax (or scan)**

ENTRY CHECK LIST

HAVE YOU INCLUDED?

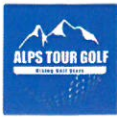
1. One letter of reference (if required)
2. Documentation of competitiveness throughout 2015/2016 (if required)
3. Handicap certificate (if required)
4. Remittance advice slip if paying by Bank Transfer

HAVE YOU INFORMED?

1. Your bank that the Alps Tour will be debiting your account

ARE YOU AWARE?

1. That your entry will not be accepted until your full entry fee, one letter of reference, a handicap certificate (if required)
2. Venue allocations will not be confirmed until 15th November 2016
3. That your entry form will be invalid if it is either incomplete, inaccurate or illegible



ACCOMMODATION, AIRPORT TRANSFERS, BUGGIES & TROLLEYS

ACCOMMODATION

The Official Hotel on site – La Cala Hotel – proposes 2 different offers, as follows:

OFFER No.1: 1-4 NIGHTS STAY
84€ single room and 99€ double/twin room per night

OFFER No.2: MINIMUM OF 5 NIGHTS STAY
78€ single room and 94€ double/twin room per night

All prices include:

- Breakfast buffet
- Free Wi-Fi
- Access to the indoor swimming pool, free of charge
- 1 spa circuit per day
- **GOLF BUGGY** (share or single use) for the practice rounds

All bookings will require a credit card guarantee and pre-payment.
Cancellation policy and conditions are detailed by the Hotel in the *booking form attached*.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

La Cala Resort will provide a special service for transfers between Malaga airport and the hotel on site for players who will stay at the hotel.

Price is 25€ per way (i.e. 50 € for return trip).

Please use the booking form attached.

BUGGIES & ELECTRIC TROLLEYS

GOLF BUGGIES:

Due to configuration of the courses, very sloppy, we will allow the golf buggies during the practice rounds. If you stay at the official hotel on site, the rent is already included in the room.

Otherwise, you will have to pay 20€ per practice round.

ELECTRIC TROLLEYS:

We strongly recommend the use of electric trolleys for practice rounds AND tournament rounds.

Price is 15€ per day.

Trolleys MUST be booked in advance by filling in the *booking form attached*.



GOLF HOTEL SPA

HOTEL BOOKING FORM – ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

La Cala Resort (Mijas, Málaga, Spain) - December, 2016

OFFER 1: 1-4 NIGHTS STAY

84€ single room and 99€ double room per night

OFFER 2: MINIMUM OF 5 NIGHTS STAY

78€ single room and 94€ double room per night

Rates includes breakfast buffet, free Wi-Fi, indoor swimming pool and free access to our Thermal circuit (90 minutes per adult) and Buggy (share or single use) included for the practice rounds for all clients that stay in the hotel.

Valid between 8/12/16 and 18/12/16, subject to availability. Credit Card guarantee will be requested upon booking confirmation.

Total of stay will be paid at Reception desk at check-in

In the event of total or partial cancellations without a minimum advice of 48hours there will be a charge corresponding to one night B&B stay.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Compulsory details for booking guarantee

Name Surname

Passport Number

Country

Address

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Tel Email

Credit Card Number Expiry date

Credit Card Name

BOOKING

Date of arrival:	Approx. Hotel Arrival time:	Date of Departure:
Number of single rooms:	Offer chosen:	Number of nights:
Number of Double rooms:		

Names of the people sharing the room/s

Names of the competing players

Other special requests

BOOKINGS DEADLINE: Subject to availability

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GOLF HOTEL SPA

TRANSFER BOOKING FORM ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

La Cala Resort (Mijas, Málaga, Spain)

December, 2016

Special Rates for transfers between Málaga - Costa del Sol Airport and La Cala Resort for participants, friends & family staying in the Official Hotel.

GROUP TRANSFERS

€25 per person per way

The group transfers are available on 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th and 18th December.

Once the deadline is closed, your pickup time will be confirmed. Maximum waiting time: 2 ½ hrs.

Rates include VAT and are based on pre-payment by bank transfer

PERSONAL DETAILS

Compulsory details for booking

Name Surname

Tel Fax

Email

BOOKING

Date of arrival:	Arrival Airport Time:	Flight Number:
Date of Departure:	Departure Airport Time:	Flight Number:
Number of Golf Sets:	Number of people:	

Names of the people sharing the Transfer

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Other special requests

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BOOKINGS DEADLINE: 1st of December

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GOLF HOTEL SPA

TROLLEY BOOKING FORM ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

La Cala Resort (Mijas, Málaga, Spain)

December, 2016

PERSONAL DETAILS

Compulsory details for booking

Name Surname

Tel Fax

Email

ELECTRIC TROLLEY

The use of electric trolley is recommended. Payment to be made at the time of the confirmation.

€15 per electric trolley per round. Subject to availability.

Electric trolley required following dates (please circle)

Dates 9 Dec 10 Dec 11 Dec 12 Dec 13 Dec 14 Dec 15 Dec 16 Dec 17 Dec

PAYMENT AUTHORISATION BY CREDIT CARD

Please charge the total fee from the following card

(Cards accepted: VISA, Master Card, Eurocard and American Express)

Card number	Expiry Date	Amount (Euros)
Card holder (name)	Signature (Cardholder)	

BOOKINGS DEADLINE: 1st December 2016

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