



## 2023/24 R&A STUDENT TOUR SERIES - PORTUGAL

1 – 3 FEBRUARY 2024

DOM PEDRO RESORT & GOLF CLUB

### INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

These notes are compiled to provide you with information about the Tournament - please read them carefully. If you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact Nicki Oxlade, Tournament Director on [studenttourseries@randa.org](mailto:studenttourseries@randa.org)

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## **OFFICIALS**

### **The R&A**

#### **Tournament Committee**

Tournament Director	Nicki Oxlade
Tournament Assistant	tbc

#### **Dom Pedro Hotels & Golf Collection**

Golf Sales Director	Alice Carlota
Golf Sales Manager	Joao Carlota
Booking Manager	Paula Reis
Golf Group's Coordinator	Beatriz Costa

#### **Rules**

Chief Referee (R&A)	Stuart Melville
Portuguese Referee	tbc
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## **REGISTRATION**

All Competitors must register in person with The R&A at the Tournament Office within the Pinhal Clubhouse on either Tuesday 30 January between 15:00 – 18:00hrs or Wednesday 31 January between 07:30hrs and noon and no later than 30 minutes before your tee time.

*WHEN REGISTERING, YOU MUST PRODUCE:*

- 1. PROOF OF CURRENT WHS HANDICAP INDEX or OVERSEAS EQUIVALENT (an electronic version shown on a mobile phone is acceptable)*

## **TRAVEL & TRANSFERS**

### **Airports**

Faro airport is a 30 minute (24 miles) drive from Vilamoura. The R&A will be organizing airport transfers from Faro airport. The approximate cost of transfers will be £25 - £35 each way however this will be confirmed once transfers are booked. Please complete your flight details [HERE](#)

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Rooms in Dom Pedro Hotel Vilamoura or apartments in Dom Pedro Portobelo website [www.dompedro.com](http://www.dompedro.com) are offered at special rates below. To access these rates please either email [vilamoura.booking@dompedro.com](mailto:vilamoura.booking@dompedro.com) or telephone +351 289 300 780 quoting code "2044818 from The R&A".

Dom Pedro Hotel Vilamoura

- special price for single room with breakfast included: 89€ (subject to availability)
- special price for double/twin room with breakfast included: 98€ (subject to availability)

Apartments at sister hotel Dom Pedro Portobelo.

The price per apartment, per night, with breakfast included is:

January/February Studio - (2 pax) 85€

- 1 bedroom apartment - (3 pax) 128€
- 1 bedroom apartment - (4 pax) 136€

Payment deadline for the accommodation:

- Payment must be made 7 days before the arrival by bank transfer or by credit card.
- Proof of payments are required with a reference and names.

Cancellation policy:

- 0% if requested before 7 days prior to the arrival
- 100% if requested after 7 days prior to the arrival

## PRACTICE FACILITIES

The resort has a large grass practice tee which will accommodate circa. 25 people and driving range approx. 300 yards in length.

The practice ground will be open and serviced each day between 07:00 – 17:00hrs.

Players will be provided with 1 complimentary token (50balls) per championship day.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS

The unofficial practice day is Wednesday 31 January 2024 and Dom Pedro Resort have offered a special rate of €59/round from January to 15 February.

Trolleys and driving range tokens to be purchased separately on practice day.

Pull Trolley (5€);

Driving Range 1 token (50 balls): 7€

Unlimited range balls up to 2 hours: 20€

Electric Trolley: 20€

Competitors can reserve a tee time by booking directly with the club [booking@dompokgolf.com](mailto:booking@dompokgolf.com)

## DRAW

The Tournament will consist of 54 holes of stroke play and will take place over 3 days, Thursday 1 – Saturday 3 February 2024. There are 75 Student Golfers, 54 men and 21 women taking part.

One round of 18 holes shall be played on each day Thursday – Saturday (inclusive) over the Pinhal Course.

Day 1 & 2 - 1 tee start 08.30hrs to 13:18hrs (12 min intervals).

Day 3 – 2 tee start 08:15 – 10:39 (12 minute intervals)

The draw for Round 2 and Round 3 will be determined by the leaderboard, with the leaders teeing off last. There will be no cut.

**Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to ascertain their tee time.**

The draw for Round 1 will be emailed out prior to the event and will also be available on Golfbox, the link will be emailed nearer the time.

The draw for Rounds 2 and 3 will be emailed the night prior to the Round.

## QUALIFYING ROUNDS – SCORECARDS

You will receive your scorecard each day from the Starter and you should arrive on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee approximately ten minutes before your starting time. The card must be returned to The R&A Registration / Recording Desk **immediately** after the completion of your round.

## PACE OF PLAY CONDITION

Each player is responsible for playing without undue delay.

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

You will be issued with the Pace of Play Condition when registering for the Tournament. Please pay particular attention to this document as pace of play will be closely monitored. Players in breach of this condition will be warned and, if necessary, subsequently penalised.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Committee for assistance.

## **READY GOLF**

In stroke play, "Ready Golf" should be played, but in a safe and responsible way. Play when you are ready - you don't have to wait until the farthest away player has played. You will be encouraged by a referee to play "Ready Golf" if your group falls behind.

For example, play Ready Golf:

- When the player farther away has a difficult shot and is assessing options
- When a longer hitter has to wait for a green to clear
- On the tee if the player with the honor is delayed
- By playing your shot before helping to look for a lost ball
- Where possible, advise other players that you are going to play first

## **DRIVING CLUB CONDITION & GROOVES & PUNCH MARKS**

The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Conforming Golf Balls and Groove and Punch Mark specifications.

An updated List of the above is available on The R&A's website using the link below;

<https://www.randa.org/explore-equipment>

## **DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES & YARDAGE BOOKS**

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

Each competitor will receive a complimentary yardage book upon registration.

## **CADDIES / TROLLEY HIRE**

Competitors are reminded that caddies / trolley pullers are not permitted during this Tournament.

Pull trolleys: Free of charge (on championship days) 5€ on practice day.

Electric Trolley – 20€

Please be aware this is on a first come-first serve basis.

## **LOCKER ROOMS**

Male and female locker rooms and showers are available for competitors' use during the Tournament.

**Competitors are advised that any items are left at their own risk.**

## **PLAYERS' LOUNGE**

Competitors will have the use of all clubhouse facilities.

## **CATERING**

Catering will be available in the clubhouse at the competitor's own expense.

## **SCORING**

Online scoring will be available throughout the Tournament on Golfbox, links will be emailed in due course;

Live scoring links will be provided to competitors each day and are noted on their scorecard.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

Mobile phones are prohibited on the course (this includes texting), unless for the purposes of calling for a Tournament Referee's assistance or entering your scores.

## **WIFI**

WIFI is available in the Clubhouse Free of Charge. No password is required.

## PRESENTATION

The prize presentation will take place shortly after play outside (venue to be announced) at approximately 16:00hrs) on Saturday 3 February. The following prizes will be presented:

- 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Female Individual – Vouchers for £150, £100, £50 respectively
- 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Male Individual – Vouchers for £150, £100, £50 respectively

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

## TOUR SERIES ORDER OF MERIT POINTS

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 2023/2024. Point values are listed in the R&A Student Tour Series Terms of Competition.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday 31 January</b>	Practice Rounds – Please book in advance	
<b>Thursday 1 February</b>	Practice facilities (driving range/short game/putting)	07:00 – 17:00hrs
	Round 1 (3 balls)	08:30 – 13:18hrs
	Women out first	
<b>Friday 2 February</b>	Practice facilities (driving range/short game/putting)	07:00 – 17:00hrs
	Round 2 (3 balls)	08:30 – 13:18hrs
	(in score order – leaders teeing off last)	
	Men out first	
<b>Saturday 3 February</b>	Practice facilities (driving range/short game/putting)	07:00 – 17:00hrs
	Round 3 (3 balls) 2 tee start	08:15 – 10:39hrs
	(in score order – leaders teeing off last)	
	Hole by Hole play-off if required	
	Prize Giving as soon as play is finished	16:00hrs (approx.)