

R&A STUDENT

TOUR SERIES

PLAYER HANDBOOK

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Le Golf National, France



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THE SERIES.

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 two or more of the four qualifying events which take place in Spain, Italy, Portugal and France. The top 60 players from the Order of Merit after France qualify for The R&A Student Tour Series Final in April 2024 over the Jubilee and Old Course in St Andrews.



ENTRY CRITERIA.

The Series shall be open to male and female players who are at least 18 years of age on the first day of January 2023, provided that the entrant is a fully registered student and the holder of a student card for the university or 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 enroll in the forthcoming academic semester, and commencing study not later than 31 October in the year of the Series;
- ii. A sabbatical officer of an Athletic Union or equivalent;
- iii. A student satisfactorily finishing their course of study after 1 December 2023 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
- iv. 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.
- v. A student who is either: (a) ranked within WAGR® listing 1 – 3000 (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 1(b) is disqualification.

HOST VENUE.



2024 HOST VENUE LE GOLF NATIONAL

The course has hosted the French Open since 1991. It is an important feature in the European Tour calendar. The golf course combines the traditional feel of a links with the modern features of target golf. It has fast greens, vast undulating fairways with a large number of links-style bunkers. It is a test for all level of golfer.

The spectacular final 4 holes surrounded by water make the Albatros one of the finest golf courses in Europe. Many will remember the final stages of the 2018 Ryder Cup which was played on the course.

PRIZES.



The prize presentation will take place immediately after play in the VIP hall of Le Golf National .The following prizes will be presented:

- 1st place - Gold medal and £150 Open Shop online voucher
- 2nd place - Silver medal and £100 Open Shop online voucher
- 3rd Place - Bronze medal and £75 Open Shop online voucher

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

PLAYER SERVICES.

Water

Bottled water will be provided on the course at designated points.

Clubhouse and Players' Lounge

Players will have full access to the VIP hall of the Le Golf National, with sofas and tables. They will also be able to have refreshments and light meals at the Novotel Clubhouse.

Pull Trolleys

Complimentary pull trolleys will be available for players courtesy of the Championship.

Practice Range

Opening Hours – 8.00am – 6.00pm

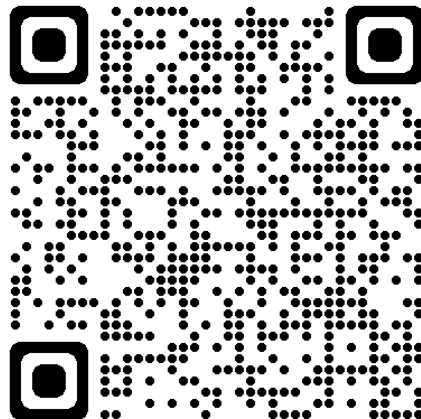
Players will have access to unlimited free of charge range balls for the duration of the championship.

Practice Round

The unofficial practice day is Wednesday 6 March. The cost of a practice round on the Albatros course is 85€. Please call Le Golf National on +33 1 30 43 36 00 to book your practice round.

Player Portal

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



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 6 March	Practice Day	All Day – Must be booked in advance.
Thursday 7 March	Round 1 (3 balls) Women first	8.50am – 1.36pm
Friday 8 March	Round 2 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last) Men First	8.50am – 1.36pm
Saturday 9 March	Round 3 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last) 2 tee start Prize Presentation	8.50am – 11.02am 4.30pm approx.

OFFICIAL HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION.

We are pleased to offer a 10% off booking link to 3 nearby hotels, the player shuttle will run from all these hotels to the course. They can be booked through the following links:

Ibis Styles
Guyancourt

Ibis Styles
Versailles Saint
Quentin en
Yvelines

Greet Versailles

In addition to the players' hotels, other accommodation options can be found online but these would not be covered by the shuttle service.

There is also a Novotel onsite at Le Golf National.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND TRAVEL.

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



Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers will be available at a cost of £35 per person per journey. Should you require a transfer please indicate this during the entry process or email studenttourseries@randa.org



Taxi

AET Taxi - +33 1 30 43 48 48

Paris Airport Pickup - +33 6 38 68 12 72

Local Taxis are available at competitor's own cost.

IMPORTANT ADVICE : Always choose a Taxi with a logo G7 (usually on the higher part of the car's wings)
– Never accept a taxi from someone soliciting you as it is forbidden in France – Taxis have a designated & regulated area at the Airport.



Airports

International and domestic flights operate to several airports withing easy reach of Le Golf National including:

Paris-Orly Airport (33km)

www.parisaeroport.fr/en/orly-airport

Charles de Gaulle Airport (66km)

www.parisaeroport.fr/en/charles-de-gaulle-airport

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