



QUALIFYING SCHOOL FOR THE 2022 SEASON

(Including exempt Player Information)

FIRST STAGE (36 HOLES)

WEDNESDAY 29th & THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

Official Practice Day: Tuesday 28th September 2021

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Formby
Liverpool
L37 0AB

Tel: +44 (0) 1704 875699

Web: www.formbyhallgolfresort.co.uk

Nearest Airport: Liverpool (25 miles)

Longhirst Hall Golf Club

Longhirst
Morpeth
NE61 3LL

Tel: +44 (0) 1670 791562

Web: www.longhirstgolf.co.uk

Nearest Airport: Newcastle (16 miles)

Mannings Heath Golf & Wine Estate

Hammerpond Road
Mannings Heath
West Sussex
RH13 6PG

Tel: +44 (0) 871 873 3388

Web: www.manningsheath.com

Nearest Airport: Gatwick (13 miles)

Studley Wood Golf Club

Straight Mile Road
Horton-Cum-Studley
Oxford
OX33 1BF

Tel: +44 (0) 1865 351122

Web: www.studleywoodgolfclub.co.uk

Nearest Airport: London Heathrow (48 miles)



FINAL STAGE (54 HOLES)

WEDNESDAY 13th – FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2021

Official Practice Day: *Wednesday 13th October 2021*

Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club

Keeper's Lane

Leavenheath

Colchester

CO6 4PZ

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Nearest Airport: London Stanstead (43 miles)

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. Terms of Competition

Qualifying School Stage 1

- (i) Players **not** exempt for Qualifying School Final Stage under the categories listed in section 3 will be required to play at a Stage 1 venue.
- (ii) Entrants will be allocated to their preferred venue on a first come first serve basis.
- (iii) In the event of a venue being oversubscribed, priority of course nomination will be determined by the payment date of the entry fee via on-line entries.
- (iv) Stage 1 will be contested over 36 holes of stroke play with 18 holes being played each day.
- (v) Each venue (listed above) will have a maximum entry of 84 players.
- (vi) The primary objective is to balance the number of entries at each venue. Therefore, in the event that in excess of 420 entries for Stage 1 are received, the PGA EuroPro Tour will increase the field size of one or more venues in order to accommodate the additional entries. Venue allocation for these entries is pre-determined and will not be subject to change.
- (vii) There will be no cut.
- (viii) The exact number of players qualifying to proceed to the Qualifying School Final Stage will be announced at the close of entries. They will be divided between the qualifying rounds and will be calculated as a percentage of total entries.
- (ix) In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot and alternates, ties will be decided by card count-back over the last 18, 9, 6, 3 & 1 holes and, if still tied, matchplay from the first hole on the scorecard. A maximum of two alternates at each venue will make up the Official Reserve List for Qualifying School Final Stage.
- (x) Play shall be in accordance with the PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations, Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, PGA EuroPro Tour Local Rules and Terms of Competition and the local rules for each venue, as approved by the respective Tournament Director.

Qualifying School Final Stage

- (i) Players exempt from Stage 1 of the PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School for 2022 may enter the Final Stage in order to improve their ranking, with the exception of players eligible for Category 1 and 2 who will not be permitted to enter.
- (ii) Only those 10 alternates making up the Official Reserve List from Stage 1 will be eligible for spots at Qualifying School Final Stage in the event of any withdrawals.
- (iii) The Qualifying School Final will be contested over 54 holes of stroke play with 18 holes being played each day.
- (iv) Qualifying School Final Stage will have a maximum of 192 players.
- (v) The field will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 80 competitors (and those who tie for 80th place) will go forward to the third and final round.
- (vi) Play shall be in accordance with the PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations, Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, PGA EuroPro Tour Local Rules and Terms of Competition and the local rules, as approved by the respective Tournament Director.
- (vii) In the event of a tie for first place prize money shall be shared. In order to determine the winner of the Qualifying School Trophy, there will be a card play-off over the last 18, 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and, if still tied, Matchplay from the first hole.

By entering any stage of the Qualifying School, all Professional entrants will automatically become Members of the PGA EuroPro Tour for 2022 and thus be able to enter all events on



the schedule. Entry into the final field of these events will be based on categories and rankings.

Amateurs who enter Qualifying School and retain their Amateur Status during the event must inform the PGA EuroPro Tour at the conclusion of Qualifying School whether they wish to take up their respective category and become a Professional or retain their Amateur Status and automatically become a Ranked Amateur. A Ranked Amateur can earn points through their finishing positions in Regular PGA EuroPro Tour Tournaments and will allow them to access exemption categories for the following season via their position in the Final Points Order of Merit. Ranked Amateurs are not eligible to qualify for the Tour Championship nor are they eligible for the Challenge Tour places. For more information please see section 4.5 in the PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations.

2. Eligibility for Entry

The PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School is open to the following entrants:

- (i) All Professional golfers.
- (ii) Amateur golfers with an exact WHS Handicap Index of 2.4 or better. A handicap certificate must be sent to entries@pga.org.uk or a CDH number supplied on the online entry form before the entry can be approved.

Exception: Players eligible for an exemption category on the 2022 PGA EuroPro Tour other than categories 1 and 2 are permitted to enter the Final Stage of Qualifying School.

Note 1: The PGA EuroPro Tour reserves the right to ask for playing records of those entrants with no professional history.

Note 2: Those applicants under the age of 18 during Qualifying School will be required to provide the PGA with details of a named chaperone who is over the age of 18 and who must accompany the applicant at all times whilst on site at the tournament venue. The PGA will also require a signed parental consent form.

Note 3: Amateur Status

It is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status, as approved by R&A Rules Ltd, for an amateur golfer to file an entry for and play in any stage of the PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School provided that, in advance of play, and in writing, they waive their right to any prize money in the competition by filling out the relevant form available from the tournament office at any of the venues.

An amateur golfer who fails to waive their right to prize money is in breach of the Rules of Amateur Status. They may apply for reinstatement as an amateur through the R&A.

3. **Exemptions**

The following are exempt from Stage 1 of the PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School:

- (a) Players 81-130 from the PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit 2021.
- (b) Tournament Winners from the PGA EuroPro Tour between 2013 and 2018.
- (c) Players 2-10 from the seven PGA Regional Orders of Merit 2021.
- (d) Players below 150th place on the 2020 Road to Mallorca Challenge Tour rankings.
- (e) Players 1-50 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (on Wednesday 22nd September 2021).
- (f) Members of the 2021 Walker Cup Teams.
- (g) Members of the 2018 Junior Ryder Cup Teams.

Note: Players wishing to gain an exemption from Stage 1 and play at the Final Stage must enter by the closing date.

4. **Entry Fees**

All parts of the membership and entry process must be done on-line via www.EuroProTour.com. If you have been a previous Member, you should log-in with your current details. If you have forgotten these details click the 'forgotten password' link. New users should setup an account by selecting a Qualifying School venue to compete at.

When applying to enter the PGA EuroPro Tour 2022, entrants are reminded that their entry will not be accepted until payment has been received and banked. The entry fees are:

- Exempt Member Fee **£250.00**
(Exempt Members eligible for categories 1, 2, 7, 9 and 11)
- Non Exempt Member Fee **£445.00**
(This includes the entry into all stages of Qualifying School)

Note: The Membership is subject to an additional administration fee of £7.50. Furthermore, an administration charge of £1.95 will be applicable to all PGA EuroPro Tournaments.

Payment may only be made by credit card or debit card. We do not accept AMEX.

If you need more information on how to pay please contact the Tournament Department on +44 (0) 1675 468380 or email entries@pga.org.uk.

Applicants will be emailed a confirmation of entry once their correctly submitted application has been processed and payment banked. Further to this confirmation it is the applicants' responsibility to verify their entry status in the Qualifying School. This can be monitored on the website of www.EuroProTour.com.

5. **Opening and Closing Date for Entries**

Entries open on Thursday 15th July 2021.

The closing date for all entries to PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School is **Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 3pm.**



Fully exempt players eligible for categories 1, 2, 7, 9 and 11 may join the Tour, and therefore receive their Membership Category prior to the closing date of the first regular tournament they wish to enter.

6. Withdrawal Policy

As soon as an application to the PGA EuroPro Tour is received and payment cleared, that person will be a Member of the Tour for 2022 unless an official withdrawal is made as follows:

- (i) If a player withdraws prior to the closing date they will be refunded in full for both their Membership fee and Qualifying School entry.
- (ii) If a player withdraws after the closing date, they will be refunded their Membership fee and £100 of their Qualifying School entry fee. Exception: Illness or injury provided that medical evidence can be produced within 7 days of date of the withdrawal.
- (iii) If a player is absent on their starting tee without notification of withdrawal, no refund will be given of either fee, however no additional fines under the PGA EuroPro Tour General Members Regulations will be imposed.
- (iv) PGA EuroPro Tour regulations apply for anyone withdrawing during any round of the PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.

Note: Any player who pre-qualifies for the Qualifying School Final Stage and subsequently withdraws before the first round will not be refunded any of their Membership or entry fees. These players will be placed at the end of Category 14 and ranked based on their scores from Stage One.

7. Calculation of Rankings **Final Stage Qualifying School** **Category 3, 6 & 10**

After 54 holes all players making the cut will be ranked in categories according to score (See category list enclosed). All tied scores will be ranked by card play-off over the best last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes (in scorecard order) and if still tied, by Matchplay from hole 1 of their final round.

Category 12 & 14

After 36 holes all players missing the cut will be ranked in categories according to score (See category list enclosed). All tied positions will be split using card count back using scores achieved over the Gainsborough Course (from Round 1 or 2) over the last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes and if still tied Matchplay from hole 1.

Stage 1 Qualifying School **Category 15**

Every player that does not progress from Stage 1 will be ranked in Category 15. As there are five Stage 1 venues all players will be ranked according to the differential between their score and the qualifying score at their venue i.e. all those missing out by one stroke at each venue will be ranked ahead of those missing out by two strokes and so on. Rankings will be allocated sequentially across the five venues, the order being announced at the closing date for entries.

All tied positions will be split using card count back over the last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes and if still tied Matchplay from the 1st hole of the final round scorecard. Any results achieved in play-offs for the last qualifying place will supersede the card play-off.

8. Play Foreshortened or Cancelled Stage One Qualifying School

- The prime objective will be to complete 36 holes by the end of the second days play.
- If it is not possible to complete play on the final day the Tournament shall be decided on the scores achieved in completed rounds.
- In the event that 36 holes are deemed to be unobtainable in the time available, then the completion of 18 holes will be the prime objective.
- In exceptional circumstances in the event 18 holes is unobtainable in the time remaining the Committee may vary the above conditions in order to achieve the most equitable result.

Qualifying School Final Stage

- The prime objective will be to complete 54 holes.
- If it is not possible to complete play on the final day the tournament shall be decided on the scores recorded in completed rounds.
- In the event that 54 holes are deemed to be unobtainable in the time available, then the completion of 36 holes will be the prime objective.
- In exceptional circumstances or in the event that 36 holes is unobtainable in the time available the Committee may vary the above conditions in order to achieve the most equitable result.

9. Regulations

All members must abide by the provisions of the current PGA EuroPro Tour General Regulations. This publication is available from www.EuroProTour.com, PGA EuroPro Tour Headquarters or at any Qualifying School venue. Membership begins once an application to the Tour has been approved by the Tournament Department.

10. Qualifying School Prizefunds Stage 1 (£1,000 at all 5 venues)

1. £300
2. £250
3. £200
4. £150
5. £100

Final Stage (£16,000)

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| 1. £2,400 | 6. £1,120 | 11. £640 |
| 2. £2,000 | 7. £960 | 12. £600 |
| 3. £1,600 | 8. £880 | 13. £560 |
| 4. £1,440 | 9. £800 | 14. £520 |
| 5. £1,280 | 10. £720 | 15. £480 |

Non - UK taxpayers (including the Irish Republic) may be subject to withholding tax on prize money won above the UK personal tax allowance threshold (Income tax year 2020/21 £12,500, subject to change each income tax year thereafter). All prize money is subject to 5% PGA EuroPro Tour levy.

PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School **Pace of Play Guidelines**

The objective of The PGA EuroPro Tour Pace of Play policy is to achieve a consistent pace of play for all players in the field regardless of starting time. This document should serve as a guide for players and officials on the subject of administering pace of play.

Subject to the provisions of the PGA EuroPro Tour Local Rules and Terms of Competition 2021 (Hard Card), each Tournament round will be given a maximum time allowed, for all 18 individual holes, and therefore the round as a whole.

1. Time Allowed For a Round

Each hole will be given a maximum completion time based on the guidelines below. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play. The current guidelines for holes are:

	Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
3 ball groups	11 minutes	14 minutes	17 minutes
2 ball groups	9 minutes	12 minutes	14 minutes

Additional time will be added to holes which are particularly difficult or are likely to cause delay for some other reason. Furthermore, time for walks between green and tee will also be added. Therefore, every course will be assessed individually.

2. Time Allowed for a Stroke

Stroke	Time Allowed
First to play Par 4 or Par 5 Tee Shot	40 seconds
First to play Par 3 Tee Shot	50 seconds
First to play approach shot, chipping or putting	50 seconds
Second or third to play tee shot, approach shot, chipping or putting	40 seconds

An allowance of up to 10% will be given on all the above timings.

3. The Timing Procedure

A referee will take timings of each individual within a group. Timing will start when the referee deems that a player has had **sufficient time** to reach their ball (or place the ball on a tee in the Teeing Area), prepare for the stroke and is able to play without interference or distraction.

3.1. Sufficient Time

The time taken to walk at a normal pace to either the teeing ground or ball in play. A player who walks slowly to their ball may have less time in which to assess and play their shot as the timing will start when the referee deems it has become their turn to play, irrespective of them having reached their ball.

3.2. On the Putting Green

Timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair ball marks, spike marks & other damage, move loose impediments on their line of putt then return to the ball. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3.3. Distractions

Should a player be distracted by their partners, caddies, or an outside influence during the preparation for their stroke, the timing will be stopped and will not restart until the player has reached the point in their preparations at which they were previously distracted. Weather conditions such as wind and rain would not be regarded as an allowable distraction and the timing will continue, even if club selection changes.

3.4. Time Extension

Whilst being timed a player is entitled to one **Time Extension** per round. A time extension entitles a player to a further 30 seconds over the time allowed for a stroke (as outlined in Section 2 above). The extension must be very clearly communicated to the referee and can be requested at any point up **until the maximum time allowable for the given stroke has expired** (the request cannot be made retrospectively). The player will not receive a 10% allowance on any stroke when the time extension is used.

4. "Out of Position"

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be **Out of Position** if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

5. Monitoring and Official Timing

When a group is out of position (as outlined in Section 4), there are two types of timing and these will be conducted by a referee.

5.1. Monitoring

- a) Any group which is found to be out of position, for any reason, will be subject to **Monitoring**. Monitoring of a group is the individual timing of all players' strokes (as outlined in Section 3 above) to prevent players from exceeding the time limits (as detailed in Section 2 above) and to assist a group to regain its position on the course.
- b) Players in a group will be advised if they are being monitored by a referee, and their status will be reviewed at the end of the next hole.
- c) If the group loses time having been monitored or has been monitored for 4 consecutive holes, then they will be moved to **Official Timing** (see 5.2. below) thereafter. Monitoring for up to 4 holes in a round will not be recorded on a player's record.
- d) At the discretion of the referee, at any point prior to the 5th hole of monitoring, the group or individuals within that group can be moved from monitoring to official timing.

- e) Any player exceeding the limit for a stroke and the 10% allowance whilst being monitored will be assessed a **bad time** (see 5.3. below) and thereafter the player will be officially timed.
- f) If a player records two individual stroke timings during a round that exceed the time allowed to play a stroke but are within the 10% allowance, then the player will be officially timed thereafter.
- g) Any group that has been monitored once in a round, will not be monitored for a second time in the same round. If a group falls out of position for a second time, either the group or individuals within that group will be officially timed.

5.2. Official Timing

When a player or group are being **Officially Timed** then the penalties as per the PGA EuroPro Tour Hard Card will apply.

- a) Any group during a round can be officially timed at the discretion of the referee, without having previously been monitored.
- b) If a player exceeds the time allowed and the 10% allowance to make a stroke then the player will be assessed a **bad time**.
- c) Players in a group which have regained position after being timed, but subsequently have to be timed again in the same round, will have that count as a further session of timing.

In exceptional circumstances, an Official may time individual player(s) in a group. Timing of individual players may be implemented when the referee considers that one or more individuals in the group are preventing the group as a whole to improve their pace of play or regain their position with the group in front. Should this policy be implemented, players in the group will be advised who is being timed.

5. Bad Times and Excessive Shot Times

- a) A **Bad Time** is when a player exceeds the time allowed to play a stroke and the 10% allowance. A bad time can only be incurred by players in a group that have been advised by the referee that they are being monitored or timed. A player will not be given a second bad time until they have been advised of the first.
- b) If a referee observes a player (from anywhere on the course) exceed 70 seconds or 80 seconds if first to play, they will be assessed an **Excessive Shot Time**. This can be issued to a player whose group is in position. This is **not** a bad time as defined in this Regulation and will not count towards any stroke penalties.
- c) A player who during a round, records three individual stroke timings whilst being monitored or timed that exceed the time allowed to play a stroke but are within the 10% allowance, will be assessed a **bad time**.
- d) Any player wishing to question any bad time, must do so with a PGA EuroPro Tour Official no later than 30 minutes after the completion of their round. After this time the bad time will stand.

6. Things the player can do to help

- Be aware of your position with regard to the group **in front**;
- If you are in Match 1 check your position against the timing schedule regularly
- If you feel that your group is falling behind, advise your playing partners;
- If your group is behind, try and catch up **quickly**;
- Look at your own line of putt while your playing partners look at theirs (within the bounds of normal etiquette);
- In stroke play if it is safe to do so and within the bounds of normal etiquette it is ok to play out of turn.
- Do not wait until it is your turn to play before putting on your glove, calculating your yardage or assessing wind direction;
- Do not concern yourself with the group behind – they are the Officials responsibility.

Most importantly ***BE READY TO PLAY WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO PLAY.***

Charles Hine
Head of National Tournaments
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