



2011 ALPS TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

For the 2012 season

First Qualifying Stage: 10-11 November 2011
Final Qualifying Stage: 14-15-16 November 2011

1. FORMAT

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

➤ **FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE:**
(36 holes scheduled) – 10-11 November 2011

This is for all applicants except those who are exempt into the **Final Stage**.

First Stage will be played on **10 and 11 November 2011** at the following venue:

Golf Club Toscana
Localita Il Pelagone 28
58023 Gavorrano (GR) - Toscana
ITALY

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✉ +39 05 66 82 04 72
segretaria@golfclubtoscana.com
www.golfclubtoscana.com

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Via del Golf 1
58043 Punta Ala (Grosseto) - Toscana
ITALY

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✉ +39 05 64 92 01 82
info@golfpuntaala.it
www.golfpuntaala.it

→ Grosseto (45 km)
→ Pisa (125 km)
→ Firenze (180 km)

🚗 Follonica (20 km)
🚗 Grosseto (125 km)

Applicants must indicate their choice of venue preferences in order from 1 to 2. The Alps Tour will honor requests where possible but the primary objective will be to balance the numbers drawn at each venue.

In the event of any venue being oversubscribed, the priority of course nomination may be determined by the payment date of the entry fee. 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 Golf Club Toscana only.

If the total number of applicants is more than 156 at the First Stage, a third course will be added (venue TBA).

Priority of course nomination may be determined by the payment date of the entry fee.

The number of players qualifying to proceed to the Final Qualifying Stage will be announced after the start of the first round of the First Qualifying Stage.

Ties will not be taken and plays off are likely. These will be conducted as soon as possible after regular play has been concluded.



➤ **FINAL STAGE:**
(54 holes scheduled) – 14, 15 & 16 November 2011

The following players are exempt from the First Stage and eligible for the Final Stage.

- a. Professional players in positions 1 – end of the Alps Tour Order of Merit on 17 October 2011
- b. All players in positions **31** – end of the 2011 **FINAL** Alps Tour Order of Merit
- c. The winner of the Alps Tour Qualifying School in November 2010
- d. The leading 5 entrants to a limit of 30th place in the European Amateur Golf Ranking on 17 October 2011
- e. Amateurs players who took part in the 2011 Men or Boys European Team Championships
- f. Players being members of the European Tour for the 2011 season (till category 14) or members of the Challenge Tour for the 2011 season (till category 12).

The Final qualifying Stage will be staged **14-16 November 2011** at the following venues:

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The Final qualifying Stage is scheduled to be played over 54 holes. A field of **144** players will play one round over both golf courses. After 36 holes, the field will be cut down to the leading **65** players and ties who will play one further round on Golf Club Toscana.

At the conclusion of the 54 holes, the leading **35** players and ties will be ranked according to their scores. Players holding these positions will be eligible for membership in Category 6 of the Alps Tour for the 2012 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 2012 season and will be subject to the 2012 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 best last (2nd) round over the Golf Club Punta Ala, (c) the best last 9, 6, 3, 2 and 1 holes (10 to 18).

Players are advised that Thursday 17th November may be used as a full playing day.

Every effort will be made to complete three rounds but a result will be declared if only two rounds are possible. In the event that less than two rounds are only possible the Final Stage may be rescheduled, in whole or in part.



Program:

FIRST STAGE (on each course)	
8 Nov.	Official practice day
9 Nov.	Official practice day
10 Nov.	1 st Round
11 Nov.	2 nd Round

FINAL STAGE	
12 Nov.	Official practice day
13 Nov.	Official practice day
14 Nov.	1 st Round on both golf courses
15 Nov.	2 nd Round on both golf courses
16 Nov.	3 rd Round on Golf Club Toscana - Top 65 and ties

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 in itself 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 completing the appropriate forms available on site at each venue.

3. ENTRY FEES

All applicants: **585 Euros**. This payment covers entry to **all** Stages.

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 585 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 / CARTE BLEUE / MASTERCARD
Unfortunately we are unable to accept other cards as American Express, Diners Club...

The applicant will need to supply the following information:

- . Card Type (VISA / CARTE BLEUE / MASTERCARD)
- . Card Number (should be 16 digits)
- . CVS - Security Code (normally the final 3 digits on the signature strip)
- . 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 585 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

For French players only	For foreign players
Banque : 30003	
Guichet : 03877	IBAN FR76 30003 03877 00050747802 28
N° compte : 00050747802	
Clé : 28	BIC SOGEFRPP

Note: It is VITAL you quote the IBAN number and BIC code.

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

For ALL Stages: entries close Thursday 20 October 2011

7. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the Alps Tour.

If a player withdraws prior to the appropriate closing date his entry fee will be refunded in full.

If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date, without competing, he will be refunded 465 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 not be issued until the end of 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 Monday 24 October 2011 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. 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 entry fee.

10. PRIZE MONEY

Only for the Final Qualifying Stage, there is prize money of €. 5,000 for Professional players shared as follows:

1.	1.000 €	6.	500 €
2.	800 €	7.	400 €
3.	700 €	8.	250 €
4.	600 €	9.	250 €
5.	500 €	10.	200 €



11. JOINING THE ALPS TOUR

Except for former members of the Alps Tour (categories 0, 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8) within the season, to be eligible to apply for membership of the Alps Tour, the applicant must have attended the Alps Tour's Qualifying School for the forthcoming season.

The applicant will have to pay the current annual subscription fee.

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.

A player joining the Alps Tour after this date shall not obtain full rights during the season he joins.

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.

12. ALPS TOUR CATEGORIES FOR THE 2012 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 2011/2012 Alps Tour schedule **for one calendar year** (including amateurs who turn pros). This does not apply to winners who are category 1-10 members of the European Challenge Tour and all category members of European Tour and Seniors Tour.
- (2) National field (including invitations and amateurs)
- (3) The leading 5 players (including amateurs) from the previous Alps Tour Tournament
- (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. This does not apply to players who are category 1-10 members of the European Challenge Tour and all categories members of the European and Seniors Tour.
- (5) Alps Tour wild cards & invitations to be decided by the Alps Tour Director
- (6) The Top 35 (and ties) from 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School (scheduled on Nov. 2011)
- (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 2011 season.
- (8) Qualifying School: Players finishing between the 36th and 65th position (inclusive) at the 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School and will be subject to the 2012 re-rank policy adopted by the Alps Tour Committee.