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STUDENT

TOUR SERIES



PLAYER HANDBOOK

Portugal

3 – 5 February 2027
Palmares Golf Resort, Portugal

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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 qualifying events which take place in Sweden, Ireland, 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 r 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.

2027 HOST VENUE
PALMARES GOLF RESORT

Set above the ocean with breathtaking views over the Alvor Estuary and Lagos Bay, Palmares Golf is a truly unique golfing destination. Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., this 27-hole course blends seamlessly with the natural surroundings, offering variety, challenge and unforgettable moments in every round.



PRIZES.



The prize presentation will take place immediately after play. 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.

PLAYER SERVICES.

Water
Bottled water will be provided on the first tee on event days

Clubhouse and Players' Lounge
Players will have full access to the Clubhouse at Palmares Resort. They will also be able to have refreshments and light meals at the Clubhouse restaurant.

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 – 7.30am – 6.30pm except Friday 5 February 7.00am – 6.30pm
Players will have access to unlimited free of charge range balls from 2 - 5 February.

Practice Round
The official practice day is Tuesday 2 February, Practise times are available between 8.30 – 10.00am and 12.20 – 1.50pm. Should you wish to practise outside of the official practice day, Palmares Golf Resort will look at the requests on a case by case basis and this is subject to availability. If you wish to play additional rounds please contact the club to confirm availability, additional rounds will be at a cost of €55. To book your complimentary practice round please call or email Palmares Resort on +351 282 249 880 or email reservationspalmares@palmaresresort.com

Player Portal
All information, including pin positions and course length can be found HERE







PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday 2 February	Practice Day	8.30 – 10.00am and 12.20 – 1.50pm
Wednesday 3 February	Round 1 (3 balls)	8.30am – 1.27pm
Thursday 4 February	Round 2 (3 balls)	8.30am – 1.27pm
Friday 5 February	Round 3 (3 balls) (in score order – leaders teeing off last) Prize Presentation	8.00am – 12.57pm 6.00pm (approx.)

OFFICIAL HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION.

Meia Praia Beach Club Apartments

Accommodation is offered on a bed and breakfast basis at the following special rates:

Studio & 1-bedroom apartments (2 x single beds & 1 x sofa bed)
€85.00 / night - Single
€90,00 / night - Double/Twin Rooms

Palmares Onsite Signature Apartments
T1+1 = €209 per night (can sleep 3)
T2 = €212 (can sleep 4)

Rooms are serviced daily, and Breakfast is included in the rate, served in the main restaurant.
To book please call quoting "Student Tour Series"- Tel +351 910 100 343 or email groups@details.net

AIRPORT TRANSFERS/SHUTTLES AND TRAVEL.

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



Airport Transfers

Airport Transfers from Faro International Airport to Palmares Resort will be available at a cost of £45 per person per journey. Should you require a transfer please complete this online form HERE **(please note payment by credit/debit card at point of booking is required). Please book by 11 January at 11.59pm.**



Shuttle Service

There will be no shuttle service running from Meia Praia Beach club apartments. UBER is available in the area.



Airports

International and domestic flights operate to Faro Airport.

Faro Airport (80km)
https://www.faroairport.pt/en/fao/home

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