

2020 FRENCH TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

1st Stage: 9th and 10th March 2020

Final Stage: from 13th to 15th March 2020

(For all stages: entries close Monday 24th February 2020)

PREAMBLE

The French Professional Commission (formed by representatives of the French Golf Federation and the French PGA) will organize the 2020 French Tour Qualifying School.

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

At the conclusion of the 2020 French Tour Qualifying School, the ranking will then allow to determine the categories member players of the 2020 French Tour.

REGULATIONS

1. FORMAT

The Qualifying School will be conducted in two stages of stroke play.

FIRST STAGE

(36 holes) – 9th and 10th March 2020

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

First Stage will be played on **Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March** at the following venue:

Golf Grand Avignon
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→ Montpellier (1h20)

All applicants are advised that Wednesday 11th March may be used as a full playing day.

The maximum field size will be **78** players.

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

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 13th to 15th March 2020

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 25th November 2019.
- b. Amateur players who took part in the 2019 Men or Boys European Team Championships.
- c. Players with the "1st series elite" status in 2020 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, to the:

- d. to players who have a category on the Challenge Tour for 2020 (from category 1 to 17).
- e. to players who have a category on the Alps Tour for 2020 (from category 0 to 8).
- f. to the players who took part in the "Stage 2" of the European Tour Qualifying School 2019, according to tournament ranking.
- g. to the players who took part in the Final Stage of the Alps Tour Qualifying School 2019, according to tournament ranking.
- h. to former winners of tournaments listed on the French Tour schedule.
- i. to players who had a category on the French Tour in 2019 or in 2020 (from category 1 to 39).

Final Stage will be played **from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March 2020** at the following venue:

Golf Club Montpellier Massane

Domaine de Massane
 34670 Baillargues
 France

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→ Montpellier (15 min)

Players are advised that Monday 16th March may be used as a full playing day.

Maximum field size will be **78** players.

The Final Stage is scheduled to be played 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 2020 French Tour categories:

- **The winner of the French Tour Qualifying School:** Category 17 (access to all the tournaments sanctioned "Challenge Tour" and "French Tour" in France).
- **The leading 5 players of the French Tour Qualifying School:** Category 20 (access to minimum two "Challenge Tour" tournaments in France and all the "French Tour" tournaments in France).

- **The leading 20 players of the French Tour Qualifying School:** Category 25 (access to all the "French Tour" tournaments in France).
- **Players making the cut of the Final Stage 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:

1 st Stage	
Saturday 7 th March / PM	Official practice day
Sunday 8 th March	Official practice day
Monday 9 th March	1 st Round
Tuesday 10 th March	2 nd Round

Final Stage	
Wednesday 11 th March	Official practice day
Thursday 12 th March	Official practice day
Friday 13 th March	1 st round
Saturday 14 th March	2 nd round
Sunday 15 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 2020 and provide a medical certificate.

3. ENTRY ONLINE / PAYMENT

All applicants: **290 Euros**. This payment covers entry to **all** stages.

All entry registration and entry fee payment must be done and paid on <https://cpi.ffgolf.org/fr/>

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

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4. ENTRY DEADLINE

For all stages, entries will close on **Monday 24th February 2020**.

5. 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.

6. 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 field of the First Stage and the exempted players to this Stage will be available on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** on the official website (<http://frt.ocs-sport.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 Qualifying Tournament.**

7. 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 (including during the First Stage).

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.

Note: The decision about the new grooves regulation does not apply on the 2020 French Tour Qualifying School.

8. JOINING THE FRENCH TOUR

To obtain full membership rights, players who are eligible for membership in 2020 French Tour categories, must have paid their membership fee to PGA France and ffgolf license before the 31st March 2020.

Foreign players will not be included on the French National Order of Merit 2020. They will be eligible to join the French Tour in 2021 categories only by obtaining a category by French Tour Qualifying School 2021.

9. FRENCH TOUR CATEGORIES SEASON 2020

2020 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	Current year + 2 years

	2. Opens with prize fund higher than 100.000 US Dollars 3. European Senior Tour	
6	French players eligible for the membership categories 1. Web.com Tour 2. Asian Tour (1-22) 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. Mackenzie Tour – PGA Tour Canada + PGA Tour Latinoamerica 4. Japan Golf Tour 5. Asian Development Tour (1-11)	Current year
8	Gateways tournaments (see regulations of the mentioned tournament)	
9	Wild Card and former winner of the mentioned event	
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 2019)	Current year
15	French players eligible for the European Senior 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 2020 French Tour Qualifying School	Current year
18	French players eligible for (= Alumni Satellite Tours 2018) : • 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 2020 French Tour Qualifying School	Current year
21	French players eligible for the ProGolf Tour membership category 5 (top 20 of the Qualifying School)	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 2019 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 2020 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 European Senior 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 (top 21-60 of the Qualifying School 2019)	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 61th 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 2019 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 2020 French Qualifying School Final Stage and finishing beyond 20th place and ties of the Final Result	Current year
35	French players ranked from 51st to 65th from ProGolf Tour 2019 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 36) 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 2020.	Current year

100	A PGA France member player who had a category on a recognized Tour during 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 2020.	Current year
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