

R&A STUDENT TOUR SERIES



PLAYER HANDBOOK

Gran Canaria

27 - 29 October 2026
Meloneras Golf Club, Gran Canaria



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Taking place on prestigious world class golf courses, the aim of The R&A Student Tour Series is to provide elite amateur championships to enhance high performance competition amongst the leading student golfers outside of the USA and Mexico.

Players can earn Tour Series Order of Merit points by playing in qualifying events which take place in Ireland, Gran Canaria, Portugal and Spain. The top 42 players (30 men and 12 women) from the Order of Merit after Spain qualify for The R&A Student Tour Series Final in April 2027 over the Jubilee and Old Course in St Andrews.



ENTRY CRITERIA.

The Series shall be open to male and female players who have reached the age of 16 on 01 January 2026, but are no older than age 28 on 31 December 2027 provided that the entrant is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the university or educational institution with which they are internally registered. The following individuals shall be eligible to compete:

- i. A student who has been accepted and is due to enrol in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 31 October in the year of the Series;
- ii. A student satisfactorily finishing their course of study after 1 December 2026 will be eligible until the end of the academic year provided their institution still classifies them as a registered student. Satisfactorily finishing a course of study is not when a student graduates, but is deemed to be when their teaching, research and/or examinations are completed. Suspension of studies is not classed as satisfactorily finishing a course of study. Any student who has their studies suspended must wait until their studies recommence to compete again; and
- iii. A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Study Abroad Course (e.g. Erasmus) is eligible during this time provided that: (a) the duration of the placement/course in industry and/or study abroad is 1 year or less; (b) if the duration is more than 1 year, then the student will be deemed ineligible after the passing of the 12-month mark.
- iv. A student who is either: (a) ranked within WAGR® listing 1 – 4000 (see wagr.com) at date of entry, or (b) hold a Handicap Index® of not more than +0.0 for men and 2.0 for women at date of entry, as issued by an Authorised Handicapping Body. In the absence of a Handicap Index® a current equivalent exact handicap, as issued by a recognised Handicap Authority.

Entrants holding both a WHS Handicap Index and a handicap issued by a recognised Handicap Authority, must enter Series events using their WHS Handicap Index. The penalty for failure to enter a Series event in compliance with this section is disqualification.

HOST VENUE.



2026 HOST VENUE MELONERAS GOLF CLUB

Designed by Ron Kirby and opened in June of 2006, Lopesan Meloneras Golf was the 6th golf course to open its doors in Gran Canaria and the first for the Lopesan Hotel Group.

The course has hosted major professional tournaments, including the Gran Canaria Lopesan Open on the European Tour in 2021 and the 2007 Spanish PGA Championship with great success, showcasing its natural beauty and difficult design.

Against the backdrop of the mountains this golf course offers stunning views out over the Atlantic. Characterised by 9 holes with mountain views and 9 holes with beautiful sea views, three of which are located on the coast itself.

PRIZES.



The prize presentation will take place immediately after play venue to be confirmed.. The following prizes will be presented:

- 1st place - Memento
- 2nd place - Memento
- 3rd Place - Memento

All competitors in receipt of a prize should attend the prize giving and all other players are politely requested to attend.

Players finishing in the top 20 places (Male) and top 10 places (Female) will receive points towards the R&A Student Tour Series Order of Merit 2026/2027. Point values are listed in the R&A Student Tour Series Terms of Competition.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Monday 26 October	Practice Day	1:00 pm to 2:12 pm
Tuesday 27 October	Round 1 (3 balls)	8.00 am – 12.46 pm
Wednesday 28 October	Round 2 (3 balls)	8.00 am – 12.46 pm
Thursday 29 October	Round 3 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last)	8.00am – 12.46 pm
	Prize Presentation	6.30pm

OFFICIAL HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION.

Players and universities participating in The R&A Student Tour Series event in Gran Canaria may take advantage of a 15% discount on the flexible accommodation rates available at Lopesan Hotels throughout Gran Canaria. The discounted rate can be accessed when making a booking directly through the Lopesan Hotels website [HERE](#).

The discount applies to the flexible rate available at the time of booking and is subject to availability. To view the full range of Lopesan properties available in Gran Canaria, including detailed information regarding each hotel's facilities, location and accommodation options, and to make a reservation, please visit the Lopesan Hotels website.

Promotional Code: TOURSERIES26

Discount: 15% off the applicable flexible rate

Applicable Hotels: All Lopesan properties in Gran Canaria

Please enter the promotional code TOURSERIES26 when making your booking to receive the applicable discount. Players and universities are responsible for making their own accommodation reservations and settling all accommodation costs directly with the hotel. Players and universities are advised to review the hotel's booking terms and conditions, including the applicable cancellation and amendment policies, before confirming their reservation.

PLAYER SERVICES.

Water

Filtered/chilled water is available in foyer of the Clubhouse. Please bring a reusable water bottle.

Clubhouse and Players' Lounge

Players will have access to the clubhouse.

Pull Trolleys

Complimentary pull trolleys will be available for players courtesy of the Championship. Please indicate in the entry process whether you would like a pull trolley.

Practice Range

Opening Hours – 7.00 am – 7.00 pm

Players will have access to unlimited free of charge range balls for the duration of the championship (including practice day)

Practice Round

The official practice day is Monday 26 October.

Should you wish to practice outside of the official practice day, please contact the club to confirm availability and cost. To book your complimentary practice round please email Meloneras Golf Club at melonerasgolf@lopesan.com

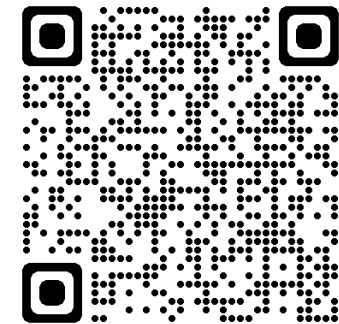
Shuttle Bus

There will be no shuttle bus provided from the hotels to the golf course.



Player Information

All information, including pin positions and course length can be found [HERE](#).



AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND TRAVEL.

We hope the following information and arrangements assist you when planning your trip.



Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers will be available to/from Gran Canaria Airport at a cost of £45 per person per journey. Should you require a transfer please complete this online form [HERE](#) by Monday 19 October at 9.00 am (please note payment by credit/debit card at point of booking is required).



Taxi

SIXT <https://www.sixt.com/ride/taxi/gran-canaria/>

Local Taxis are available at competitor's own cost.



Airports

International and domestic flights operate to Gran Canaria airport within easy reach of Meloneras Golf Club including:

Gran Canaria Airport (36km)
<https://www.aena.es/es/gran-canaria.html>

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