



ALPS TOUR

2012 Members General Regulations Handbook

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The ALPS TOUR, part of the Satellite (Third Level) Tour, has been created to give young professionals the opportunity to play and to get a category on the European Challenge Tour or/as well as exemptions from Stage 1 of the European Tour Qualifying School.

As its main purpose is both strengthening of professional golf as well as professionalism in golf, all its activities will be focused on fulfilling this purpose.

Preamble

Alps Tour Golf Association

The Alps Tour Golf Association gathers two Councils: the Federations' Council (formed by one representative of each country organizing an Alps Tour event) and the Players' Council (formed by representatives of players who are members of the Alps Tour and designated by their respective federation).

The Alps Tour Golf Association is managed by a Board of Directors composed of:

- the representative of each member Federation
- the Chairman of the Players' Committee
- the Chairman of the Ethics Committee.

The Board of Directors:

- establishes, advises and controls the general policy of the association
- may install all Committees which would not be provided in the statutes
- approves the Regulations of the Alps Tour and of the Alps Tour Golf Association.

Members of the Board of Directors appoint a Chairman and a General Secretary among them.

The Board of Directors has delegated its power to the Directors of Tour Operations to administer, amend, repeal or alter these Regulations in their absolute discretion and delegate to the Directors of Operations, Tournament Directors and Tournament Committees its power to administer all golf tournaments held under the auspices of the Alps Tour.

Players' Committee

The Players' Committee is composed of players who have paid their membership. The number of members of the Committee is equivalent to the number of federations which are members of the Federations' Council. This committee proposes and suggests the means of development of the various Rules and Regulations: Sports, Ethics, Doping...

Ethics Committee

Composed of 5 members: 2 members nominated by the Federations' Council and 3 members nominated by the Players' Council.

Its Chairman is selected amongst the 3 players.

Definitions

Alps Tour countries are those who founded or joined the Alps Tour. In 2012, they are: Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Morocco, Slovenia and Spain. More countries can be added during the season.

Alps Tour Approved Tournaments shall mean all those tournaments run under the auspices of the Alps Tour.

Alps Tour Rankings Tournaments shall mean those Alps Tour approved tournaments which are nominated by the Alps Tour Committee to carry Official Money.

Regular Alps Tour Tournaments shall mean full field Alps Tour approved Ranking Tournaments.

Joint Sanctioned Events shall mean those events which are run under the combined auspices of the Alps Tour and another recognized Golfing Body and which may have different conditions of entry, prizefund breakdowns, levy deductions and entry fees to those specified in this Regulations Handbook.

Such an event will be eligible for inclusion on the Alps Tour Order of Merit, exemption ranking and/or any other relevant listing. Members will be fully informed prior to the closing date for entries for the Joint Sanctioned Event in question.

That includes the Winter Series Events which have different conditions of entry, prize money, breakdown, entry fee and counting for Order of Merit.

Alps Tour Order of Merit shall mean a table listing Full Members of the Alps Tour in order of priority according to the Order of Merit points gained in each official season by them in Alps Tour Ranking Tournaments.

Alps Tour Official Season shall commence with the first event to carry official money on that season's Rankings and conclude on the day following the final event to carry official money on that season's Rankings.

Official Money will be calculated in euro and will be based on money won by players participating (except members of European Tour and Seniors Tour - all categories and members of European Challenge Tour – categories 1 to 10) in Alps Tour Ranking Tournaments. Where prize money is contracted in another currency, the euro equivalent will be calculated using exchange rate on the Monday of the tournament week in question.

A. MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

I General

- a) An eligible member of the Alps Tour (as defined in AII(a) below) will be regarded as a Full Member for the current official season upon receipt of the completed Membership application form.
- b) Players who are eligible for membership **should** be a member of a PGA recognized by the European Tour or the PGA of Europe or equivalent professional governing body (or be a member of his Federation resp. affiliated club when an amateur).
- c) **To obtain full membership rights**, players who are eligible for membership in categories 0, 1 (season 2011), 4, 6, 7 and 8 **must** have paid their membership fee **prior** to competing in their **first** Alps Tour Ranking Event.
Membership Fee for the 2012 season: €350.
An eligible player wishing to take up membership but failing to do so by the appropriate deadline will be required to pay a membership fee of €600.

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.
Membership Fee for the 2012 season: €350.
An eligible player wishing to take up membership but failing to do so by the appropriate deadline will be required to pay a membership fee of €600.
- d) To obtain inclusion in the final 2012 Order of Merit and to participate in such benefits derived from, a full member must compete in a minimum of **six** Alps Tour Rankings tournaments in the 2012 official season encompassing at least **three** different countries.

NOTE:

In the event of a non-member winning an Alps Tour Ranking Event and becoming immediately eligible for membership in Category 1, the following will apply:

If he wishes to take up his membership for the current Official Season, he must do so either within 14 days of his victory or before computation of the Order of Merit following the penultimate Alps Tour Event of the relevant Official Season, or before competing in his next Alps Tour Ranking Event, whichever is the sooner. (Exception: an amateur will be given 14 days from turning professional to make his decision).

If he fails to do so, he still retains the right to commit to

membership for the following Official Season, provided he still has at least three months of that exemption remaining. He will only be included in the Order of Merit for the current Official Season, once he has taken up membership and his ranking position will reflect only his earnings from his victory onwards. i.e. unless he was already an unranked member, earnings from Alps Tour Ranking Events prior to his victory will not be credited to his ranking position for that Official Season.

Membership Fee for the 2012 season: €350.

An eligible player wishing to take up membership but failing to do so by the appropriate deadline will be required to pay a membership fee of €600.

AMATEURS

If an amateur who played the right number of tournaments in the right number of countries or won a tournament wants to obtain rights (category) when he turns professional, he must pay the membership fee of the current season (plus the membership fee of the concerned season - if previous one).

According to Rule 2-1 of Amateur Status, if an amateur obtains a category (e.g. 6 or 8 following his participation in the Qualifying School) and pays membership fee to the Alps Tour, he does not infringe his amateur status as the Alps Tour is not limited exclusively to "professional golfers".

II Eligibility - Full Membership

Only Alps Tour members will qualify for inclusion in the Alps Tour Order of Merit.

Members of all categories of the European Tour and the European Seniors Tour and the members of the European Challenge Tour (categories 1-10) cannot be Members of the Alps Tour. This does not apply to winners of the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit.

The following persons are eligible for full membership of the Alps Tour:

- i) Winners of the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit (3 years exemption)
- ii) Winners of Alps Tour Ranking Tournaments listed on the 2010/2011 Alps Tour Schedule **for one calendar year**, including amateurs who turn pros.
- iii) Players entered by their federations or governing body through the Alps Tour wild cards category.
- iv) Players entered by their federation or governing body through the national field.
- v) 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.

- vi) The Top 35 and ties from the 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School
- vii) The 31st to 50th placed full Alps Tour members (plus amateurs who turn pros) in the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit of the previous official season.
- viii) Players finishing between the 36th and 75th position (inclusive) at the 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School.

Temporary Membership

Persons other than Full Members of the Alps Tour who participate in an event held under the auspices of the Alps Tour for the duration of that event.

Medical Extension Membership

Members will not, in the majority of situations, be given an extension of their membership because they have been prevented from playing due to illness or injury. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion grant an extension to a Member's playing rights, where the member has suffered from serious illness or injury that has prevented him from competing in Alps Tour Ranking Events.

Note: In all cases, applications for medical exemptions must be submitted in writing prior to the 30th November 2012.

III Termination of Membership

A player eligible to be a Full Member of the Alps Tour as defined in Regulation A(II) above shall not become or will cease to be a Member on the occurrence of one or more of the following:

- i) Resignation by the Member.
- ii) A member failing to compete in the minimum number of Alps Tour Ranking tournaments for inclusion in that season's Order of Merit.
- iii) The Member no longer being eligible for Membership to the Alps Tour under Regulation A(II) above.
- iv) Serious breach of Code of Ethics.

B. FINAL ALPS TOUR ORDER OF MERIT

To obtain exemptions for Stage 1 of European Tour Qualifying School and for category 10 Challenge Tour, the player should be a member of a PGA recognised by the European Tour or PGAE or equivalent professional governing body.

Remind: *To obtain full membership rights and obtain inclusion in the final 2012 Order of Merit, players must have paid their membership fee and competed in a minimum of six Alps Tour Rankings tournaments in the 2012 official season encompassing at least three different countries.*

Amateurs :

The category 10 Challenge Tour will be given to an amateur if he decides to turn professional at the end of the season.

- a) The leading 5 players (including amateurs who turn pros) from the final 2012 Alps Tour Order of Merit, up to 10, not otherwise exempt, will be eligible for category 10 membership of the 2013 European Challenge Tour.
- b) The leading 6 players (including amateurs) from the Alps Tour Order of Merit dated on **TBA***, up to 20, not otherwise exempt, will get an exemption for the Stage 1 of the 2012 European Tour Qualifying School.
It is the responsibility of all players concerned by this exemption to make sure their entries have been received by Entries Department of European Tour before the closing date.
- c) Players who are full members of European Tour (all categories), European Seniors Tour (all categories) and of European Challenge Tour (cat. 1 to 10) will not be included in the Alps Tour Order of Merit.

** date defined by the European Tour*

C. ALPS TOUR EVENTS

The Alps Tour reserves the right to change or amend the format, conditions and schedule of play of any tournament.
If the number of entries is lower than that provided by the tournament regulation, the Tournament Committee AND the Alps Tour Board of Directors reserve the right to reduce the number of players qualified for the cut.

The following conditions are applicable to Alps Tour events.

1. Format
Tournaments will be held over 54 or 72 holes, depending on prize money.
From a prize money of € 45,000 tournaments may be held over 72 holes. Under this amount, tournament must be held over 54 holes.
2. Tournament Field
The field depends on season and daylight. Maximum 132 players (except for "special" events). The number of players qualified for the final round(s) depends on prize money. For each event, the number of national/invitational players will be **52 (40% of the field)**, including amateurs. Each country will decide on the number of professional and amateur players and invitations for its field. If necessary, the field can be increased by adding 6 spots for amateurs.

Amateurs: maximum handicap 2.

- a) **Regular Alps Tour Ranking events:**
The normal starting field for an event with a two-tee start will be **132** players. Players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which **the leading 40 and those who tie for 40th place** will normally go forward to the third and the fourth rounds. When amateurs participate they will be included within the field sizes of 132.

“Reduced” Alps Tour Ranking events:

The field may be reduced in accordance with available daylight. Same dispositions are applicable regarding prize money level. In such circumstances, the national field and amateurs will be reduced accordingly. But the number of Alps Tour wild cards will not be reduced.

- b) For each event the maximum number of Alps Tour wild cards will be determined (see Administration and Conduct of Tournaments-E). Where places are not used, these will go to the Alps Tour field, then to the national field.

3. Eligibility

Entries will be accepted in category order. (see Administration and Conduct of Tournaments-E).

4. Ties

In the event of a tie for first place, there will normally be a hole by hole play-off to determine the winner. If a play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied for second place regardless of their scores.

In any case of a hole by hole play off with six players or more, they will be divided in matches of no more than five players each.

5. Taxes

All prize money in these Conditions and Regulations is shown prior to the deduction of any local withholding taxes. Withholding Tax will be deducted from prizefund payments according to the laws and regulations applicable.

Country	Withholding Tax for Residents	Withholding Tax for Non-Residents
Austria	-	20%
Belgium	-	18% for earnings > € 700
France	-	15%
Italy	20%	30%
Morocco	30%	10%
Slovenia	-	25%
Spain	15%	24%

6. Pre-Tournament Pro-Ams
The pro-am field will be shared between Alps Tour players (50%) and National players (50%). Alps Tour members will be selected in category order (cat 0, 1, 4) except 5 spots from the current Order of Merit (on closing date of entries).
7. Post-Tournament Pro-Ams
Field will be established by the promoter accordingly with the Alps Tour Tournament Director.
Minimum guarantee fee: €200.
FIELD: to be specified in the Tournament Conditions and Regulations.
8. Prize Money
The following approved breakdown percentages are applicable to regular Alps Tour events. If the prize money is contracted in a currency other than the euro, the exchange rate on the Monday of the tournament week will be used to convert to euro.

The minimum prize money for Alps Tour Ranking events will be **€40,000**.

A 2.5% levy is deducted from all prizefund earnings (including pro ams and special events).

Cut – 40 players

1	14,50 %
2	9,85
3	6,40
4	5,30
5	4,80
6	4,30
7	3,80
8	3,30
9	2,80
10	2,40

11	2,22
12	2,10
13	1,99
14	1,89
15	1,80
16	1,74
17	1,69
18	1,64
19	1,59
20	1,54

21	1,51
22	1,47
23	1,43
24	1,39
25	1,35
26	1,32
27	1,29
28	1,26
29	1,23
30	1,20

31	1,18
32	1,16
33	1,14
34	1,12
35	1,10
36	1,08
37	1,06
38	1,04
39	1,02
40	1,00

9. Points
The points will be attributed for the Order of Merit by converting euro in points (1 euro = 1 point).
To avoid encroaching upon professional's rights, amateurs will receive points corresponding to their place in the Final Result.
Reserve Money: See Administration and Conduct of Tournaments - E.20

D. ALPS TOUR SCHEDULE

Events may be added to the list from time to time, provided sufficient notice can be communicated to the members.

E. ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

1. Tournament Administration

The Tournament Director or such other person whom the Board of Directors delegates authority shall administer the Tournament in accordance with Regulations laid down in these Conditions or as supplemented or amended by any subsequent regulation. He may refer any matters to the tournament committee. Any player has the right to appeal at the next tournament committee meeting on matters other than decisions given under the Royal & Ancient Rules of Golf, current European Tour Conditions of Competition and Local Rules, and the Local Rules of the Host Club as approved by the Alps Tour Tournament Director, or Chief Referee.

NOTE:

- a) The Alps Tour shall be responsible for advising its players on its website (www.alpstourgolf.com) of calendars, conditions and regulations of the Alps Tour.
- b) Each country shall be responsible for advising its players of calendars, conditions and regulations of the Alps Tour.
- c) The Alps Tour will be responsible for computation of the Order of Merit and publishing same to the Alps Tour countries, Press and players. OoM available on the website.

2. Starting Fields for Alps Tour Ranking Tournaments for 2012

The categories of persons listed below shall be eligible to enter Alps Tour Ranking Tournaments and in the event that the maximum number of places available to players wishing to enter the Tournament is exceeded then priority will be given sequentially from the following categories.

Note: Members of all categories of the European Tour and the European Seniors Tour and the members of the European Challenge Tour (categories 1-10) cannot be Members of the Alps Tour. This does not apply to winners of the Final Alps Tour Order of Merit.

CATEGORY

- (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).

- (2) National Field (including invitations and amateurs)
- (3) The leading 5 and tied players (including amateurs) finishing positions 1-10 only in a Alps Tour Tournament will qualify to play in the following regular Alps Tour tournament within the same Official Season.

Players wishing to take up this opportunity must confirm their intention to do so by 12 noon on the day following the completion of the tournament from which they have qualified.

- (4) The leading 30 full members (plus amateurs who turn pros), finishing within these positions in the final Alps Tour Order of Merit of the previous official season.
- (5) Alps Tour wild cards & Alps Tour Directors' invitations
- a) Austria, France, Italy will have **2 spots** (pro or amateur) on each event (only one for reduced fields). All other countries which host an Alps Tour event, except Spain, will have **one spot** (pro or amateur) on each event.
- b) The Directors of Alps Tour have **2 spots** at their disposal on each event (only one for reduced fields)
- c) For Spain, and according to the special deal contracted for 2012, 4 spots will be at disposal on each event (only two spots for reduced fields).
- If Spain does not use all its wild cards, the spots will be offered to the other Alps Tour countries and finally they will be given back to the organizing country.

ALL NAMES OF WILD CARDS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE ALPS TOUR OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THE FRIDAY PRIOR THE TOURNAMENT WEEK AT 12 NOON, as to enable all the possible replacements.

If all players in categories 0, 1, and 3 do not enter in the field, spots available will be reported in the Alps Tour field.

- (6) The Top 35 (and ties) from 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School.
- (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 previous official season.
- (8) Players finishing between the 36th and 75th position (inclusive) at the 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will also be subject to the 2012 re-rank policy.

Re-Rank:

Players in category 8 will be re-ranked in order of their Official Money won on the 2012 Alps Tour Order of Merit on (date TBA – middle of season).

NOTE 1: *A number of events may have slightly different eligibility regulations and these will be communicated separately to the members.*

NOTE 2:

Joint sanctioned events

Season 2012: the Alps Tour signed a contract with the Peugeot Tour in Spain which allows Alps Tour up to 50% of the field to take part in four Peugeot Tour events and four Peugeot Tour members to take part in all Alps Tour events. The Alps Tour members will be selected by exemption status.

NOTE 3:

Winter Series events 2012

The two events scheduled in Morocco in February are co-sanctioned with the Atlas Pro Tour in Morocco. Specific regulations for both events will apply as follows:

- **Field:** 90 players (70 Alps Tour players and 20 National players and invites)
- **Format:** 54 holes/3 days, cut after 36 holes qualifying Top 40 and ties
- **Prize money:** € 30,000 including reserve money. Special breakdown will apply
- **Winner's exemption** available
- **Order of Merit:** each event individually will not count for the Order of Merit. A specific ranking will be done by aggregating earnings of both events. Then, a regular breakdown of 40,000 points will be apply to the Top 40 players and ties of this ranking.

3. Entry Regulations and Procedures

a) **Method of Entry**

Any Member (categories 0-1-4-6-7-8) wishing to enter for a tournament must do so, prior to the relevant closing date as published, as follows:

By using the Member Online Service (MOS)

<https://secure.ocs-golf1.com/ffg-members/>

and sign on with their membership number and password.

For any question:

Alps Tour Office

Telephone: +33 1 41 49 77 78

Fax: +33 1 41 49 77 22

e-mail: alpstourgolf@ffgolf.org

Players from Categories 2 and 5 wishing to enter a tournament shall contact the entries administration of their countries.

Players who request invitations shall contact the promoter of each event or the representative of the host country.

b) **Confirmation of Entry**

Alps Tour Members: no confirmation of entry slip will be sent to the Member. The entry list is available on the Alps Tour

website at the following address:

<http://info.alpstourgolf.com/tic/tmtic.cgi>

Players have to check their position in the **Tournament Entries by Exemption Status**

Non members and amateurs: they will be advised of their entry by their Federation or Governing Body.

c) **Entry Closing Date**

Entries must be received by the respective organising Alps Tour country at the closing date listed in the Alps Tour Calendar, normally 14 days **at 6.00 pm (Paris time)** before the start of the Tournament.

d) **Entry Fee**

Entry fees must be paid before the player commences the tournament. Failure to pay on time will result in the entry fee being doubled.

Alps Tour members will be fined by the Board of Directors. National players will be fined by their corresponding Federation.

Alps Tour members: The entry fee of **€85**

Entry fees MUST be paid in euro at the latest the Friday before the tournament through the Member Online Service. Members are encouraged to use this method. But if entry fee is not paid properly, members will have to pay it through the MOS or directly at the Tournament Office at the price of €120, just like guest players.

Non members and amateurs: The entry fee of **€120** (or local equivalent) must be paid through the Tournament Office on site.

Caution! Entry fee payments will not be accepted by credit card at all tournament sites.

e) **PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY**

THE ONUS IS ON THE PLAYER TO MAKE SURE HIS ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ENTRIES ADMINISTRATION OF THE ALPS TOUR RESPECTIVELY THAT OF HIS COUNTRY OR THE ORGANIZING COUNTRY BY THE CLOSING DATE AND TO CHECK HIS CURRENT QUALIFICATION STATUS FOR EACH EVENT.

4. **Tournament Reserve**

The wild cards of each country may be substituted until TWO days prior to the beginning of the tournament. After that, any withdrawal will be at the organizing country's disposal. Each country of the Alps Tour can inform the organizing country of any reserve players willing to play, and it will be up to the organizing country to give those players an order.

5. Withdrawals

Any Member (categories 0-1-4-6-7-8) wishing to withdraw from a tournament must do so, prior to the relevant closing date as published, as follows:

i) By using the Member Online Service (MOS)

<https://secure.ocs-golf1.com/ffg-members/>

and sign on with their membership number and password

ii) Withdrawals after close of entries:

Monday-Friday (Paris time 09:00 – 17:00): by calling the Alps Tour Office **and** in writing a confirmation by email

Saturday-Sunday: by calling the Alps Tour mobile TOURNAMENT OFFICE **and** in writing a confirmation by e-mail.

Withdrawals from tournaments must be notified as follows:

- for Alps Tour members: See Method above

- for the national field players: to the Entries Administration of their country.

a) Pre-Tournament

A player who withdraws after the closing date **will automatically** forfeit his entry fee (€85 for members and €120 for others).

- for Alps Tour members: the amount of the entry fee shall be revised automatically and shall have to be paid through the MOS.

- for the national field players: an invoice will be sent by their corresponding Federation.

Only exception: Qualification for corresponding European Challenge Tour event.

Late withdrawal:

If a player withdraws within the last 3 days before the first round, he will have to pay double entry fee (€170 for members, €240 for others).

- for Alps Tour members: the amount of the entry fee shall be revised automatically and shall have to be paid through the MOS.

- for the national field players: an invoice will be sent by their corresponding Federation.

Only exception: Qualification for corresponding European Challenge Tour event.

Members who are on the reserve list after the closing date for entries may withdraw from that event without penalty providing he has not already taken up an option offered by the Alps Tour to play.

b) During Tournament

i) A player who is absent on the tee may be fined 200 Euros.

It is emphasized that the only exception to this rule is for extreme personal circumstances.

- ii) A competitor is entitled to withdraw from a tournament at the conclusion of his 2nd or 3rd round provided that he informs the Tournament Director before close of play each day.
- iii) A competitor is not entitled to withdraw at the conclusion of the first round or during the play of any round of a tournament. Exception: emergency reasons or medical circumstances deemed reasonable by the Tournament Director. Written evidence of medical circumstance must be immediately forwarded. Penalty: 150 Euros.

The medical certificate must be sent to the Alps Tour Office **within 14 days** following the withdrawal. **After this date, the fine will be applied.**

6. Registration

- a) **ALL COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR EACH TOURNAMENT BY 18:00 HOURS LOCAL TIME TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE 1ST ROUND. THIS CAN BE DONE IN PERSON AT THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE ON SITE, OR BY TELEPHONE TO THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE STATING INTENTION TO ATTEND. PARTICIPATION IN THE PRE-TOURNAMENT PRO-AM WILL BE RECOGNISED AS REGISTRATION, PROVIDED THAT IT IS PLAYED BEFORE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE. **Remember - Failure to register: penalty €100.****
- b) A player who is entered for a tournament but only becomes exempt after close of entries will be contacted directly or left a message by the entries department of his country on his contact telephone number(s) provided. **THE PLAYER IS THEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** whether or not he is taking the opportunity to play. At any time after 12.00 noon **on the Friday prior the tournament week** the Tournament Director may impose a **2 hours** response deadline and at any time on the day before the first tournament day he may impose a 1 hour response deadline.
- c) All competitors are required to attend the Tournament Office or registration desk immediately on arrival at the tournament venue and to provide their local address and/or telephone number for Alps Tour personal records only.
- d) **PLAYERS WHO FAIL TO MEET THE 18.00 HOURS LOCAL TIME DEADLINE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST** and

replaced by the first Alps Tour ranked player on site, otherwise the place will be filled by the first available National reserve.

7. Play Foreshortened or Cancelled - Guidelines

- a) If, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Alps Tour renders the commencement or continuation of the tournament impracticable, play shall be postponed until such time as the Tournament Director, after consultation with the Sponsor, considers that play can be continued. The Tournament Director has absolute discretion to implement whatever procedures necessary in order to ensure the continuation and completion of the Tournament. Where possible, the following **guidelines** will be considered:
- i) Rounds 1, 2 and 3 (if 72 holes event)
As a general principle, once a stroke has been played it shall count.
 - ii) Final Round
 - a) If the round cannot be finished then a result will be declared over that number of rounds completed by all players.
 - b) Play may be **continued** to the following day (4th or 5th day) if it is practicable.
 - c) In exceptional circumstances the final round may be scheduled on the 4th or 5th day.
 - iii) 54 holes event
It should be borne in mind that the prime objective on all occasions is to complete the stipulated 54 holes within the three days.
In the event that 54 holes is deemed to be unattainable in the time available, then completion of 36 holes will become the prime objective. To achieve this objective a cut may be introduced after 18 holes to the leading 40 and ties.
 - iiii) 72 holes event
It should be borne in mind that the prime objective on all occasions is to complete the stipulated 72 holes within the four days.
In the event that 72 holes is deemed to be unattainable in the time available, then completion of 54 holes will become the prime objective.
In the event that 54 holes is deemed to be unattainable in the time available, then completion of 36 holes will become the prime objective. To achieve this objective a cut may be introduced after 18 holes to the leading 40 and ties.

- b) **Suspension of Play**
- i) If during a tournament it becomes necessary to suspend play, 3 short blasts will be sounded on a klaxon or notification will otherwise be communicated to the players. On being advised of suspension, competitors may either cease play immediately OR complete the hole they are playing. Competitors must not play any shot from the teeing ground unless any player in his group has commenced play on the hole.
 - ii) If during a tournament it becomes necessary to suspend play for a *dangerous* situation (eg. lightning) players must discontinue play IMMEDIATELY. A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a prolonged note of the klaxon. If a player won't discontinue play immediately, he will be **disqualified** (R. 6-8b)
- c) **Resumption of Play**
As soon as conditions allow play to be resumed, 2 short blasts on the klaxon will be sounded or notification otherwise communicated to the players. On being advised of resumption, play will be resumed immediately by all competitors on the course.
Penalty for breach of this condition: **disqualification** (R. 6-8b)
- d) **Prize money**
In the event of bad weather not allowing the normal course of an event, the Alps Tour will be able in agreement with the sponsor, either to postpone the event, or if two full rounds could be played, to declare the tournament completed. In this case, 75% of the prize money will be then distributed. If the event is postponed due to bad weather, the promoter will have to refund the expenses engaged by the players to go and stay on the venue of the tournament.
- e) **Status of cancelled event**
When an event is cancelled for any reason, after close of entries only, it will be regarded as a counting event for all members appearing on the entry list within the cut off point at time of cancellation.

8. Prize Presentation

The three leading players (and ties) must be present at the prize presentation. In Pro-Ams tournaments (pre or post events) only the leading player (and ties) in the Team (gross and net) and Individual events shall be required to be present.
Penalty €150, doubling up for subsequent offences.

9. Pre Tournament Professional/Amateur Events

The onus is on Members to check whether or not they are required to participate in the pro-am.

- a) **Practice**
Practice strokes are NOT permitted during a Pro-Am (Rule 7-2). Exception: practice chipping and putting around the green of the hole played is permitted ONCE THE HOLE HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY ALL PLAYERS IN THE TEAM BUT ONLY IF THE TEAM BEHIND IS NOT WAITING TO PLAY.
Penalty: €100, doubling up for subsequent offences.
- b) **Releases**
Entries for tournaments with a preceding Pro-Am commit the player to participate in the Pro-Am (if invited) unless prior written release is granted by the Alps Tour Directors. A release may be requested so long as it is submitted by no later than the closing date for entries for the relevant tournament. **Maximum number of releases per season is two.** All release requests however **will require the approval** of the event promoter in discussion with the Alps Tour Directors and will generally be given ONLY in exceptional circumstances.

The Alps Tour Directors may authorize a maximum of four pro-am releases per tournament (including a maximum of two releases in category 1), given in order of effective date of tournament entry.
- c) **Withdrawals**
Any player withdrawing from a pre tournament Pro-Am, without an approved release, will incur an automatic fine of €100. Exception: if the reason for such a withdrawal leads to a withdrawal from the tournament itself prior the first round. Any player withdrawing from a pre tournament Pro-Am will not be permitted to use any practice facility or practice on any course/piece of land at the tournament venue for the entire day of the pro-am, irrespective of whether that player has been fined for his withdrawal from the pro-am. Penalty: €100
- d) **Driving Range**
For a period of one hour prior any shotgun start Pro-Am, the use of all practice facilities is restricted to competitors in that Pro-Am only (Professional and Amateur).
- e) **Pro-Am Lunch or breakfast**
If invited to do so by the promoter and proper notification through either the official notice board or individual invitation has been given, all participating professionals are expected to attend either the Pro-Am breakfast or lunch with their amateur partners.
- f) **Transportation**
Players must not ride on any form of transportation during pre tournament professional/amateur events, unless authorized by the Committee.

- g) Distance-Measuring Devices
During pre tournament professional/amateur events, players are allowed to obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

10. Post Tournament Professional/Amateur Events

The onus is on Members to check whether or not they are required to participate in the pro-am.

- a) Releases
Entries for tournaments with a closing Pro-Am commit the player to participate in the Pro-Am if qualified for final round or invited. Number of required players must be announced in the players' information sheet.
No release will be granted for the Top 3 players and ties of the Final Results of the tournament. Fine: €200.
- b) Withdrawals
Any player withdrawing from a closing Pro-Am will incur an automatic fine of €200, except if he was not qualified for the pro-am event.
- c) Pro-Am Lunch or breakfast
If invited to do so by the promoter and proper notification through either the official notice board or individual invitation has been given, all participating professionals are expected to attend either the Pro-Am breakfast or lunch with their amateur partners.
- d) Transportation
Players must not ride on any form of transportation during post tournament professional/amateur events unless authorized by the Committee.
- e) Distance-Measuring Devices
During post tournament professional/amateur events, players are allowed to obtain distance information by using a device that measures distances only.

11. Official Recorders

Players must co-operate when asked for details of their scores by the Official Recorders on the Course. Official Recorders include Scoring Officials and TV Recorders on the Course. Penalty: €100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

12. Media and Public Relations

- a) The favourable public reputation of the Alps Tour and its tournaments are valuable assets and create tangible benefits

for all Alps Tour members. Accordingly, it is an obligation of membership to refrain from comments to media that attack, disparage or criticize tournament sponsors or promoters, fellow competitors, the Alps Tour or its officials. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with Alps Tour policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a member knows, or should reasonable know, will harm the reputation or interests of a tournament sponsor, promoter, player, the Alps Tour or its officials are prohibited.

Penalty: €250, doubling up for subsequent offences.

- b) To ensure maximum goodwill, it is essential that competitors make every effort to support all public relations and media activities which among other things include compliance with reasonable requests from the Tournament Press Officer to attend the Press/Media Centre to co-operate with the media immediately following completion of a Tournament Round.

13. Practice Regulations

- a) Practice shall be permitted in designated areas only and at designated times.
- i) Unless posted, practice starting lists will not operate on the main practice days but will operate where practice is available on the pro-am day. First and last practice times will be notified however and unless otherwise stipulated all groups must start from the 1st tee. **Groups of 3 players max.**
 - ii) If play is suspended for a dangerous situation or in the event that such a situation (as signaled by the Chief Referee or Tournament Director) occurs outside the hours of play, players **must** cease from using all practice facilities **immediately**. Notification of all practice facilities re-opening after closure will be issued either by a member of the Alps Tour field staff or through the official notice board.
- b) During practice rounds only one ball shall be in play with the following exceptions:
- i) If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
 - ii) Not more than three chip shots may be played from beside the green provided such practice does not damage the course.
 - iii) Only one bunker shot may be played towards the green from a green side bunker. All other practice bunker shots must be played away from the green.
 - iv) Only three practice putts are permitted.
- c) In any case notwithstanding the above regulations no additional practice strokes shall be played if the group behind is waiting to play.
- d) The penalty for breach of the above regulations is €100, doubling for subsequent offences.

14. **Film, Media and Other Property Rights**

The television, radio, film, statistical data and information and all other electronic media rights of all players participating in events forming part of the Alps Tour or any other golf event run in conjunction with, or under the auspices of the Alps Tour shall be assigned to the Alps Tour. No person is authorized to make any use, commercial or otherwise, of the Alps Tour name or logo without the advance written approval of the Alps Tour.

15. **Note on Alps Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition**

All competitors should secure a copy of the Alps Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition Hard Card. This explains any Rule that affects or modifies a Rule of Golf. They are not reprinted herein as they are subject to change and alteration. Rules Governing Play shall be:

- a) The current R & A Rules of Golf.
- b) The current R & A Decisions on the Rules of Golf
- c) The current Alps Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition.
- d) The Local Rules of the Host Club, as approved by the Tournament Director.

In exceptional circumstances, the Tournament Director may declare part of the competition course as a practice area.

Transportation: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round.

Distance-Measuring Devices: players are NOT allowed to obtain distance information by using any device.

16. **Standard of Dress**

The Alps Tour is an organization for professional and one's attire, conduct and manner should reflect this.

Players are expected to be smartly dressed and groomed at all times both on and off the golf course.

- i) Shoes must be cleaned and polished.
- ii) Clothing must be tailored, clean, tidy and most appropriate to the game of golf.
- iii) Blue denim jeans are not acceptable at any time.
- iv) Shirts: Collarless, sleeveless, shirts of a transparent material/design or shirts worn outside trousers are NOT acceptable.
- v) Trousers: Shorts and bermudas are NOT acceptable. Furthermore trousers may not be worn tucked into socks.
- vi) Hats: the wear of caps, hats and visors are strictly prohibited in Tournament Offices and Club-Houses.



If a player misses the cut and stays on at the venue, he has to be as smartly dressed as during play of tournament: no shorts, no T-shirts, no fit-flop and beach shoes are allowed at the golf club.

At Pro-am prize giving ceremony and any official functions during the tournament week: players must be well dressed. No jeans, no T-shirts, no flip-flops or beach shoes. It is a matter of respect for sponsors, promoters, Clubs, amateurs, etc.

The standard of dress will be monitored by the Tournament Staff who are present at each event.

The tournament director shall have full authority to interpret this regulation and any standard of dress which is considered inappropriate will incur disciplinary action which may be a verbal warning in the first instance; subsequent offences by the same player will automatically incur a fine of €100, doubling up.

17. Care of Golf Course and Practice areas

Members must pay attention to keep the course, the driving range, chipping and putting greens clean. Empty bottles or cans, bananas and all trashes have to be thrown in the bins. Cigarette butts have to be put into ashtrays at disposal in the dedicated smoking areas.

Members have to replace their divots, repair their pitch marks on the green, rake bunkers and gently place the flagstick on the ground to prevent any damage.

Minimum penalty: €100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

18. Amateurs partners in Pro-Ams

Members are reminded that it is extremely important to their own livelihood and the success of the Alps Tour that they endeavour to make pro-ams as enjoyable as possible for the amateurs participating.

Charting yardages during the pro-am round is not allowed. Members should eat with their team and socialize with their amateur team members.

19. Alcohol Consumption

The consumption of alcohol on the course during any round of an Alps Tour Approved Tournament is not permitted. Penalty €150, doubling up for subsequent offences.

20. Tobacco Consumption

To uphold the reputation of the game of golf and the Alps Tour and in order of taking care of the health of

its young members, Alps Tour will apply a new regulation regarding the consumption of cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco during tournaments.

Tournament participants are NOT allowed to smoke or chew tobacco during any round (including pro-am events) of an Alps Tour Approved tournament in the following areas:

a) on the course ;

b) at practice areas (driving range, practice chipping green, practice putting green...): **it is not allowed to smoke during any kind of play. Smoking will be allowed in dedicated areas only.**

Penalty €150, doubling up for subsequent offences.

NB. *This regulation applies to caddies too.*

21. Caddie Regulations

Caddies are the responsibility of the player employing them. Any breach of the following regulations will be deemed to be a breach by the player.

Minimum penalty: €100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

i) Caddies will not be permitted to wear shorts, jeans or sandals (except on decision of Tournament Director). **Golf shoes with metal spikes OR soft spikes are not allowed on greens.**

ii) Misbehaviour by caddies of a personal nature which is generally unacceptable by normal social standards.

iii) Caddies are required to wear and display the appropriate caddie "bib" or uniform for the duration of the round.

iv) No player may caddie for any competitor if he played the stipulated round.

v) Caddies are not permitted to mark players' scorecards.

vi) Other than in practice rounds, caddies are not permitted to test the surface of the putting greens on the course.

22. Reserve Money

Reserve money will be paid to all players making the cut with a minimum of €200 by player.

Each promoter will be responsible for the use of the reserve money. The Alps Tour suggests to save a maximum of **€2,000** at each tournament, in order to cover that further expense, should the need arise...

In case that sum of €2,000 is not high enough to cover all the ties, the Alps Tour will pay €200 per any extra tie.

Breakdown in points: 40th place will be calculated at 1.00% of the total and will be reduced by 0.02% for each subsequent place.

After making the cut, if a player is disqualified or retires through illness or injury, he will receive last place money.

23. Pace of Play

Please note that the Pace of Play penalties are adjusted for Alps Tour as follows:

One bad time	Verbal warning from Official
Two bad times	One stroke penalty and €100 fine
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty and €200 fine
Four bad times	Disqualification

Notes:

- (1) Players will NOT be advised that they are being timed
- (2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play
- (3) In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

- a) During the season, a player who has been timed under the pace of play conditions in force at any Alps Tour tournament, will incur a fine of €100 on his second bad time*. Each subsequent bad time* will incur a fine of €100 more than the previous fine. A player who incurs a fine under this regulation will not incur any additional fine under the Condition of Competition but any stroke penalties incurred would still stand.
- b) The following fines for multiple occasions of timing also apply and are in addition to any fines incurred in (a) above:
- 5 occasions of timing €100
 - 10 occasions of timing €200
 - 15 occasions of timing €400
 - 20 occasions of timing €500
- Each successive 5 occasions of timing €500.

Note 1: A group who 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.

Note 2: A session of timing will only be recorded if it extends into a second hole however if the group or individual player has to be timed again during that stipulated round, a minimum of one session of timing will be recorded.

Note 3: During a stipulated round, if a player exceeds the maximum time allowable for an individual stroke by up to the otherwise permitted 10% on 3 separate occasions, he will incur a bad time*.

Note 4: During a stipulated round, if an Official has to ask a

group of players to speed up and get back in position for the second time, one session of timing will be recorded for all the players of the group.

*NB. Any player wishing to question any "bad time" or session of timing must do so with the Chief Referee/ Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of his round. After this time the "bad time" or session of timing will stand.

The Alps Tour Office will record all timed groups and all bad times after each event and publish updated information on official notice board after every round.

24. Use of Tournament Facilities by Non Participants

Any player (other than an immediate tournament reserve) not participating in the tournament in question will not be entitled to use the tournament facilities (e.g.: Practice Range, Players' Lounge) other than in exceptional circumstances, authorized by the Tournament Director.

25. Playing Standards

Any Tournament Participant who records a score of 90 or over in the first round of a Tournament may be retired.

This regulation shall be implemented at the Tournament Director's discretion having taken into consideration prevailing weather conditions.

26. Anti-Doping Policy

Generally, the Alps Tour will follow the regulations applying in the country where the tournament is played.

The Alps Tour is committed to maintaining the integrity of Golf and is in favour of eradicating the use of doping in the sport of Golf.

Alps Tour is establishing its anti-doping policy based upon the principles of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and the WADA List of Prohibited Substances from time to time.

Anti-Doping policies, like R&A Rules of Golf the Alps Tour Members General Regulations Handbook and Tournament Rules Card, provide a framework of conditions under which professional golf should be played and the Alps Tour therefore wishes to introduce the following policy:

a) It is a condition of membership and entry for both members and non-members to all events organised by or held under

the auspices of the Alps Tour that Players voluntarily accept the application to them of this policy and submit to testing.

b) For all events held under the auspices of Alps Tour, the Alps Tour will utilise the Testing procedures of the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) of the country in which the event takes place.

c) Prohibited List – The current updated List of Prohibited Substances is available from the WADA website (www.wada-ama.org/en/) and also from the members' area of the Alps Tour website. The Alps Tour's anti-doping policy applies the full WADA prohibited list.

d) Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) and Abbreviated Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ATUE) – may be granted in accordance with the principles of International Standard for TUE available from each respective Federation.

e) Before participating in a Alps Tour tournament, an application for a TUE must be submitted to the respective NADO by no later than closing date for entries for the relevant tournament.

f) Applications for a TUE or ATUE must be submitted to the respective NADO prior to further play for any emergency medical treatments involving medication from the List of Prohibited Substances.

Penalties – The Alps Tour will extend the penalty given by the federation to the member who has violated the anti-doping rules to the Alps Tour events.

Any Non Member of Alps Tour found to be in breach of Alps Tour's anti-doping policy as a result of an adverse analytical finding or other anti-doping rule violation shall be referred to the sports body of which they are a member for imposition of any relevant penalty and may be subject to a period of exclusion from participating in further Alps Tour events.

Any application for Qualifying School participation from a player currently under suspension following positive testing via any governing body will not be accepted.

27. **Anti-Gaming Policy**

This new anti-gaming policy has been included to ensure continued integrity of the game face to the development of betting industry.

Players, caddies, coaches, sports officials, referees, officials and organizers may not:

- engage in a personal capacity, directly or through an intermediary to bet on a competition which they are interested directly or indirectly;

- connect to others inside information obtained during their occupation or duties that are unknown to the public.

No person shall infringe morals, ethics or fair play competition or harm the image and reputation of the sport of golf.

Any violation of these conditions may result in sanctions according to the Code of Ethics.

a) No player or caddie shall either directly or indirectly bet or instruct, permit, enable or offer the facility for any other person to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition (or any part thereof) in which the player is participating or in which the player and/or the caddie have any influence, either direct or indirect.

b) No player or caddie shall have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or winnings of any other player in any Alps Tour event whether through purse-splitting, prize money "insurance," financial assistance, bets or otherwise.

c) A player shall not fail to give his best efforts in competition in any Alps Tour event and shall not induce or encourage any other player to fail to give his best efforts in competition in any Alps Tour event.

d) No player or caddie shall use or provide to any other person any information relating to any aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition, which the player or caddie has by virtue of his position within the game and which is not publicly available and which information could reasonably be anticipated to be used for, or in relation to, betting.

e) No player or caddie shall directly or indirectly contrive or attempt to contrive any aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition.

f) A player or caddie shall inform the Director of Tour Operations of the Alps Tour forthwith, on a confidential basis, of any activity, including approaches from any person or third party, which he believes may or will contravene or may or will lead to the contravention of this Anti-Gaming Code.

g) A player or caddie shall provide the Alps Tour with full access to and copies of any document or information which the Alps Tour requests to ascertain if a breach of the Anti-Gaming Policy has occurred.

h) 'Bet' and 'Betting' shall include any betting or gaming activity as defined by French Law.

Any breach of the provisions of this Anti Gaming Code shall be treated as a breach of the Alps Tour Code of Ethics and shall be dealt with under the terms of the Alps Tour Disciplinary Procedure.

F. CODE OF ETHICS, DISCIPLINARY AND FINE PROCEDURE

This procedure is designed to help the Management of the Alps Tour and its Members to identify the conduct and ethics that are expected from the Alps Tour's Members and to set out the procedure to be followed where there may have been a breach of the same.

The Ethics Committee and the Board of Directors will be responsible for the management of fines for all Alps Tour members; for national players, each corresponding country will be responsible.

1. Code of Ethics

a) General

On becoming a Member of Alps Tour, each person voluntarily submits himself to standards of behaviour and ethical conduct which will gain respect for the profession.

Each member will at all times maintain the Alps Tour's reputation for honesty, fair dealing, courtesy and sportsmanship whether on or off the golf course.

Each member's professional integrity and loyalty to the game of golf and sense of responsibility to Sponsors, employers and employees, manufacturers, clients must always transcend thought of material gain.

It would be impossible to define exactly the standard of conduct expected from Alps Tour Members in all circumstances or to list all acts which would amount to a breach of the Code and lead to disciplinary sanctions. In most cases common sense should tell the Member the standard of behaviour that is required. Any member who has any doubt as to the conduct which is expected of him should contact the Office for advice.

b) Guidelines

In most circumstances, the following acts or omissions will be considered to be contrary to the code and if established will lead to a penalty being imposed.

1. Etiquette

Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette.

2. Crime

Conviction of a criminal offence by a court of law.

3. Misbehaviour

Misbehaviour of a personal nature which is generally unacceptable by normal social standards.

4. Injurious conduct

Conduct likely to injure or discredit the reputation of the Alps Tour or any of its Members or conduct which is contrary to the Alps Tour's Memorandum and Rules and Regulations made pursuant thereto.

5. Failure to report Breach of the Code

Failure to report breach of the Code by another Member of the Alps Tour when the breach is known to the Member or he should reasonably have realized that a breach may have occurred and to co-operate in any enquiry.

6. Rules of Golf

(i) Members must comply with the Rules of Golf as amended by Local Rules in force at any tournament and further comply with Conditions of Competitions Regulations or other rules, by laws, directions and instructions as specified by the Alps Tour which shall be deemed to incorporate the relevant provisions of this Code.

(ii) Deliberate breaching of the Rules of Golf in order to gain advantage.

7. Goodwill

Members must act at all times in the best interests of the Alps Tour and the game of golf and try to enhance the goodwill which attaches to the same.

8. Breach of Regulations

Breach of Alps Tour General Regulations as here published.

c) Structure of Fine Level

The fine levels approved by the Board of Directors for the 2012 Season.

Description of Fine	2012 Level
1. Upper limit for MINOR BREACH	€1.000
2. Withdrawal – after closing date	€85 (entry fee)

3. Late withdrawal – within the last 3 days before the first round	€170 (double entry fee)
4. Withdrawal during play for unacceptable reason or non certificated medical reason **	€150
5. Withdrawals from pre-tournament pro-ams	€100
6. Withdrawals from post-tournament pro-ams	€200
7. Failure to register	€100
8. Absent on tee	€200
9. Non attendance at prize presentation **	€150
10. Breach of practice regulations **	€100
11. Breach of standard of dress regulation **	€100
12. Breach of care of course regulation **	€100
13. Breach of Etiquette **	€100
14. Alcohol consumption on course **	€150
15. Smoking on course or at practice areas	€150
16. Breach of caddie regulations **	€100
17. Breach of pace of play regulation **	€100
18. Non raking of bunker **	€150
19. Club abuse / smashing of a tee marker **	€100
20. Audible obscenity / Spitting **	€100
21. Failure to give scores to official recorders **	€100
22. Breach of Media and Public Relations **	€250

** Those fines that will double for subsequent offences of the same nature.

2. Disciplinary Procedure

- a) Minor Breach
 Where it appears that a Member may have committed a breach of Tour Regulations or the Code of Ethics it may be considered that a reprimand only or the stated Disciplinary Action within Tour Regulations should be applied by the Tournament Director or the Director of Tour Operations. Notification shall be given to the Member in writing by post, fax or e-mail to the relevant contact details supplied by the Member to the Tour or to the next applicable tournament and shall be within forty-five (45) days of the date of the breach. Payment of the fine should be made within forty-five (45) days

of the date of the notification. If the Member is dissatisfied with the decision he may appeal in writing to the Director of Tour Operations (providing he was not acting as Tournament Director at the time of the incident in question) within fifteen (15) days of the date of notification of the fine.

The Director of Tour Operations shall tender his decision on the Appeal within thirty (30) days of his receipt of the Appeal and his decision in the matter shall be final.

However, if in the opinion of the Director of Tour Operations the Appeal requires further consideration he may refer the matter to the Ethics Committee for advice and guidance prior to notification of his final decision.

On receiving written notification of such a fine, the Member is responsible for advising the Alps Tour Office of how he wishes to settle the amount.

If the player has not appealed the fine and no such notification has been received within thirty (30) days of the date of the fine letter then the fine will be automatically deducted from the member's nominated credit card.

Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time will result in exclusion from Alps Tour Approved and Ranking Tournaments until such time as the fine has been paid in full.

Note: Disciplinary Action incurred under Regulation D.20, Pace of Play Policy, will be applied as soon as practicable at the discretion of the Director of Tour Operations and will not be subject to the specified time frames within the Disciplinary Procedure above.

b) Serious Breach

If it is considered that any breach be regarded as a Serious Breach of the Code of Ethics and/or may warrant the imposition of a penalty greater than the stated Disciplinary Action within Tour Regulations, the case will be referred to the Ethics Committee by the Chairman of the Alps Tour Golf Association.

He will inform the Member that a procedure has been started against him. The written notice is a summons and is sent by registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt at least fifteen days before the sitting of the Committee.

The notice includes the grievances set forth, details the list of penalties extending from the plain warning up to the expulsion. It informs the Member of the possibility of being helped or represented by a person that he may choose and also that he may present his remarks written or oral to the Committee.

The Ethics Committee deliberation is valid only if the decisions are taken with the majority of the members attending and if three of its members at least are sitting. Its decisions must be motivated and are binding.

December, 2011

APPENDIX A – GROOVE REGULATIONS

New R&A Rules on Club Face Markings Groove Regulations

As you will be aware, the R&A are introducing some new rules on club face markings from January 2010 which will augment the current regulations on grooves.

The changes will specifically regulate the radius of the groove edge (for sharpness) and the volume of the groove – two factors which it is believed have a significant effect on the ability to control the ball from the rough. The revised rules will significantly increase the spin differential between shots from the fairway and shots from the rough.

Although the Major Tours approved the introduction of the new regulations in 2011, **the Alps Tour will not apply this new Rule for the 2012 and 2013 seasons**, as follows recommendations from the R&A:

Please see the next page ►

WARNING!

If you are going to play on European Tour or Challenge Tour events this year, the rule applies. All clubs that you use in competition must conform at the time to the new specifications. It is therefore very important that you make arrangements with your manufacturer to begin testing and updating your equipment as necessary.

Informational club database:

<http://www.randa.org/rules/groovetest>

Date	Change	Effecting ...
1 Jan 2010	New specifications introduced on club face markings.	All new models of clubs launched after 1 January 2010. Existing models of clubs will continue to conform to the Rules of Golf.
1 Jan 2010	Condition of Competition will be available to Committees requiring players to use clubs with markings which conform to the new specifications.	Strongly recommended that this Condition should be introduced only on the major Professional Tours. All other golfers, playing in competitions where this condition has not been introduced, can and should be permitted to continue to use old model clubs which do not satisfy the new specifications.
1 Jan 2014	Condition of Competition will continue to be available to Committees.	Strongly recommended that this Condition should be extended only to lower level Professional events and elite level amateur events. Club level golfers can and should be permitted to continue to use old model clubs, which do not satisfy the new specifications.
1 Jan 2024	Earliest date that the Rules will be applied to clubs manufactured prior to 2010. This date will be reviewed in 2020 and may be extended.	All players, all abilities, all forms of play.

APPENDIX B - ETIQUETTE

If a Member or his caddie is seen or reported for breaking any of the under noted Rules of Etiquette, the Member shall be subject to disciplinary action:

- ✓ Not replacing divots on the course
- ✓ Not repairing pitch marks on the green
- ✓ Not raking bunkers
- ✓ Not gently placing the flagstick on the ground to prevent any damage
- ✓ Failure to allow groups to play through when waiting for a ruling
- ✓ Failure to control temper anywhere within the environs of the Club or the course
- ✓ Using a mobile phone or earphones during a stipulated round, except to call the Tournament Office or an Official in emergencies
- ✓ Failure to pay a courtesy visit to the Club Professional whenever visiting a golf club or other golf establishment
- ✓ Failure to pay attention to keep the course, the driving range and practice areas clean
- ✓ Any behaviour viewed as unprofessional in the opinion of the Alps Tour

These Rules of Etiquette and associated disciplinary action shall also apply to practice rounds.

Penalties:

Failure to rake bunkers 150 euros (automatic fine); otherwise minimum 100 euros – doubling on each subsequent occasion / maximum: breach of Code of Ethics.

APPENDIX C – ALPS TOUR EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

Ranked players who are eligible to take up 2012 Membership

Cat. 0 Winners of the Alps Tour Order of Merit (3 years)

1	Guillaume CAMBIS	Fra	31/12/2014
2	Matteo DELPODIO	Ita	31/12/2013
3	Andrea PERRINO	Ita	31/12/2012

Cat. 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

1	Carlos GARCIA SIMARRO	Esp	17/07/2012	Peugeot Tour Alps de España
2	Michael HILL	Fra	10/07/2012	Open International du Haut Poitou
3	Jason KELLY	Nor	02/07/2012	Milano Zoate Golf Open
4	Cristiano TERRAGNI	Ita	20/06/2012	Feudo di Asti Open
5	Ignacio SANCHEZ PALENCIA	Esp	30/05/2012	Open de Saint- François Guadeloupe

Cat. 2 National Field

Cat. 3 The leading 5 players (including amateurs) from the previous Alps Tour tournament

Cat. 4 The Top 30 (plus amateurs who turn pros) from 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 Tour and Seniors Tour.

1	Xavier PONCELET	Fra	31/12/2012	(8)
2	Jason KELLY	Nor	31/12/2012	cat 1
3	Jordan GIBB	Eng	31/12/2012	(10)
4	Matthieu BEY	Fra	31/12/2012	(11)
5	Julien FORET	Fra	31/12/2012	(12)
6	Romain BECHU	Fra	31/12/2012	(13)
7	Ignacio SANCHEZ-PALENCIA	Esp	31/12/2012	cat 1

8	Brendan Mc CARROLL	Irl	31/12/2012	(15)
9	<i>Cristiano TERRAGNI</i>	<i>Ita</i>	<i>31/12/2012</i>	<i>cat 1</i>
10	Remi DUPUIS	Fra	31/12/2012	(17)
11	Jaime CAMARGO	Esp	31/12/2012	(18)
12	Philipp MEJOW	Ger	31/12/2012	(19)
13	Gareth SHAW	Irl	31/12/2012	(20)
14	Richard KILPATRICK	Nir	31/12/2012	(21)
15	Nicolo' RAVANO	Ita	31/12/2012	(22)
16	Ricki NEIL-JONES	Eng	31/12/2012	(23)
17	Marco BERNARDINI	Ita	31/12/2012	(24)
18	<i>Michael HILL</i>	<i>Fra</i>	<i>31/12/2012</i>	<i>cat 1</i>
19	Clement GALLOIS	Fra	31/12/2012	(26)
20	Joon KIM	Ita	31/12/2012	(27)
21	Nicolas MOURLON	Fra	31/12/2012	(28)
22	Andrea ROTA	Ita	31/12/2012	(29)
23	Frederic ABADIE	Fra	31/12/2012	(30)

Cat.4M Medical exemption for category 4

1	Uli WEINHANDL	Aut	31/12/2012
2	Sam ROBINSON	Eng	31/12/2012

Cat. 5 Alps Tour Wild Cards

Cat. 6 The Top 35 (and ties) from 2011 Alps Tour Qualifying School. This does not apply to players who are category 1-10 members of the European Challenge Tour and all category members of European Tour and Seniors Tour.

1	Kris NICOL	Sco	31/12/2012
2	Dominique NOUAILHAC	Fra	31/12/2012
3	Stiggy HODGSON	Eng	31/12/2012
4	Jack CLARKE	Eng	31/12/2012
5	Sebastien GROS	Fra	31/12/2012
6	Andrew COOLEY	Eng	31/12/2012
7	Johan LOPEZ LAZARO	Fra	31/12/2012
8	Jesus LEGARREA	Esp	31/12/2012
9	Jon Andrea NODER	Swi	31/12/2012
10	Tom SHERREARD	Eng	31/12/2012

11	Mattia MILORO	Ita	31/12/2012
12	Jerome LANDO CASANOVA	Fra	31/12/2012
13	Niccolo QUINTARELLI	Ita	31/12/2012
14	Alberto CAMPANILE	Ita	31/12/2012
15	Rudy THUILLIER	Fra	31/12/2012
16	Daniel OSORIO	Esp	31/12/2012
17	Jack SENIOR	Eng	31/12/2012
18	Arnaud GUERIN	Fra	31/12/2012
19	Javier DE LOPE	Esp	31/12/2012
20	Benedetto PASTORE	Ita	31/12/2012
21	Anthony PAILLER	Fra	31/12/2012
22	Steven BROWN	Eng	31/12/2012
23	Alessandro NAPOLEONI	Ita	31/12/2012
24	Alexander LEVY	Fra	31/12/2012
25	Gerard PIRIS MATEU	Esp	31/12/2012
26	David BORDA	Esp	31/12/2012
27	Aron ZEMMER	Ita	31/12/2012
28	Adrien PERES	Fra	31/12/2012
29	Giacomo TONELLI	Ita	31/12/2012
30	Pierrick PERACINO	Fra	31/12/2012
31	Nicolas PORTEBOEUF	Fra	31/12/2012
32	Andy SULLIVAN	Eng	31/12/2012
33	Darren WRIGHT	Eng	31/12/2012
34	Alberto ZANI	Ita	31/12/2012
35	Andy SMITH	Eng	31/12/2012

Cat.6M Medical exemption for category 6

Cat. 7 Players finishing between 31st & 50th position (inclusive), plus amateurs who turn pros, on 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 category members of European Tour and Seniors Tour.

1	Sebastian GARCIA RODRIGUEZ	Esp	31/12/2012
2	Jacques GUILLET	Fra	31/12/2012
3	Thomas LINARD	Fra	31/12/2012

4	Pedro ERICE	Esp	31/12/2012
5	Eric CHAUDOUET	Fra	31/12/2012
6	Raphael MARGUERY	Fra	31/12/2012
7	Andrea ZANINI	Ita	31/12/2012
8	Claudio VIGANO	Ita	31/12/2012
9	Jamie ABBOTT	Eng	31/12/2012
10	Nicolas SULZER	Swi	31/12/2012
11	Dara LERNIHAN	Irl	31/12/2012
12	Thomas FOURNIER	Fra	31/12/2012
13	Olivier SERRES	Fra	31/12/2012
14	Jürgen MAURER	Aut	31/12/2012
15	Marco GUERISOLI	Ita	31/12/2012
16	Mayel OUELD ES CHEIKH	Fra	31/12/2012
17	Alex MUNRO	Aus	31/12/2012
18	Carlos BALMASEDA	Esp	31/12/2012
19	Julien GRESSIER	Fra	31/12/2012
20	Diego SUAZO	Esp	31/12/2012

Cat. 7M Medical exemption for category 7

Cat. 8 Players finishing between the 42nd and 75th position (inclusive) at the 2010 Alps Tour Qualifying School who will be subject to the 2011 re-rank policy. This does not apply to players who are category 1-10 members of the European Challenge Tour and all category members of European Tour and Seniors Tour.

To be re-ranked at mid-season

1	Ross KELLETT	Sco	31/12/2012
2	Warren HARMSTON	Eng	31/12/2012
3	Michele ZANINI	Ita	31/12/2012
4	Florian POGATSCHNIGG	Aut	31/12/2012
5	Pierre-Ludovic COUVERT	Fra	31/12/2012
6	Mathieu BOZIO	Fra	31/12/2012
7	Ben BANKS	Eng	31/12/2012
8	Sergio GONZALEZ GARCIA	Esp	31/12/2012
9	Philip MCLEAN	Sco	31/12/2012
10	Diego DUPIN	Fra	31/12/2012

11	Lorenzo MAGINI	Ita	31/12/2012
12	Pierre-Jean CASSAGNE	Fra	31/12/2012
13	Nicolas PEYRICHOU	Fra	31/12/2012
14	John James HENRY	Sco	31/12/2012
15	Jordan FINDLAY	Sco	31/12/2012
16	Marcos JUAN TOMAS	Esp	31/12/2012
17	Ivan IRAZUSTA	Esp	31/12/2012
18	Luca FENOGLIO	Ita	31/12/2012
19	Kevin CAMELIN	Fra	31/12/2012
20	Donald STIRLING	Eng	31/12/2012
21	Jerome FORESTIER	Fra	31/12/2012
22	Romain ZWAHLEN	Fra	31/12/2012
23	Adam GRAY	Eng	31/12/2012
24	David LAW	Sco	31/12/2012
25	Luca GALLIANO	Ita	31/12/2012
26	Leonardo MOTTA	Ita	31/12/2012
27	Simone BRIZZOLARI	Ita	31/12/2012
28	Cédric JUDLIN	Fra	31/12/2012
29	Eddie PEPPERELL	Eng	31/12/2012
30	Andrea ROMANO	Ita	31/12/2012
31	Emmanuel MERCADIER	Fra	31/12/2012
32	Lluís GARCIA DEL MORAL	Esp	31/12/2012
33	Maxime LAUTE	Fra	31/12/2012
34	Yossi BENCHETRIT	Fra	31/12/2012
35	Alexis WEIZMAN	Fra	31/12/2012
36	Philipp GENEV	Ger	31/12/2012
37	Joris COMMENT	Swi	31/12/2012
38	Nacer MAKROUNE	Mor	31/12/2012
39	Roman HAMON	Fra	31/12/2012
40	Benjamin FORGES	Fra	31/12/2012

Cat.8M Medical exemption for category 8

APPENDIX D – 2011 FINAL ORDER OF MERIT

Pos.	Name	Points	Played
1	Guillaume CAMBIS (FRA)	30,123.83	18
2	Jason BARNES (ENG)	29,400.63	17
3	Chris PAISLEY (ENG)	28,208.76	8
4	Marco CRESPI (ITA)	24,735.95	14
5	Scott HENRY (SCO)	21,817.87	15
6	Farren KEENAN (ENG)	18,393.23	15
7	Romain SCHNEIDER (FRA)	17,276.68	18
8	Xavier PONCELET (FRA)	17,085.38	18
9	Jason KELLY (NOR)	13,953.09	15
10	Jordan GIBB (ENG)	13,698.03	15
11	Matthieu BEY (FRA)	12,662.46	17
12	Julien FORET (FRA)	12,440.03	16
13	Romain BECHU (FRA)	12,312.64	17
14	Ignacio SANCHEZ-PALENCIA (ESP)	11,916.36	16
15	Brendan Mc CARROLL (IRL)	11,615.04	17
16	Cristiano TERRAGNI (ITA)	11,483.55	17
17	Remi DUPUIS (FRA)	11,178.96	16
18	Jaime CAMARGO (ESP)	9,761.91	14
19	Philipp MEJOW (GER)	9,594.55	14
20	Gareth SHAW (IRL)	9,515.08	15
21	Richard KILPATRICK (NIR)	9,439.63	18
22	Nicolo' RAVANO (ITA)	9,201.67	17
23	Ricki NEIL-JONES (ENG)	8,952.83	13
24	Marco BERNARDINI (ITA)	8,415.76	12
25	Michael HILL (FRA)	8,379.07	8
26	Clement GALLOIS (FRA)	8,346.00	15
27	Joon KIM (ITA)	8,273.93	15
28	Nicolas MOURLON (FRA)	7,571.50	12
29	Andrea ROTA (ITA)	7,131.60	16
30	Frederic ABADIE (FRA)	7,129.71	14
31	Sebastian GARCIA RODRIGUEZ (ESP)	6,927.67	11
32	Jacques GUILLET (FRA)	6,630.90	13
33	Thomas LINARD (FRA)	6,368.50	14
34	Pedro ERICE (ESP)	6,166.16	12
35	Eric CHAUDOUET (FRA)	6,104.83	7



36	Raphael MARGUERY (FRA)	5,901.41	17
37	Andrea ZANINI (ITA)	5,799.46	15
38	Claudio VIGANO (ITA)	5,792.64	16
39	Jamie ABBOTT (ENG)	5,706.88	6
40	Nicolas SULZER (SWI)	5,706.70	12
41	Dara LERNIHAN (IRL)	5,481.50	17
42	Thomas FOURNIER (FRA)	5,478.33	7
43	Olivier SERRES (FRA)	5,391.40	12
44	Jürgen MAURER (AUT)	5,229.57	13
45	Marco GUERISOLI (ITA)	4,634.83	18
46	Mayel OUELD ES CHEIKH (FRA)	4,379.58	11
47	Alex MUNRO (AUS)	4,139.50	15
48	Carlos BALMASEDA (ESP)	4,065.93	8
49	Julien GRESSIER (FRA)	3,961.45	15
50	Diego SUAZO (ESP)	3,959.73	11
51	Nicolas JOAKIMIDES (FRA)	3,887.33	6
52	Aron ZEMMER (ITA)	3,683.35	12
53	Fredrik SVANBERG (SWI)	3,431.40	6
54	Will ROEBUCK (ENG)	3,428.88	13
55	Matjaz GOJCIC (SLO)	3,368.00	7
56	David ANTONELLI (FRA)	3,319.87	13
57	Benedetto PASTORE (ITA)	3,118.77	18
58	Edwin THOMANN (FRA)	2,935.83	9
59	Giacomo TONELLI (ITA)	2,904.50	15
60	Alessandro GRAMMATICA (ITA)	2,724.71	15
61	Alfonso CASTINEIRA MARCOS (ESP)	2,714.04	10
62	Uli WEINHANDL (AUT)	2,707.88	14
63	Miguel PUJALTE SASTRE (ESP)	2,397.00	11
64	Pietro RICCI (ITA)	2,376.57	15
65	Nicholas MURTAGH (ENG)	2,292.50	12
66	Philipp GENEV (GER)	2,184.53	6
67	Pierre-Jean CASSAGNE (FRA)	2,115.77	12
68	Alberto CAMPANILE (ITA)	2,006.00	15
69	Roman HAMON (FRA)	1,966.33	13
70	Gregor SLABE (SLO)	1,952.00	10
71	Pierre-Ludovic COUVERT (FRA)	1,797.33	9
72	Ghislain ROSIER (FRA)	1,719.47	7
73	Laurent PONCELET (FRA)	1,707.00	10

74	Luca BENEDEUCE (ITA)	1,654.25	8
75	David BORDA (ESP)	1,632.75	12
76	Jann SCHMID (SWI)	1,522.50	10
77	Laurent SEINGER (FRA)	1,449.50	9
78	Inigo URQUIZU (ESP)	1,414.00	9
79	Claudio BLAESI (SWI)	1,294.00	7
80	Simone BRIZZOLARI (ITA)	1,266.50	11
81	Florian POGATSCHNIGG (AUT)	1,243.50	11
82	Mathieu BOZIO (FRA)	1,136.87	11
83	Jean RELECOM (BEL)	1,113.33	8
84	David BOBROWSKI (FRA)	1,090.00	10
85	Ivan IRAZUSTA (ESP)	1,064.66	6
86	Daniel POPOVIC (AUS)	1,000.80	8
87	Ulderico ALBANESI (ITA)	856.50	8
88	Alberto BRANDI (ITA)	829.50	7
89	George LERICHE (FRA)	820.00	9
90	Luca GALLIANO (ITA)	736.00	6
91	Luca FENOGLIO (ITA)	652.50	14
92	Lorenzo MAGINI (ITA)	619.87	9
93	Jorge GARCIA FERNANDEZ (ESP)	595.00	11
94	Andrew WINDSOR (ENG)	531.00	11
95	Carlos PEREZ BARBERAN (ESP)	464.00	7
96	Emanuele LATTANZI (ITA)	460.50	6
97	Vincent CACHERA (FRA)	444.00	7
98	Kenny LE SAGER (FRA)	384.00	13



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