

2023 FRENCH TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL FFGOLF – PGA FRANCE

1st Stage: 4th and 5th March 2023

Final Stage: from 8th to 10th March 2023

(For all stages: entries close Friday 24th February 2023 @ 23h00)

PREAMBLE

The French Professional Commission (formed by representatives of the French Golf Federation and the French PGA) will organize the 2023 French Tour Qualifying School ffgolf – PGA France.

The Qualifying School will be opened to the foreign players filling the conditions of eligibility.

At the conclusion of the 2023 French Tour Qualifying School ffgolf – PGA France, the ranking will then allow to determine the categories member players of the 2023 French Tour.

REGULATIONS

1. FORMAT



The Qualifying School will be conducted in two stages of stroke play at the following venue:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dax (0h45) • Bayonne (0h55) • Biarritz (1h00) • Bordeaux Saint-Jean (1h45) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biarritz – Pays basque (1h05) • Bordeaux – Mérignac (1h40)

FIRST STAGE

(36 holes) – 4th and 5th March 2023

The tournament is open to a maximum of **78** players (professionals and amateurs).

This is for all applicants **except** those who are exempt and qualified directly to the **Final Stage**.

Priority may be determined by the entry fee date of payment.

First Stage will be played on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March**.

All applicants are advised that Monday 6th March may be used as a full playing day.

First Stage is scheduled to be played Stroke play over 36 holes.

Minimum 15 players will be qualified to the Final Stage. The number of players qualifying to proceed to the Final Stage will be announced after the start of the first round of First Stage.

In case of ties, a hole-by-hole playoff will determine the selected players. Playoff will take place as soon as possible after the end of regular play.

FINAL STAGE

(54 holes) – from 8th to 10th March 2023

The tournament is open to a maximum of **78** players (professionals and amateurs).

The following players are exempt from the First Stage and eligible for the Final Stage (**automatic exemptions**):

- a. Players finishing beyond 40th place of the French National Order of Merit on the 21st November 2022.
- b. Amateur players who took part in the 2022 Men World Team Championships, Men or Boys European Team Championships.
- c. Players with the "1st series elite" status in 2023 in France.

Attention:

The French Professional Commission can spread out the criteria of exemption of the First Stage (**optional exemptions**), in the number of available spots:

- d. to players who have a category on the Challenge Tour for 2023 (from category 1 to 17).
- e. to players who have a category on the Alps Tour for 2023 (from category 0 to 9).
- f. Players who have a category on the Pro Golf Tour for 2023 (from category 1 to 10).
- g. to former winners of tournaments listed on the French Tour schedule.
- h. to players who had a category on the French Tour in 2022 or in 2023 (from category 1 to 40).

Final Stage will be played **from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th March 2023**.

Players are advised that Saturday 11th March may be used as a full playing day.

Final Stage is scheduled to be played Stroke play over 54 holes.

After 36 holes, the field will be cut down to the leading **40** players and ties who will play the last round.

After 54 holes, players who make the cut and ties will be ranked according to their scores.

All tied scores shall be ranked by the best last 18 holes, 9, 6, 3, and last hole.

The final ranking will determine the member players of the following 2023 French Tour categories:

- **The winner of the French Tour Qualifying School:** Category 17 (access to all the sanctioned tournaments "Challenge Tour", "Alps Tour" and "French Tour" in France).
- **The leading 5 players of the French Tour Qualifying School:** Category 20 (access to minimum two sanctioned tournaments "Challenge Tour" in France and access to all the sanctioned tournaments "Alps Tour" and the "French Tour" in France).
- **The leading 20 players of the French Tour Qualifying School:** Category 25 (access to all the sanctioned tournaments "Alps Tour" and the "French Tour" in France).
- **Players making the cut of the French Tour Qualifying School and finishing beyond 20th place and ties of the Final Result:** Category 34 (reserve category).

Every effort will be made to complete three rounds, but a result shall be declared even if only two rounds are played.

If at least two rounds cannot be played, the Final Stage shall be partially or totally rescheduled.

Program:

First Stage	
Thursday 2 nd March / PM only	Official practice day
Friday 3 rd March	Official practice day
Saturday 4 th March	1 st Round
Sunday 5 th March	2 nd Round

Final Stage	
Monday 6 th March	Official practice day
Tuesday 7 th March	Official practice day
Wednesday 8 th March	1 st round
Thursday 9 th March	2 nd round
Friday 10 th March	3 rd round (top 40 and ties)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- (1) All male professional players.
- (2) All male amateur players, with a handicap below or equal to 1.4 (handicap has to be certified by the National Golf organization for foreign players) at the closing date.
- (3) French players must have taken their ffgolf license for 2023 and provided a medical certificate before trying to register online.

3. PLAYING STANDARDS

Any Tournament Participant who records **a score of 90 or over** in the first round of a Tournament may be retired.

This regulation shall be implemented at the Tournament Director's discretion having taken into consideration prevailing weather conditions.

4. AMATEUR COMPETITORS

The Qualifying School is **not taken** for index management (both stages).

5. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Distance measuring devices won't be allowed during the tournament (allowed during practice rounds). A yardage book in meters is included into the entry fee.

6. ENTRY ONLINE / PAYMENT

All applicants: **330 Euros**.

This payment covers entry fee (303€) and yardage book (27€).

All entry registration and entry fee payment must be done and paid on:

<https://cpi.ffgolf.org/fr/inscription/1308>

Please note that your entry will not be processed until your full entry fee has been received and banked.

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7. ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries will close on **Friday 24th February at 23h00 (11.00 PM)**.

8. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the ffgolf.

If a player withdraws prior to the appropriate closing date his entry fee will be refunded in full.

If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date, without competing, he will be refunded only **180 Euros**. (NB: No exceptions).

If a player is absent on the tee without notification, no refund will be given, and he may face disciplinary action subject to circumstances.

Once an entrant has teed off, refund of entry is not possible.

NOTE: refunds will not be issued until close of entries.

9. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY

Once an application has been accepted, applicants will be e-mailed a confirmation of entry.

The receipt of the payment of the entry fee will be available at the Tournament Office.

The final field of French Tour Qualifying School will be available on **Saturday 25th February** on the official website (<https://fvt.ocs-ffg.com/tic/tmtic.cgi>) and will be sent by e-mail.

The ffgolf is not responsible for your entry and **it is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status in the French Tour Qualifying School.**

10. GENERAL POLICY

The French Professional Commission reserves the right to change or amend the above format, conditions, and schedule of play and also to reject application for entry at any time.

Conduct unbecoming a professional or non-competitive performance in a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of the application to enter by the French Professional Commission.

11. ACCOMMODATION

If you are looking for accommodation at Moliets for the 2023 French Tour Qualifying School, please note that "Pierre et Vacances Villages Clubs" will open especially for us ahead of their annual opening and they will suggest you attractive negotiated rates.

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You can contact Kathy MAURY, accommodation manager, directly by email
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12. JOINING THE FRENCH TOUR

To obtain full membership rights, players who are eligible for membership in 2023 French Tour categories, must have paid their membership fee to PGA France and ffgolf license before the 31st March 2023.

Foreign players will not be included on the French National Order of Merit 2023. They will be eligible to join the French Tour in 2024 categories only by obtaining a category by French Tour Qualifying School 2024.

13. FRENCH TOUR CATEGORIES SEASON 2023

2023 FRENCH TOUR CATEGORIES		Exemption
To benefit of his category the player has to be member of the French PGA with the French Golf Union (ffgolf) license (on March 31st of the current year).		
1	Winners of the French Order of Merit	10 years
2	French Ryder Cup Team Members	10 years
3	French tournaments winners 1. PGA Tour 2. European tour	Current year + 5 years
4	French players eligible for the membership categories 1. PGA Tour 2. European Tour (1-18)	Current year
5	French tournaments winners 1. Challenge Tour 2. Opens with prize fund higher than 100.000 US Dollars 3. Legends Tour	Current year + 2 years
6	French players eligible for the membership categories 1. Korn Ferry Tour 2. Asian Tour (1-19) 3. Champions Tour 4. Challenge Tour (1-17)	Current year
7	French players eligible for the membership categories 1. Australasian Tour 2. Sunshine Tour 3. PGA Tour Canada + PGA Tour Latinoamerica + PGA Tour China + Forme Tour 4. Japan Golf Tour 5. Asian Development Tour (1-13)	Current year
8	Gateways tournaments (see regulations of the mentioned tournament)	
9	Former winner of the mentioned event (a such player must be mandatory eligible for the membership categories between category 1 and category 25 included) and wild card	
10	French tournaments winners of a European Satellite Tour	One calendar year
11	French tournaments winners of the French Tour	One calendar year
12	French Team Professional Members 1. World Cup 2. Seve Trophy	5 years
13	French players eligible for the Alps Tour membership categories (0-4)	Current year

14	French players eligible for the ProGolf Tour membership category 2 (top 30 final ranking 2022)	Current year
15	French players eligible for the Legends Tour membership categories (1-8)	Current year
16	The leading 40 full members finishing within these positions in the final French Order of Merit of the previous official season	Current year
17	Winner of the 2023 French Tour Qualifying School	Current year
18	French players eligible for (= Alumni Satellite Tours 2021): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ProGolf Tour membership category 4 (N-2 only) • the Alps Tour membership category 5b 	Current year
19	French players eligible for the Alps Tour membership category 6	Current year
20	The leading 5 players of the 2023 French Tour Qualifying School	Current year
21	French players eligible for the ProGolf Tour membership category 5 (Top 10 of the Qualifying School 2022, QS I & Top 10 of the Qualifying School 2022, QS II)	Current year
22	French players eligible for the Alps Tour membership category 7	Current year
23	French players ranked from 31st to 50th from ProGolf Tour 2022 ranking (partial category 7)	Current year
24	The French players who took part in the « Stage 2 » of the European Tour Qualifying School of the previous official season	Current year
25	The leading 20 of the 2023 French Tour Qualifying School	Current year
26	Amateur players with the French nationality becoming professional, if selected player in French Team during the European or World Championship for the last or current year	Current year
27	French players eligible for the Legends Tour membership categories (category 9)	Current year
28	The 41st to 60th placed full members in the final French Order of Merit of the previous official season	Current year
29	French players eligible for the Alps Tour membership category 8	Current year
30	French players eligible for the ProGolf Tour membership category 8 (Players finishing in position 11-30 of the Qualifying School 2022, QS I & Players finishing in position 11-30 of the Qualifying School 2022, QS II)	Current year
31	French former tournaments winners : PGA Tour (1), European Tour (2), Challenge Tour (3), Championnat de France Pro (4), Grand Prix PGA France (5), National Omnium (6)	Current year
32	The 61st to 75th placed full members in the final French Order of Merit of the previous official season	Current year
33	French professional players teacher (players having a 2022 French category, having played minimum 3 tournaments and 70% of their salaries result of the teaching)	Current year

34	Players making the cut of the 2023 French Qualifying School Final Stage and finishing beyond 20 th place and ties of the Final Result	Current year
35	French players ranked from 51 st to 65 th from ProGolf Tour 2022 ranking (end of category 7)	Current year
36	French players eligible for the Alps Tour membership category 9	Current year
37	French players eligible for the ProGolf Tour membership category 9	Current year
38	French players eligible for the ProGolf Tour membership category 10	Current year
39	French professional player having a category on an OWGR counting tour	Current year
40	Affiliated player: French professional player having a category " full time " of a recognized Tour, subject to acceptance of the French Professional Commission	Current year
99	A PGA France member player, who lost his category (from 1 until 40) will be assigned the category 99 for one year. (Renewable once) provided that he plays the Qualifying School of a recognized Tour, he didn't commit a serious breach of professional ethics. This category allows playing the pro-ams and completing the field of the French tournaments. The player must send a request to the French Professional Commission before the 31st March 2023.	Current year
100	A PGA France member player who had a category on a recognized Tour for 10 years cumulative and he didn't commit a serious breach of professional ethics, he will receive the category 100. This category allows playing the pro-ams and completing the field of the French tournaments. The player must send a request to the French Professional Commission before the 31st March 2023.	Current year