



# Welcome to the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour



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# ABOUT US

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the PGA EuroPro Tour. This document has been produced to give guidance to players who have an interest in joining the PGA EuroPro Tour. The document outlines main areas of the tour and information you are likely to require for the season ahead.

The PGA EuroPro Tour is about to start another exciting season and whether you have been a member before or are thinking about becoming a member for the first time, this document should help answer any questions you may have.

Your first step to becoming a successful touring professional starts by logging on to our website and entering Qualifying School.

## STRUCTURE

In 2002, The Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) joined forces with Matchroom Sport to form the PGA EuroPro Tour.

Matchroom Sport are the owners of the Tour and are continually looking to grow to the tour by increasing the tours commercial activities. Matchroom Sport strive to find new sponsors and venues each year to complement the current agreements which enables the tour to deliver a full playing schedule consisting of quality golfing facilities and courses.

The administration of golf tournaments, membership and the application of the Rules and Regulations is administered by The PGA.

## STAFF

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## PGA EUROPRO TOUR FACTS

- Europe's leading development tour.
- Only officially recognised satellite tour in the UK.
- Only UK tour to offer direct access to Challenge Tour through the final Order of Merit.
  - The top five golfers on the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit will gain a category on the 2018 European Challenge Tour.
- Golfers competed for total prize money of £795,390 in 2016.
- It provides vital experience of life on the tour circuit to not only help lift players to the level required for the European Challenge Tour and European Tour, but also to prepare them for the challenges that await once they get there.
- The Tour provides a chance for up-and-coming professionals to gain the necessary experience in competitive golf, and in particular the additional pressures involved with televised competitions.
- A two-hour highlights package of each tournament is broadcast in high definition on Sky Sports in the UK and Ireland, and Fox Sports in Turkey, Greece, Malta and Cyprus with coverage extending to over 200 million homes globally on Fox International (pan-Asia), Fox Sports Australia and Starhub in Singapore.



- The PGA EuroPro Tour has played a pivotal part in the early careers of some of the biggest names in golf. Previous members of PGA EuroPro Tour include:

**Louis Oosthuizen** (*PGA EuroPro Tour 2002-2003*)

Winner, Open Championship 2010.

12 professional tournament victories worldwide.

**Charl Schwartzel** (*PGA EuroPro Tour 2002*)

Winner, 2011 Masters Tournament.

12 professional tournament victories worldwide.

**Ross Fisher** (*PGA EuroPro Tour 2005*)

Winner, 2009 Volvo World Match Play Championship.

Member of victorious European Ryder Cup side in 2010.

5 professional tournament victories worldwide.

**Nicolas Colsaerts** (*PGA EuroPro Tour 2002 and 2008*)

Winner of 2011 Volvo China Open, 2012 Volvo World Match Play.

Member of the victorious European Ryder Cup side in 2012.

9 professional tournament victories worldwide.

**Scott Jamieson** (*PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit Winner 2009*)

Winner of 2012 Nelson Mandela Championship

**Tyrrell Hatton** (*PGA EuroPro Tour Rookie of the Year 2012*)

Winner of 2016 Alfred Dunhill Links Championship

**Andrew Johnston** (*PGA EuroPro Tour 2010-2011*)

Winner of 2016 Real Club Valderrama Open de Espana

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2016 season saw the HotelPlanner.com PGA EuroPro Tour further cement its status as the leading satellite tour in Europe.

Matthew Cort was the only player to claim multiple victories during the 2016 season which lead to him claiming the Order of Merit title. Peter Tarver-Jones claimed second spot on the Order of Merit thanks to a final round 63 at the Tour Championship in Spain.



Whilst Richard James narrowly missed out on the Tour Championship crown he did receive the Rookie of the Year accolade and joined Curtis Griffiths and Mark Laskey to complete the top five who gained Challenge Tour cards for 2017.

2016 was a breakthrough year for many with 9 players claiming their first PGA EuroPro Tour victory. Adam Runcie started the year with a win at Frilford Heath which was backed up by tour veteran Richard Edginton who came out victorious at Burhill. Multiple European Tour winner Stephen Dodd took advantage of a sponsors invite to claim victory at Cumberwell Park.

Billy Hemstock shot a seasons best 10 under par in the final round to claim victory on the historic links at Montrose. Seasoned professional Chirs Gane won his first EuroPro Tour win at Army Golf Club. James Wilkinson and Mark Laskey were the only players to record victories in both 2015 & 2016 when they claimed the title at Caverhsam Heath and The Oxfordshire respectively.

James Maw obtained his breakthrough win at Hawkstone Park which was followed by another first time winner in 20 year old Jonathan Thomson who only turned professional 5 weeks prior to his victory at Mar Hall. Jonathan Caldwell finished the season with a win at Moor Allerton Golf Club in Leeds.

2015 Order of Merit winner Jordan Smith continued his development by claiming the top spot on the European Challenge Tour Order of Merit therefore gaining a European Tour card for 2017. Fellow 2015 graduate Marcus Armitage also achieved back to back promotions finishing 11<sup>th</sup> on the Challenge Tour Order of Merit. Between the 5 2015 graduates they managed to win €458,711 in prize money on the European Challenge Tour.

2016 Members Nathan Kimsey, Ashley Chesters, Jamie Rutherford, Gary King and Laurie Canter secured their 2017 European Tour cards by finishing in the top 25 at European Tour Qualifying School whilst those members to make the 72 hole cut at European Tour Qualifying School and secure their 2017 European Challenge Tour cards were Bradley Neil, Ben Stow and Ben Eccles.





## PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN

In 2017, the prize fund breakdown for each main tournament shall be as follows:

Place	Prize Fund	Place	Prize Fund	Place	Prize Fund
1	£10,000.00	19	£510.00	37	£365.00
2	£6,000.00	20	£500.00	38	£360.00
3	£3,000.00	21	£490.00	39	£355.00
4	£2,000.00	22	£480.00	40	£350.00
5	£1,750.00	23	£470.00	41	£345.00
6	£1,500.00	24	£460.00	42	£340.00
7	£1,300.00	25	£450.00	43	£335.00
8	£1,200.00	26	£440.00	44	£330.00
9	£1,100.00	27	£430.00	45	£325.00
10	£1,000.00	28	£420.00	46	£320.00
11	£900.00	29	£410.00	47	£315.00
12	£800.00	30	£400.00	48	£310.00
13	£750.00	31	£395.00	49	£305.00
14	£700.00	32	£390.00	50	£300.00
15	£650.00	33	£385.00		
16	£600.00	34	£380.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>£46,735.00</b>
17	£550.00	35	£375.00		
18	£525.00	36	£370.00		



# JOINING THE TOUR

## MEMBERSHIP

Each year the PGA EuroPro Tour opens entries for membership. A player who is seeking to obtain playing rights must join as a member and compete at Qualifying School.

Players who are fully exempt from Qualifying School (Categories 1, 2, 7, 9, 11) may join the Tour at any time by paying their membership fees at the time of entering their first main tournament.

Membership fee: £250

## 2017 QUALIFYING SCHOOL

Below you will find a brief overview of the 2017 Qualifying School. For more detailed information, please view the Conditions of Entry in full ([click here](#)).

## VENUES

First Stage Date: 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

First Stage Venues: Chart Hills, Kent

The Players Club, Bristol

Caversham Heath, Reading

Formby Hall, Cheshire

Haggs Castle, Glasgow

Mannings Heath, West Sussex

Final Stage Date: 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Final Stage Venue: Frilford Heath (Red and Blue), Oxfordshire



## HOW TO ENTER

Entry is open to all professional golfers and amateurs with a current competition handicap of two (2) or better as recognised by CONGU or their respective Federation Handicapping Scheme.

Entries must be filed online at [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com). For a step-by-step guide on entering, please [click here](#).

Choose a First Stage venue to compete at or select the Final Stage if you have an exemption. If you are a returning member you will be asked to enter your login details. If you are a new member, you will be asked to setup an account.

Complete the membership registration form and payment details (Credit/Debit card only – AMEX is not currently accepted).

## ENTRY FEES

Qualifying School entry fee: £195

## OPENING AND CLOSING DATE FOR QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRIES

Entries open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Entries close at 3pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## EXEMPTIONS

The following players are exempt from First Stage of Qualifying School.

- (a) Players 81-130 from the PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit 2016.
- (b) Tournament Winners from the PGA EuroPro Tour between 2010 and 2014.
- (c) Players 2-10 from the seven PGA Regional Orders of Merit 2016.
- (d) Players 1-10 from the PGA Welsh Ranking List 2016.
- (e) Players 2-10 from the PGA English Ranking List 2016.
- (f) Players 1-50 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March)
- (g) Members of the 2015 Walker Cup Teams.
- (h) Members of the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup Teams.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

Every player that enters qualifying school will become a Member of the Tour for the season 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.

### **If I don't make it through First Stage of Qualifying School, do I have any chance of playing in a tournament this year?**

This depends on the number of entries for each tournament. 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, you may get in some of the tournaments later on in the season when entries are low for certain tournaments.

### **Can I compete at Qualifying School as an amateur?**

If you have a handicap of 2 or better, you can compete at Qualifying School as an amateur and retain your amateur status throughout, provided you have signed an amateur declaration form at the onsite tournament office prior to teeing off at each stage.

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

Yes. In order for the PGA EuroPro Tour to approve your membership application, if you are a member of a golf club in England, Wales or Scotland you must provide your CDH lifetime ID number on the online membership application form. If you are a member of a golf club outside of these countries you must forward a copy of your current handicap certificate to The PGA Tournament Department.

### **I plan to play at Qualifying School as an amateur. Can I play in the main tournaments as an amateur too with the category I have gained at Qualifying School?**

No. As we are a professional Tour, if you wish to be assigned the category you have gained and compete in the main tournaments, you must turn professional prior to the closing date of the first main tournament you wish to enter. This can be done by completing an amateur declaration form and returning it to the PGA Tournament Department.



# MEMBERS OBLIGATIONS

## MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Member of the PGA EuroPro Tour, you shall be at the forefront of the public eye. It is therefore your responsibility to conduct and present yourself in a manner which reflects favourably on the game of golf, upon fellow Members and upon the PGA EuroPro Tour itself by adhering to the Tour's Rules and Regulations.

Being a Member of the PGA EuroPro Tour, you have an important role in maximizing your own opportunities through ensuring the best possible image of both yourself and the Tour is shown to customers, spectators, sponsors, media, TV Viewers, online audiences and journalists/commentators alike.

At each tournament, Members are expected to present themselves neatly in respect of their clothing and personal grooming and have impeccable behaviour both on and off the course.

## MEDIA

Occasionally, Members may be requested to perform media duties for TV and online purposes. TV interviews will generally take place on the final two days of the event but may also take place earlier in the week. Production staff will be mindful not to take time away from your practice.

The Tour's TV and media coverage plays a major factor in securing sponsorship and venues, and TV exposure should also help you secure your own sponsorship.

Appearing on TV and being involved in interviews is one of the ways in which the PGA EuroPro Tour helps prepare you for life on the European Tour.

# ADMINISTRATION

## YOUR PGA EUROPRO TOUR PLAYERS CLUB ACCOUNT

Upon registering for the Tour, all Members will be provided with login details to their own online Players Club Account. Members can complete the following functions through their account:

- Enter tournaments
- Withdraw from tournaments (up until the Friday before the tournament starts)
- Update bank information
- Update payment information
- View and print payment advice slips and entry fee receipts
- Track statistics

Members can access their Players Club Account via the **'Player Login' link located on the top right hand side of the PGA EuroPro Tour homepage.**

Members may also enter tournaments via the PGA EuroPro Tour App which is available to download for iPhone and Android through the users App store.

## MEMBERS' INFORMATION AREA

A dedicated Members' Information area is available for all Members, once they have joined the Tour, to obtain important information, notices, memos, regulations, policies and members-only offers.

To access this area, please visit the following webpage:

<https://europro.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/europro/mo/Information.htm>

You will need your Players Club Account login details to access this area.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Information for each tournament is available to view online. Log on to the website [www.europrotour.com](http://www.europrotour.com) and click on the tournaments tab followed by the schedule/results link. 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.

## PLAYER ENQUIRIES

If a player has a query during a tournament they should contact the relevant field staff onsite. The telephone number for the tournament office will be published on the tournament information page on the website or app. Please note this number may differ each week.

To contact the PGA EuroPro Tour outside of a tournament week, players may contact the PGA Tournament Department via telephone/email/post below:

Address: PGA Tournament Department  
Courtyard 5  
Coleshill Manor Office Campus  
Coleshill  
Birmingham  
B46 1DL

Telephone: +44 (0)1675 468380

E-mail: [entries@pga.org.uk](mailto:entries@pga.org.uk)

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm (GMT).

Office Closed: All UK Bank Holidays

24<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

## ENTRIES

All tournament entries **MUST** be completed online only. No other entry methods such as telephone or fax will be accepted.

Entries normally **close 14 days before the tournament at 15:00hrs GMT time.**

A confirmation of entry being received will be emailed out to the email address you have provided to the Tour.

**The onus is on the player to check whether the PGA EuroPro Tour has received the entry before the closing date.**

## ENTRY FEES

Members - £295 per tournament (excluding Qualifying School).

Non Members - £345 per tournament

**All entry fees are taken shortly after the close of entries** for each tournament and will only be taken if you have gained a place in the starting field. This allows Members to enter numerous tournaments in one go without the payment for those tournaments being taken at the same time.

The only exception to this is the entry fee for Qualifying School, where the payment is taken upon acceptance of entry which usually takes up to 2 working days from the time of entering.

**If your payment has rejected this means you have not lost your place in the field providing you arrange payment as soon as possible.** Should any payment be rejected, an automatic notification email will be sent to the player. **It is the player's responsibility to re-arrange payment.** The player must call the PGA Tournament Department before the week of the tournament to reprocess the payment.

Please note that no player will be allowed to compete until payment has been cleared.

## STARTING FIELDS

Depending on daylight hours and the layout of the golf course, field sizes will generally be a maximum of 156 players.

To determine the starting field, entries are taken sequentially from the following categories until the maximum field size has been reached:

1. Players 1-60 from the 2016 PGA EuroPro Order of Merit.
2. 2015, 2016 and 2017 Tournament Winners on the PGA EuroPro Tour.
3. Players 1-30, and ties, from the 2017 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 under subscribed).  
b) 3 Amateurs 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 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
7. The 2016 PGA Professional Champion, PGA Assistants' Champion, PGA Play Offs Champion and the Winner of each of the seven 2016 PGA Regional Final Orders of Merit.
8. Top 5 Players from the Top 100 in the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt (who have entered before the closing date).
9. a) Players holding or eligible for Categories 1-20 on the 2016 European Tour.  
b) Players holding or eligible for Categories 1-17 on the 2017 European Challenge Tour.
10. Players 61-80 and ties from the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
11. Players 61-80 in the 2016 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit.
12. Players 81-120 and ties from the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
13. Players 2-10 from the 2016 Order of Merit of the PGA Region in which the tournament is played (regular tournaments only).
14. Players 121-240 from 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
15. Players eliminated at Stage 1 of the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour Qualifying School.
16. Unranked Members
  - a) Affiliated Members – Ranking will be according to date of joining.
  - b) Temporary Members.

## RESERVE LIST

Once the maximum field size has been reached, any Members that did not get into the starting field shall be placed on the reserve list.

A Member will be notified by email if they have not been successful in gaining a starting place in the field.

Members shall be placed on a reserve list in order of category and ranking and can check their standing on the reserve list via the PGA EuroPro Tour website or App. Any entries received after the closing date shall be added to the end of the reserve list, regardless of their category and ranking.

Should a place become available in the starting field, the first reserve shall be contacted on their mobile number to be offered the spot. If no contact can be made, a second attempt shall be made no less than 10 minutes before the first attempt, leaving a voice mail each time (where such facility exists).

Note: A 1 hour response time may be imposed if it is within 4 days of round 1.

## WITHDRAWALS

### BEFORE PLAY

A Member can withdraw online through their Players Club Account until the Friday before the tournament week. After this time the Member must call the onsite Tournament Office number to obtain a withdrawal reference number.

**Withdrawals after the closing date for a main tournament will incur a withdrawal fee.** The Member shall receive a refund of entry fee minus the withdrawal fee.

Exception 1: When the withdrawal has enabled the player to compete in a higher ranking tournament. For clarity, in Europe, a higher ranking event would include a European Tour, European Challenge Tour tournament and any stage of the Open Championship. A full refund of entry will be issued.

Exception 2: Any player withdrawing due to injury or illness provided that satisfactory medical evidence can be submitted to the PGA National Tournament Office **within 7 days of the date of the withdrawal.** The player shall receive a refund of entry fee minus the withdrawal fee. Once evidence has been received by the Tour the remainder of the entry fee shall be refunded.

### DURING PLAY

As soon as a player has teed off, they shall not be eligible for a refund of entry fee if they subsequently withdraw during the tournament.

A player is not entitled to withdraw at the conclusion of round 1 or during play of any round. Any player who does so shall be liable for a fine. Exception: Any player withdrawing due to injury of illness.

A player is entitled to withdraw at the conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round provided that they inform the Tournament Director before the draw for the next round is published.

# SUMMARY OF TOURNAMENT WEEK

## TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

A typical week for a PGA EuroPro Tour tournament is as follows:

**Sunday** – Registration opens to competitors from Midday.

**Monday** – Official Practice day.

**Tuesday** – Registration closes at midday and draw is published for round 1 and 2 of the tournament. Pro-Am day.

**Wednesday** – Round 1

**Thursday** – Round 2 and cut made for final day to top 50 professionals and ties.

**Friday** – Round 3 and prize presentation.

## REGISTRATION

All players are required to register for the Tournament by no later than **12 noon the day before round 1**. This can be done by visiting the Tournament Office on site or by calling the dedicated tournament office number.

Participation in the pre-tournament Pro-Am is recognised as registration.

Failure to register in time may result in that player being withdrawn from the tournament.

## PRACTICE

For each tournament there is an official practice day, times must be booked for this through the venue.

If players wish to practice outside of this allocated time prior the event it will be at the discretion of the venue. No player is automatically entitled to courtesy of the course.

It is important that each player checks the Information for Competitors online for each tournament for exact practice times.

The Tour operates strict practice regulations which can be viewed in full via the Members General Regulation Handbook in the Members' Information Area.

## PRO-AMS

A Pro-Am normally takes place the day prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the tournament but may, on occasion, take place 2 days before the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Members should be aware that these days are highly important to sponsors of the tour and it is therefore important for the future of the PGA EuroPro Tour that Members engage with their team and create an enjoyable atmosphere.

A typical Pro-Am day consists of registration followed by 18 holes of golf concluding with a prize giving/gala dinner. Prize money is available for all competing professionals for both the team and professional results. Most Pro-Ams are hosted 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 hosting venue may accept team entries in which case you would need to speak with the venue directly.

## SELECTION

Members are selected for the Pro-Am based on current form, exemption category and sponsors requests. However Members are also selected on how well they conduct themselves on the tour.

**It is mandatory for a Member to play in the Pro-Am when selected. Any Member refusing to compete when required and a release has not been granted prior to the closing date may be removed from the main tournament.**

## RELEASES

Members are allowed up to 2 releases per season from participating in a Pro-Am. A request for a release must be submitted in writing to the PGA National Tournament Department before the closing date of the tournament.

## DRAWS

Draws for rounds 1 and 2 are published in the afternoon, the day before round 1 of the tournament. Depending on the layout of the golf course, the Tournament Director may operate either a one tee or two tee start.

The Tournament Director shall conduct the draw. Groupings are randomly allocated by the tournament management system after taking into account any close tee time requests.

After completion of round 2, a cut is made to the top 50 professionals and ties who will then play the final round. Groups are allocated on score order with the leaders going out last.

The draw for each round shall be published on the official notice board, via the website and sent to each player by email and text message.

## ORDER OF MERIT

Once the official tournament results have been published, the Order of Merit is updated. The Order of Merit is based on the cumulative money won in all main tournaments.

NB. To obtain inclusion in the final end of year Order of Merit, a Member **MUST HAVE COMPETED IN A MINIMUM OF 5 MAIN TOURNAMENTS DURING THE SEASON.**

Any Member that competes in less than 5 main tournaments shall be removed from the final end of season Order of Merit and shall relinquish any playing rights for the following season had they remained on the Order of Merit.

## PRIZE FUND PAYMENTS

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

Prize money will be issued to players within seven days of the tournament.

All prize money is subject to a 5% levy.



## OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKINGS

The PGA EuroPro Tour receive World Ranking points for all main tournament results. Points are allocated as follows:

### 54 HOLE TOURNAMENTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 4 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2.4 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1.6 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 1.2 points

### 72 HOLE TOURNAMENTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3.6 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2.4 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 1.8 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 1.44 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 1.2

<http://www.owgr.com/>

# GENERAL REGULATIONS/POLICIES

## LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

All Members should ensure they obtain a copy of the PGA EuroPro Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (Hard Card) and familiarise themselves with it. It is available by logging in to [the Members' Information Area](#) or a hard copy can be obtained at an onsite tournament office. A copy of the local rules specific to each venue will be issued on the tee with copies available from the tournament office the day prior to the tournament.

## GROOVE RULE

A player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

## PACE OF PLAY

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.

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

Current guidelines for holes are as follows:

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

Based on these guidelines, for a par 72 golf course, a three ball group would take 4 hours 12 minutes and a two ball group would take approximately 3 hours 32 minutes.





Further information on the PGA EuroPro Tour pace of play policy and timing procedure can be found in the Members General Regulations Handbook, the Members' Information Area and also on the Hard Card.

It is imperative for the Tour that a good pace of play is achieved and our policy operates in much the same way as that on The European Tour.

Should any Member have any concerns over the pace of play policy or indeed has any questions regarding their own pace of play, field staff at each tournament will be happy to help.

## DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

The PGA EuroPro Tour is the only satellite tour to allow the use of distance measuring devices during competition provided the device measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure any other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

### Range Finders

Certain laser range finders are capable of calculating **elevation changes and wind speed**, as well as distance. The use of such a device is permitted provided that only distance related information is accessed and that no other functions that measure or gauge conditions that might affect a player's play are accessed during a stipulated round.

### Electric Trolleys

Certain brands of 'digital' electric trolley have secondary functions. Amongst other things these include distance measuring devices and **temperature gauges**. Use of a trolley including the latter would result in a breach of 14-3.

Due to the unusual nature of this specific piece of equipment, users of such trolleys are permitted to keep using them if they either **turn this function off** or **cover the display screen with tape**.

### Smart Phones

Smart phones are primarily communication devices but have many secondary functions. GPS applications on smart phones are permitted provided the application used measures distance only.

However, it is worth noting that if there are other features or applications on the phone that can specifically gauge or measure conditions that might affect the player's play, such as an anemometer or thermometer, these must not be accessed during a stipulated round, to do so would be a breach of 14-3.

### **Internet**

The Rules of Golf allow use of smart phones and the like, including secondary functions, during the stipulated round.

Provided the internet is not used on such a device for any action which would constitute a breach of Rule 14-3, the fact it is available, and used, does not render a conforming distance application non-conforming.

Members are reminded that whilst use of any artificial devices or unusual equipment may be permitted under the Rules of Golf, their use, persistent or otherwise, may constitute a breach of etiquette.

Members should also be aware that the examples in this section are by no means exhaustive.

Any questions relating to the above should be directed to the Tournament Director on site or through the PGA Tournament Department.

## FINAL MESSAGE

We hope this document has provided you with an insight into the PGA EuroPro Tour.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us using the details below.

We wish you all the very best for the year ahead and we look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 PGA EuroPro Tour.

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