

# 2020 LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL



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Ladies European Tour Limited (the "Company") is the governing body responsible for regulating the global schedule of professional golf tournaments known as the Ladies European Tour (the "LET"). This document sets out the Terms and Conditions (as amended or updated and reissued by the Company from time to time) (**the "Conditions"**) that apply to each person wishing to participate in, and/or being eligible to play in the pre-qualification tournament (**a "Pre Qualifier" or "PQ"**) and the final qualifier tournament (**the "Final Qualifier" or "FQ"**) (each a **"Tournament" and together the "Tournaments"**) relating to the 2020 Ladies European Tour Qualifying School.

By applying to participate in the Tournaments (or any one of them) you are deemed to have read and to have fully and irrevocably accepted and agreed to comply with these Conditions and any other regulations, policies or codes referred to within the Conditions.

## 1. VENUES

The proposed venues for the Tournaments are as follows (**each a "Venue" and together the "Venues"**):

PRE-QUALIFIER: North and South courses, La Manga Club Resort – Cartagena (Spain)

FINAL QUALIFIER: North and South courses, La Manga Club Resort – Cartagena (Spain)

LET reserves the right to alter one or more of the Venues and/or courses at any time at its sole discretion.

## 2. DATES

The proposed dates for the Tournaments are as follows:

PRE-QUALIFIER: 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020

FINAL QUALIFIER: 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (the 19<sup>th</sup> January will be played a pro-am where the top 20 from the PQ will have to play)

LET reserves the right to alter the schedule of the Tournaments at any time at its sole discretion.

## 3. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA, ENTRIES, REGISTRATION AND WITHDRAWALS

### 3.1 General

The field for each PQ will be established at each Venue, in accordance with the criteria set out below. The number of players qualifying from the PQ to the FQ, will be confirmed as soon as possible after all competitors in the field have teed off for their first round in the PQ. In the event that any competitors are tied in the final place qualifying score, those competitors will qualify for the Final Qualifier.

### 3.2 Format

The Ladies European 2020 Tour School will be played over one PQ (72 holes, being 4 rounds of 18 holes each, played over two courses – North and South courses in La Manga – being the field split in two) and one FQ (90 holes, 5 rounds). The number of spots available will be confirmed prior to the first round and posted on the tournament notice board.

Participants in the Final Qualifier will play 2 rounds at each of the North and South courses in La Manga, for a total of 4 rounds; the final round will be played on the South Course (the "Final Round").

At the conclusion of 72 holes, the leading 60 players and any tied players in that top 60 will play the final round.

Players that fail to make the cut after 72 holes, will be eligible for LET membership in Category 12a (or equivalent of Cat. 12a for 2020) and will be ranked in final score order. After the Final Round, the top 5 players will be eligible for Membership in Category 5c (or equivalent of Cat. 5c for 2020). In case of

a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> position, a hole by hole play-off will be played immediately after the conclusion of the Final Round on the 18th hole or on any hole decided by the Tournament Director.

Players from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> position will be eligible for Membership in Category 8a. In case of a tie for the 20<sup>th</sup> position, a hole by hole play-off will be played immediately after the conclusion of the Final Round on the 18th hole or on a hole decided by the Tournament Director.

In case of a tie for the first position of the Final Qualifier, a “hole by hole” play off will be played immediately after the conclusion of the round on the 18th hole or on any other hole decided by the Tournament Director.

After the final round, players who have made the cut and finished in position 21<sup>st</sup> and below, will be ranked according to score and be eligible for Membership in Category 9b (or the equivalent of Cat. 9b for 2020). Any player, who makes the cut and subsequently withdraws due to injury or illness, will be offered the last position in Category 9b (or the equivalent of Cat. 9b for 2020).

### 3.3 Eligibility Criteria

All female professionals who are member of a National/International Professional Golf Association or Tour. All female amateurs with a handicap of 2.0 or less at the close of entries.

Each applicant must be aged 16 or over as at the start date of the first round of the Final Qualifier.

#### N.B.

Applicants who are under the age of 18 at the date of entry must: 1) obtain special permission from the LET; and 2) provide parental/guardian consent to the LET, in order to be eligible to participate in the Ladies European 2020 Tour School.

The applicant is required to complete the parental/guardian consent section on their application. The LET will contact the parent / guardian to verify consent by the applicant's parent/guardian to the applicant's request to participate in the Ladies European 2020 Tour School. Provided that parental/guardian consent has been verified and permission is granted by the LET, the relevant applicant will be deemed eligible to participate in the Ladies European 2020 Tour School **PROVIDED THAT** she is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian throughout all the stages of Ladies European 2020 Tour School.

### 3.4 Entries

Even if a player may be exempt to play in the Final Qualifier, pursuant to the exemption categories set out in the LET Members' Regulations 2019 Handbook (as amended by LET from time to time) (the “LET Regulations”), she must enter a Pre-Qualifier. She will be moved to the Final Qualifier list if (and when) she becomes exempt.

The closing date for entries to PQ and the FQ is the 20<sup>th</sup> December (midday) UK time.

Entries are limited to 156 players for THE PQ and assigned on a first come, first served basis. If there are more than 156 players entering the qualifier, a reserve list will be created. Players will be divided in two groups. LET reserves the right to decide how to divide the field, or have all players, depending on the number of entries, playing one course only.

Existing LET members wishing to enter the Ladies European 2020 Tour School, must do so through the members' area on the LET website, using the same procedure as when entering any other tournament.

The entry fee for the Ladies European 2020 Tour School is € 1,275 (including yardage books for the relevant Venue) payable by credit card only (which will be charged at the time of entry). Entry fees are inclusive of entry for both PQ and FQ. The player will not be entered in the field until payment is received in fully cleared funds in the nominated LET bank account.

Late entries may be accepted by LET at its sole discretion and, if accepted, will be charged at an increased entry fee of € 1,600.

### 3.5 Registration

All competitors are required to register for the Tournaments in accordance with the instructions set out below.

PRE-QUALIFIER: by 18:00 (local time) two days before the first round either:

- o In person at the LET Tournament Office on site at La Manga Club – Cartagena (Spain)
- o By e-mail to [tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com](mailto:tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com)

FINAL QUALIFIER: by 18:00 (local time) two days before the first tournament round either:

- o In person at the LET Tournament Office on site at La Manga Club – Cartagena (Spain)
- o By e-mail to [tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com](mailto:tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com)

NOTE: Competitors registering by e-mail are required to go to the LET Tournament Office prior to the first tee time in order to confirm their personal details. Players who fail to meet the 18:00 hrs (local time) deadline may be removed from the draw.

Amateur players competing in the Final Qualifier, who wish to retain their amateur status, must indicate their instructions to LET in writing. The form will be available in the LET Tournament Office at each Venue.

### 3.6 Withdrawals and Alterations to Tournaments

To withdraw from Ladies European 2020 Tour School (or any of the Tournaments) please contact the LET by email at: [tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com](mailto:tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com) or in person at the Qualifying School Tournament Office at the Venue. Applicants that withdraw before the closing date will not be charged.

Members who wish to withdraw after the closing date because during the 2019 LET season they achieved Category 9a or higher for the 2020 season, will be entitled to a full refund, provided they inform the LET before the onsite registration for the relevant Tournament has closed. All other applicants that withdraw after the closing date, will be refunded € 637.50 (50% of entry fee) without exception. A player that, without notification, is absent on the tee at her scheduled tee time or is disqualified under rule 5.3a of the Rules of Golf as issued and approved by R&A Rules Limited and The United States Golf Association from time to time (the "Rules of Golf"), will receive no refund and may incur disciplinary action taking into account the circumstances leading to the withdrawal. Once a player has teed off, she will not be refunded in any circumstances. LET reserves the right to make alterations to the time, date, duration and Venue of any Tournament or other details governed by the Conditions in the event of unforeseen or other circumstances, including (without limitation), force majeure events (e.g. terrorism, inclement weather, strike action, etc), safety and security concerns or decisions from the Company or other competent authority. In the event of such alteration, the Company will not be liable to any applicant or any other person for any costs, expenses or other losses resulting from such alteration (with the exception of the entry fee that will be refunded if the relevant Tournament is cancelled in its entirety and not rescheduled due to any of the above circumstances).

#### Players exempt from Pre-Qualifier

- o LET members in the top 135 from the 2019 LET final Order of Merit
- o Players finishing in positions 6 to 20 on the LET Access Series Official Order of Merit following the final official event, provided that they have entered the Pre-Qualifier by the closing date. If the players finishing in 6th to 20th position are otherwise exempt, a place in the Final Qualifier will be extended to the next ranked player on the official LETAS Order of Merit.

- o Amateurs who finish in the top 25 of the Women's Amateur Golf Ranking 2019 (position based at the time of entry)
- o The leading player from each LETAS recognised tour (Santander Golf Tour, Swedish Golf Tour).
- o Amateurs who finish in the top 25 of the Women's Amateur Golf Ranking 2019 as at the closing date for entries.
- o Former tournament winners, between 2017-2019, on LET, LPGA, JLPGA, KLPGA, CLPGA.
- o Players in the top 100 of the Rolex WWGR (position based at the time of entry)

## **4. PRACTICE**

### **4.1 Practice Days**

The below sets out the proposed practice days for the Tournaments:

PRE-QUALIFIER: 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Practice times will be posted at the LET Tournament Office

FINAL QUALIFIER: 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Practice times will be posted at the LET Tournament Office

Practice times sign-up sheet, if needed, will be posted in the LET Tournament office at the relevant Venue at 8:00am each day.

LET reserves the right to alter the above practice days at any time at its sole discretion.

### **4.2 Practice range and facilities**

PRE-QUALIFIER

- Practice times will be posted at the LET Tournament Office.

FINAL QUALIFIER

- Practice times will be posted at the LET Tournament Office.

## **5. BAD WEATHER**

### **5.1 Pre-Qualifier**

The objective of the Pre-Qualifier is to play four (4) rounds. Every effort will be made to complete the four (4) rounds the PQ during the Tournament dates (including any extension of play into the day after the scheduled final day of the PQ, as authorised by the LET Tournament Director at his or her sole discretion). If, for any reason, LET deems it not possible (at its sole discretion) that four (4) rounds can be completed, a result may be declared if only three (3) or two (2) rounds are possible.

If the LET decides (at its sole discretion) that an alternative course is required, the cut numbers will be split accordingly at the sole discretion of the LET.

### **5.2 Final Qualifier**

The objective of the Final Qualifier is to play five (5) rounds. Every effort will be made to complete the five (5) rounds of the Final Qualifier during the Tournament dates (including any extension of play into 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, as authorised by the LET Tournament Directors(s) at his or her sole discretion). If for any reason LET deems it is not possible (at its sole discretion) that five (5) rounds can be completed, a result may be declared if only four (4) or three (3) rounds are possible.

## **6. LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR RULES**

### **6.1 General**

Each applicant hereby acknowledges and accepts the sole authority of the Company (which includes without limitation the Players' Council and the Board of Directors) to establish the rules relating to 2020 Ladies European 2020 Tour Qualifying School and these Conditions. Each applicant irrevocably accepts that these Conditions may be amended from time to time in relation to, without limitation, changes in the format, conditions and schedule of the Tournaments and the LET qualification rules.

Each applicant hereby acknowledges and accepts the sole authority of the Tournament Director at each Tournament with regards to the conduct of play and shall respect and accept any decision of the officials at the relevant Tournament with regards to the golf competition. Please refer to the LET Regulations (which are incorporated fully into these Tour School Regulations) and to which each player participating in or attending any Tournament must adhere. The Company reserves the right to reject an application for entry to any Tournament at its absolute discretion at any time. Conduct unbecoming of a professional (including bringing any Tournament, the LET or the game of golf into disrepute) or non-competitive performance during previous LET Tour Schools, can be a basis for rejection of an application to enter any Tournament. The Company also reserves the right to retire a player from a Tournament at any time due to her conduct or non-competitive performance. An applicant who is removed from an LET Tour School for any of the above reasons, after she commences play, will not be entitled to any refund of entry fees.

Any player either scoring more than: +16 after the first round; + 30 after the second round; or +42 after the third round; or otherwise deemed by LET (at its sole discretion) to be performing noncompetitively, will be retired and not offered membership of the LET. The Company reserves the right to reject the entry of any player that the Company considers performed non-competitively in the preceding LET Tour School. In the Pre-Qualifier and in the Final Qualifier, the 2020 Ladies European Tour Hard Card will be in effect (see in attachment) and each applicant shall abide by the terms of that Hard Card.

## 6.2 Anti-Doping

A handbook with detailed information on the LET's Anti-Doping policy is available on the entry database when you enter LET Tour School. Each applicant is responsible for her familiarisation and understanding of the terms set out therein.

The LET Anti-Doping policy was developed to protect the integrity inherent in the sport of golf and in consideration of the health and safety of all competitors. All applicants agree to submit to anti-doping testing, which will be conducted by, or on behalf of, the Company in accordance with the Anti-Doping policy applicable at the time. Each applicant agrees that all the disciplinary proceedings and/or disputes that may arise as a result of any such anti-doping testing, shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of the Anti-Doping policy.

## 6.3 Conduct and dress regulation

All applicants must conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Ethics set out in the LET Regulations, which are available on the entry database when you enter LET Tour School. Copies of the Code of Ethics are available at the LET Tournament Office at each Venue and on request (by email to: [tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com](mailto:tourschool@ladieseuropeantour.com)). In the event of any breach by the applicant of any provisions in the Code of Ethics, the relevant applicant shall pay a fine to the LET as prescribed in the Code of Ethics section of the LET Regulations. Please note that jeans are not acceptable dress at any time or for any reason at the Venues during any Tournament.

## 7. YARDAGE BOOKS

Upon Entry to Ladies European 2020 Tour School, players will receive complimentary yardage book to each course they play. If any player wishes to buy additional yardage books, they will be available at the LET Tournament Office at the relevant Venue at a price of €25 (or 20 GBP).

## 8. CADDIES

There is no restriction on the use of caddies at the Tournaments save that no competitor may caddie for any other player whilst still participating in the PQ or FQ (therefore only a player who has withdrawn,

been disqualified or missed the cut, can act as a caddie for another player during any subsequent round).

For the duration of the relevant Tournament, caddies are not permitted to:

- o Use practice facilities
- o Play golf at the relevant Venue of the PQ and/or Final Qualifier
- o Wear jeans, tracksuit/jogging suit/sweat suit bottoms or beach shorts (tailored shorts only may be worn)
- o Wear footwear that may leave an impression on the green. Footwear must be flat soled and without dimples. Golf shoes (with spikes – including soft-spikes) are not permitted to walk on the greens.
- o Use mobile phones or other smart technology (e.g. smart watches) during any stipulated round.

For further information on what a caddie can or cannot do, please refer to the LET Regulations. Each applicant will be liable for the actions of their caddie and must procure the compliance of their caddy with the terms of these Tour Regulations.

## **9. TROLLEYS**

Pull trolleys are available in limited number and are provided free of charge on a first come, first served basis.

Note: The use of a trolley with a distance measuring device or any device used to gauge or measure other conditions (including temperature, wind speed, gradient etc) is not permitted unless the device is turned off and never used. Players using such a trolley with a device attached and operational will be penalised under Rule 4.3a(1) of the Rules of Golf.

## **10. LOCKER ROOMS**

Locker rooms are available at each Venue. Please refer to the relevant Tournament Fact Sheet for additional information.

## **11. MEDICAL**

There will be a doctor on site at each Venue for each PQ and the FQ. For further information please contact the LET Tournament Office at the relevant Venue.

## **12. PHYSIOTHERAPY**

For the Final Qualifier only, there will be the physiotherapy service available. The treatments will be available at a cost to players and booking forms will be posted at the LET Tournament Office.

## **13. MEDIA & RECORDINGS**

Each applicant attending a Tournament acknowledges that she is likely to be recorded in a number of media and publicly disseminated; agrees that perpetual use may be made, free of charge, of her voice, image and likeness captured whilst present at or about the Venue (by means of live or recorded video display, broadcast, transmission or other dissemination or recording, photographs or any other current and/or future media technologies) and waives, on an irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual basis, all rights to object to such recording and the broadcasting, transmission or other dissemination thereof in any current and/or future media technologies; and acknowledges and agrees that the Company is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights of any nature whatsoever in and to any recordings of sound or images taken within a Venue (including future rights to such recordings or to any works derived from such recordings) and waives, on an irrevocable, worldwide and perpetual basis, all rights (including moral rights) in and to any such recordings.

#### **14. 2020 LET ROOKIE MEETING INFORMATION**

##### **Monday January 20th at 17:30-18:30 at Hotel Príncipe Felipe**

Mandatory Rookie meeting for everyone that plays in the Final LET Q-School and are potential LET 2020 Rookies.

##### **Sunday January 26th at 18:30 at Hotel Príncipe Felipe**

Mandatory Drinks Reception and Welcome Dinner for Category 8a and 9b LET 2020 Rookies.

##### **Monday January 27th at 09:00-10:30 at Hotel Príncipe Felipe**

Mandatory LET Rookie meeting for category 8a and 9b LET 2020 Rookies.

Please bear in mind when making your travel arrangements and booking your flights.

#### **15. GENERAL**

Each applicant irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the collection and processing by the Company, in accordance with the Company's Privacy Policy (a copy of which can be downloaded from the LET Members website), of personal information provided to the Company by the applicant. The Company shall use such personal information for the purposes set out in the Privacy Policy, including for the implementation of these Conditions, for administration, communication, marketing, enforcement and access control purposes. Save as required by the laws of England and Wales, the Company does not accept any responsibility for any loss, theft or accidental destruction of any personal information provided by the applicant or any financial or other loss or damage which may result, directly or indirectly there from. In the event that any provision of these Conditions is declared void, ineffective or unenforceable in any respect by any competent court in any jurisdiction, that provision shall be severed to the extent necessary in that jurisdiction, and the remainder of these Conditions will remain in effect as if such provision(s) had not been included and the validity, enforceability and/or legal effect of such remaining Conditions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. The Company **RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THESE CONDITIONS FROM TIME TO TIME WHERE IT HAS A VALID REASON TO DO SO**. The Company shall notify applicants of such changes via email to the email address as specified in their application form if they materially affect the applicant's rights. For the purposes of safety, security and/or checking compliance with these Conditions, each applicant shall, if requested by the Company or any Venue security staff, co-operate and comply fully with the instructions and guidelines of such authorised person. Any breach of any these Conditions may result in the cancellation of the applicant's application to play in any of the Tournaments, the refusal of admission to any of the Venues, or her eviction from the Venue, in each case without refund or compensation in addition to any other remedy that the Company may have. No failure or delay by the Company to exercise any right (in whole or in part) under these Conditions shall constitute a waiver of that right, nor restrict any further exercise of that right. These Conditions constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no party shall have any claim or remedy in respect of any statement, representation, warranty or undertaking, made by or on behalf of any other party in relation to these Conditions which is not already set out in these Conditions. Any person not party to these Conditions shall have no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. These Conditions will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. Any dispute arising from or in connection with these Conditions or an applicant's attendance at a Tournament will be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company reserves the right to pursue any legal proceedings in a competent court in the defendant's domicile, which proceedings shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.