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Dear Applicant,

### **PGA EuroPro Tour 2015**

The PGA EuroPro Tour is about to start another exciting season and whether you have been a member in the past or are thinking about becoming a member for the first time, this is the most important document you need; please find some general information about the PGA EuroPro Tour and the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.

The PGA EuroPro Tour is the only officially recognised satellite Tour in the UK, and one of the leading Tours in Europe. We are the only Tour in the UK that offers direct access to the European Challenge Tour through our Final Order of Merit. In the forthcoming season there will be a minimum of 16 tournaments between April and November. PGA EuroPro Tour members will compete for total prize money of over £800,000.

One of the primary goals of the PGA EuroPro Tour is to enable players to perform at the highest possible level and prepare them for life as a Tour Professional. There is extensive media coverage at every tournament which consists of a televised two hour highlights package on Sky Sports HD that gives each player the invaluable experience of playing in front of the cameras. Members will also have the opportunity to promote themselves and sponsors through interview and social media such as Twitter and Facebook. All this is directed towards providing members with the full experience of being a professional sportsperson.

The top 5 players from the PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit who are not otherwise exempt at the end of the 2015 season will gain Category 13 membership of the European Challenge Tour in 2016\*. The PGA EuroPro Tour also offers high performing members with several playing opportunities on the European Challenge Tour each season. In addition, exemptions to Stage 2 of 2015 European Tour Qualifying School are available for those members who find themselves in the Top 6 of the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit by the closing date of European Tour Qualifying School entries\*.

2014 again proved to be a stellar year for recent PGA EuroPro Tour members. 2013 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit winner Oliver Farr secured his European Tour card through the 2014 Challenge Tour Order of Merit whilst William Harrold, who won two events at the start of the 2014 season on the PGA EuroPro Tour claimed his first Challenge Tour title in 2014.

Eight victories were recorded on the European Tour during the 2014 season by former PGA EuroPro Tour members including two maiden victories for Daniel Brooks and Oliver Wilson. In addition John Parry, Matt Ford, Tom Murray and the 2012 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit winner Paul Maddy all made it through European Tour Qualifying School to earn their right to play on the European Tour in 2015.

These are just a few of many success stories and further evidence that the PGA EuroPro Tour has long been a breeding ground for young talent in Europe. We hope that this year will be a stepping stone for you.

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For those who will be first time members of the PGA EuroPro Tour in 2015, the following points will provide you with some general facts about the Tour:

- Each tournament is scheduled for 54 holes of stroke play.
- Each tournament has a 36 hole cut to the top 50 players and ties.
- Prior to each Tournament there is an Official Practice Day and a Pro-Am.
- Regular tournaments have a minimum guaranteed prizefund of £46,735 to players making the 36 hole cut.
- Each tournament has a 2 hour TV highlights package broadcast on Sky Sports HD.
- The entry fee for each tournament is £295.
- Every tournament has a maximum field size of either 168 or 156 depending on daylight hours and course geography.
- PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations are applicable to each member, which aims to maintain the highest standard of professionalism and uphold the integrity of the Tour and the game itself.

For the time being however, the most important thing is to join the PGA EuroPro Tour. Upon doing so successfully you will then be able to enter Qualifying School. Full details can be found on the enclosed literature but in the meantime the main points for your consideration include the following:

- The annual Membership fee for the PGA EuroPro Tour is £250.
- The 2015 Qualifying School entry fee is £195. You must join the Tour before being able to enter Qualifying School.
- Amateurs with an official handicap of 2 or less **are** allowed to play PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School **and** retain their Amateur Status throughout if they wish.
- Having entered Qualifying School, and turned Professional before, during or after the School, you are guaranteed an exemption category for the 2015 season allowing you to enter **all** the tournaments.
- Opportunities to compete on the European Challenge Tour are available to PGA EuroPro Tour Members through mid-season rankings **and** final Order of Merit positions.
- All tournament correspondence will be sent to members via text and email.
- All PGA EuroPro Tour information is available on [www.pga.info](http://www.pga.info), [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) and the PGA EuroPro Tour App. Full player and course statistics can also be found on these sites.
- A Members' only area of the website is available which includes member deals, Tour Policies, Rules and Regulations, player notices, venue accommodation deals and other information.

For those of you who are new to the PGA EuroPro Tour I hope that this has provided you with an insight into the Tour and what it has to offer. If you have any enquiries either now or during the season please don't hesitate to contact the Tournament Department on the above details.

Your first step to becoming a successful Touring Professional in 2015 starts by logging on to our website and entering Qualifying School which opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Simply click on the "sign up now" link on the player login section of [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) and follow the on screen instructions.

With very best wishes for the forthcoming season.

Yours sincerely,



Ben Groutage  
Head of Tournaments

\* European Challenge Tour categories and the number of spots available are subject to annual review and change at the discretion of the European Tour/European Challenge Tour.



**QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2015**  
(Including exempt Player Information)

**Qualifying School Stage 1**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

Burhill, Surrey (New Course)  
Woldingham, Surrey  
Mottram Hall, Cheshire  
The Players Club, Bristol (Codrington Course)  
Slaley Hall, Northumberland (Hunting Course)

**Qualifying School Final Stage**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
Frilford Heath Golf Club (Blue and Red), Oxford

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

**1. Conditions of Play**

**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 after all competitors have **teed off** at all five venues, i.e. the afternoon of **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. They will be divided between the qualifying rounds and will be calculated as a percentage of total entries. Provisional numbers will be announced at the close of entries on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**.
- (ix) At each Stage 1 venue, in the event of a tie for the last qualifying place, a 'hole-by-hole' play-off will be held until the exact number of qualifiers is achieved. Alternates at each venue will be decided by card count back over the last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and, if still tied, Matchplay from the first hole. Results achieved in the play-off for the final qualifying place will supersede the card count back.
- (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 Conditions 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 2015 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) The Qualifying School Final will be contested over 54 holes of stroke play with 18 holes being played each day.
- (iii) Qualifying School Final Stage will have an entry of 240 players competing over both the Red and Blue courses at Frilford Heath Golf Club.
- (iv) The field will play one round on each of the first two days, alternating between Red and Blue courses, after which the leading 80 competitors (and those who tie for 80<sup>th</sup> place) will go forward to the third and final round over the Blue course.
- (v) 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 Conditions of Competition and the local rules for each

- course, as approved by the respective Tournament Director.
- (vi) In the event of a tie for first place there will be no play-off and the title and all prize money will be shared.

By entering any stage of the Qualifying School, all Professional entrants will automatically become full Members of the PGA EuroPro Tour for 2015 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 will have the option to either take up their respective category and become a Professional or retain their Amateur Status and forfeit their PGA EuroPro Tour Membership (for which there will be no refund). An amateur who relinquishes their Membership category at this time may regain it retrospectively at any time on the PGA EuroPro Tour 2015 schedule, at no further cost.

## **2. Eligibility for Entry**

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

- (i) All Professional golfers.
- (ii) All amateur golfers with a competition handicap of two (2) or better as recognised by CONGU or their respective Federation Handicapping Scheme.

**Exception:** Players eligible for Categories 1 and 2 of the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour are not permitted to enter any stage of Qualifying School.

### **Note: 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, he waives his 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 his right to prize money is in breach of the Rules of Amateur Status. He 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 61-130 from the PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit 2014.
- (b) Tournament Winners from the PGA EuroPro Tour between 2008 and 2012.
- (c) Players 2-10 from the seven PGA Regional Orders of Merit 2014.
- (d) Players 1-10 from the PGA Welsh Ranking List 2014.
- (e) Players 2-10 from the PGA English Ranking List 2014.
- (f) Players 1-50 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015).
- (g) Members of the 2013 Walker Cup Teams.
- (h) Members of the 2014 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](http://www.EuroProtour.com). If you have used this system before, you should log-in with your current details. If you have forgotten these details click the supplied link. New users should click 'sign up here' to be guided through the process of creating an account. Once this is done you will be able to sign in and begin the process of joining the Tour.

When applying to enter the PGA EuroPro Tour 2015, entrants are reminded that their entry will not be accepted until payment has been received and banked. The entry fees are:

- 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Membership fee **£250.00**
- Qualifying School Entry Fee (*if applicable*) **£195.00**

**Note:** The Membership is subject to an additional administration fee of £7.50. Furthermore, there are credit card (3%) or debit card (50p) surcharges applicable to all PGA EuroPro Tournaments including the qualifying school entry fee of £195.

***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](mailto: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 his entry status in the Qualifying School. This can be monitored on the PGA EuroPro Tour section of [www.pga.info](http://www.pga.info) or via [www.EuroProtour.com](http://www.EuroProtour.com)

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

Entries open on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

The closing date for all entries to PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

Fully exempt players may join the Tour, and therefore receive their Membership Category, at any time throughout the season.

## **6. Withdrawal Policy**

As soon as an application to PGA EuroPro Tour is received and payment cleared, that person will be a Member of the Tour for 2015 unless an official withdrawal is made as follows:

- (i) If a player withdraws prior to the closing date he will be refunded in full for both his Membership fee and Qualifying School entry.
- (ii) If a player withdraws after the closing date, regardless of reason and without exception, he will be refunded his Membership fee and £100 of his Qualifying School entry fee.
- (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 on the Red 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 after all competitors have **teed off** at all five venues, i.e. the afternoon of **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April is not held in reserve for any venue.
- 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.
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April is not held in reserve.
- 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](http://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 tax payers (including the Irish Republic) may be subject to withholding tax on prize money won above the UK personal tax allowance threshold. (Income tax year 2015/16 £10,500, subject to change each income tax year thereafter). All prize money is subject to 5% PGA EuroPro Tour levy.

## 11. **Addresses**

### **Stage 1**

#### **Woldingham Golf Club**

Hallillo Valley Road  
Woldingham  
Surrey  
CR3 7HA  
Tel: +44 (0) 1883 653 501  
Web: [www.woldinghamgc.co.uk](http://www.woldinghamgc.co.uk)

#### **The Players Club**

Codrington  
Chipping Sodbury  
Bristol  
BS37 6RZ  
Tel: +44 (0) 1454 313 029  
Web: [www.theplayersgolfclub.com](http://www.theplayersgolfclub.com)

#### **Burhill Golf Club**

Burwood Road  
Hersham  
Walton-on-Thames  
Surrey  
KT12 4BL  
Tel: +44 (0) 1932 227 345  
Web: [www.burhillgolf-club.co.uk](http://www.burhillgolf-club.co.uk)

### **Final Stage**

#### **Frilford Heath Golf Club**

Frilford Heath  
Abingdon  
Oxfordshire  
OX13 5NW  
Tel: +44 (0) 1865 390 864  
Web: [www.frilfordheath.co.uk](http://www.frilfordheath.co.uk)

#### **De Vere Slaley Hall**

Hexham  
Northumberland  
NE47 0BX  
Tel: +44 (0) 1434 673 350  
Web: [www.ghotels.co.uk/our-locations/slaley-hall](http://www.ghotels.co.uk/our-locations/slaley-hall)

#### **Mottram Hall**

Mottram Hall  
Wilmslow Road  
Mottram  
St Andrew  
Cheshire  
SK10 4QT  
Tel: +44 (0) 871 222 4686  
Web: [www.ghotels.co.uk/our-locations/mottram-hall](http://www.ghotels.co.uk/our-locations/mottram-hall)



## EXEMPTION CATEGORIES 2015

The following categories apply to players who have taken up Membership for the 2015 season.

1. Players 1–60 from the 2014 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit.
2. 2013, 2014 and 2015 Tournament Winners on the PGA EuroPro Tour.
3. Players 1-30, and ties, from the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
4. a) 12 Sponsors Invites – Regular Tournaments only (This figure may increase up to 24 subject to sponsors request or the field size being undersubscribed).  
b) 3 Players from the Home Nation in which the tournament is played (regular tournaments only).
5. The top 10 and ties from the previous tournament (Regular events only).
6. Players 31–60 and ties from 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
7. The 2014 PGA Club Professional Champion, PGA National Assistants' Champion, PGA Play-Offs Champion and the Winner of each of the seven 2014 PGA Regional Final Orders of Merit.
8. Top 5 players from the Top 50 in the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt (who have entered before the closing date).
9. a) Players holding or eligible for Categories 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the 2014 European Tour\*.  
b) Players holding or eligible for Categories 1–17 on the 2015 European Challenge Tour\*.
10. Players 61–80 and ties from 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
11. Players 61–80 in the 2014 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit.
12. Players 81-120 and ties from the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
13. Players 2–10 from the 2014 Order of Merit of the PGA Region in which the tournament is played (regular tournaments only).
14. Players 121–240 from 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
15. Players eliminated at Stage 1 of the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
16. Unranked Members a) Affiliated Members – Ranking will be according to date of joining.  
b) Temporary Members.

\* European and European Challenge Tour categories are subject to change at the discretion of the European and European Challenge Tours.





## FAQ's

### **What is BlueGolf?**

BlueGolf is the tournament software that is used for online entry and all tournament administration. Each Member will have their own unique profile once they have registered online via [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) or the App where they can manage their tournament entries and withdrawals.

### **Where can I download the App from?**

The App is available to download free of charge from the iTunes Store and Android Market. It can be found by [clicking here](#) or by searching for 'PGA EuroPro Tour' on your smartphone 'App Store'.

### **I am an amateur. Do you require any documentation from me?**

In order for the PGA EuroPro Tour to approve your membership application, you must either provide your CDH lifetime ID number on the online membership application form or forward a copy of your current handicap certificate to The PGA once you have submitted your membership form online. The contact details to forward your current handicap certificate can be found at the top of this document.

### **What happens if the field is full in my first choice venue for Stage 1 Q School?**

You will need to enter another Stage 1 Q School Venue online. In addition, if you wish to be put on a reserve list for your first choice venue, you will need to speak to a member of staff at the PGA Tournament Department.

### **How many people get a card from Qualifying School for the 2015 season?**

Every player that enters qualifying school will become a Member of the Tour for 2015 and will hold a Category. The better you perform at Qualifying School the better your Category. This allows ANY Member to enter ANY tournament during the season regardless of how you perform at Qualifying School. The Qualifying School merely acts as a way of ranking all of the Members which is important when the final field for a tournament is to be decided.

### **I did not qualify from Stage 1 Qualifying School, do I have any chance of playing in a tournament this year?**

Yes. Even though you have missed qualification you will still be ranked in Category 15 and can enter any of the tournaments on the schedule. Whilst you may not get into some of the early tournaments, as they are generally heavily subscribed, there is a good chance that you will get in some of the tournaments later on in the season or when entries are low for certain tournaments.

### **When is the closing date for each tournament?**

The closing date for each tournament is normally at 15:00:00hrs GMT, 14 days prior to the first day of the tournament, unless stated otherwise. Any player entering after the closing date will be placed at the bottom of the reserve list regardless of their category and ranking if the starting field is full. Any withdrawals after the closing date may incur a withdrawal fee - please refer to PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations 2015.

### **What happens if the field is not full?**

If, after the initial close of entries, the field is not full, the Tour may re-open entries online until a new closing date. All Members will be informed by e-mail. Any entries received during this time will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the maximum field size has been reached. Once the field is full, any remaining entries will be placed on a reserve list by date registered. Anyone withdrawing after the new closing date may incur a withdrawal fee as per the Tour Regulations.

**Can I enter tournaments by email or by post?**

No. All tournament entries must be done online. If the closing date for a tournament has passed then the Member must phone the PGA Tournament Department on +44 (0) 1675 468380 if he wishes to enter.

**When is payment taken for a tournament?**

All entry fees are taken on the closing date after the close of entries for that tournament and will only be taken if you have gained a place in the final field. This allows Members to enter numerous tournaments at one time without the payment for those tournaments all coming out at once. The only exception to this is entry fee for Qualifying School, where the payment is taken upon acceptance of entry which usually takes up to 24 hours from the time of entering.

**How will I know if I am in the tournament or on the reserve list?**

An email will automatically be generated to you on the closing date informing you either that your entry has been successful or that you are on the reserve list. You can also see your tournament status by looking on your player profile and/or looking at the tournament information page for that tournament through the website [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) or the App.

**My payment has rejected, am I still in the tournament?**

If your payment has rejected this means you have not lost your place in the field providing you arrange payment as soon as possible and do so by no later than close of registration. It is the player's responsibility to re-arrange payment by calling the PGA EuroPro Tournament entries department. An automated email will be sent from BlueGolf following any rejected payments. If a player wishes to withdraw following a rejected payment they must inform the PGA EuroPro Tournament entries department as the player may still be liable for any withdrawal fees.

**How will I know if I get into a tournament from the reserve list?**

A member of PGA staff will always phone you to inform you that a spot has become available should you wish to take it. You will then be given the choice to either accept the place in the field or turn down the place. If you do not wish to take the place in the field then there will be no withdrawal fee. Please note that at certain times, particularly during the tournament week, the Tournament Director may impose maximum response times from players on the reserve list as per the Tour Regulations.

**How do I withdraw from a tournament?**

Withdrawals can be done by the Member online through their BlueGolf profile up until the Friday before the tournament week. After this time the Member must phone either PGA National Tournament Department or the Tournament Office at the relevant venue to withdraw. Please note that withdrawals after the closing date for a tournament may incur a withdrawal fee - please refer to PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations 2015.

**How is the field for a regular tournament determined?**

Every Member will fall into one of the exemption categories. On the closing date of the tournament all entries will be ranked in Category order and the top 156 (for a max 156 field) minus spaces for tournament invites, categories 5 and categories 8 will be entered into the tournament. All other entries will be placed on a reserve list, again in Category and ranking order. For those players who enter after the closing date, they will be placed at the bottom of the reserve list regardless of their category and ranking.

**How do I find out information relating to a tournament?**

Log on to the website [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) and click on the schedule tab. Next to each tournament there will be an "info" link which will take you to the tournament information page for each tournament. This will detail everything from practice times, accommodation deals, trolley hire, catering information and other venue details. Here you can also find information regarding reserve lists, starting times and scoring. This information is also available via the App.

**What is the groove rule policy for 2015?**

It has been decided that the Condition of Competition designed to restrict the use of certain types of grooves in clubs will come into effect at all PGA EuroPro Tour administered tournaments for 2015.

All PGA EuroPro Tour Members must therefore ensure that they have conforming equipment in order to play within the Rules at all PGA EuroPro Tour Tournaments including qualifying school.

The penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this condition is disqualification. If you have any questions regarding this condition of competition please contact the PGA National Tournament Department or refer to literature on EuroProtour.com or pga.info.

### **How do Tournament Invitations work?**

At each tournament there will be 12 tournament invitations. These invitations will be decided by the PGA EuroPro Tour on the closing date. Any player can ask for an invite and should do so by clicking on the "Tournament Invite" link on [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) homepage. It may help to state whether you are a Member, why you want an invitation and a brief summary of your playing career. The recipients of tournament invitations are still required to pay the entry fee of £295 plus a temporary membership fee of £50 if they are not a Member.

### **Are there Pro-Ams and if so who gets to play in the Pro-Ams and can I bring my own team?**

At several tournament venues a Pro-Am is held before the tournament days. A typical Pro-Am day consists of registration followed by 18 holes of golf and finishing with a prize giving/gala dinner. Prize money is available for all competing professionals with a prize fund on offer for the team results and the professional results. Most pro-ams are put on by the tournament sponsors to entertain corporate clients and to support the tournament; therefore no outside team entries are accepted. However, those pro-ams that are organised by the venue may accept team entries in which case you would need to speak with the venue direct. Details of whether a pro-am is open to entries can be found by phoning the PGA National Tournament Department on +44 (0) 1675 468380. Generally the pro-am is made up of the highest ranked players i.e. players 1-50 from last year's Order of Merit, Tournament Winners and Sponsors Invites. The selection process is purely at the discretion of the PGA EuroPro Tour and the Sponsors. If you are selected to play in a pro-am it is a condition of your entry that you must play, however you are allowed release for up to three pro-ams a year as per the PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations

### **As a PGA EuroPro Tour Member can I practice at a tournament venue for free?**

No. Being a Member does not entitle you to free golf at any of the tournament venues or at any other courses. However, during every tournament week there will be times allocated for official practice at the venue when you will be able to practice. These times differ from tournament to tournament so it is important to check the information for each venue. Any practice outside of these official times is at the complete discretion of the venue. As a guide a typical tournament week itinerary would be as follows: Official Practice (Monday), Pro-am (Tuesday), and Tournament Days (Wednesday – Friday).

### **How is prize money paid?**

All prize money is paid via BACS directly into your bank account. You can amend your bank details through your players club account. It is essential that your bank details are present and correct in order for you to receive prize money in a timely manner.

### **I can't see my name on the Order of Merit but I know I have won money?**

Only Members can qualify to appear on the Order of Merit so if you are a temporary member this is probably why your name is not featured. It is also within the PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations that to appear on the Final Order of Merit you must play in a minimum of 5 events (not including pro-ams). After the final regular tournament of the season all those players that cannot fulfill the minimum events required will be removed from the Order of Merit.

### **I am not receiving any emails or texts?**

If this is the case then please check the details you have given us by logging into your player account and checking your personal details – you can change these at any time. It is the Member's responsibility to keep these details up to date so that you remain contactable.



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**Pace of Play Guidelines**

Players at all venues are advised to note carefully the provisions of the PGA EuroPro Tour's Pace of Play policy printed on the PGA EuroPro Tour Hard Card.

Because of the large entry and the growing restrictions of daylight, referees will be instructed to **time any group which is both over their allotted time and out of position with group in front.**

Players must recognise their obligation to keep up to the group in front (not ahead of the group behind).

Please assist us to keep play moving for the benefit of everyone by:

- a) Being ready to play when it is your turn
- b) Keeping within the time per stroke limits
- c) Playing provisional balls when necessary or advisable
- d) Adopting Rule 3-3 (Doubt as to Procedure) if needed

PGA EuroPro Tour policy on pace of play is that **we do not warn groups before we time them.** All players are expected to know when their group is out of position and assume that they are being timed.

Please note that the Pace of Play penalties are amended as follows:-

One bad time	Player will be warned by the official and told that he has a further bad time he will be penalised
Two bad Times	Penalty of One Stroke and a £100 fine
Three bad Times	Further penalty of Two Strokes and a £200 fine
Four bad Times	Disqualification

In addition, a player who has been timed on multiple occasions may incur further fines as laid out in Part 3 Section 15 of the PGA EuroPro Tour Regulations.