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Dear Applicant,

The IVOBANK PGA Europro Tour 2009

The PGA Europro Tour is about to start another exciting season and whether you have been a member in the past or are thinking about becoming a member for the first time, this is the most important document you need; please find enclosed all the documentation relating to the PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School 2008.

The PGA Europro Tour is the only officially recognized developmental tour in the UK, and one of the leading tours in Europe. In the forthcoming season there will be around 16 tournaments between April and October competing for total prize money of close to £750,000. One of the primary goals of the PGA Europro Tour is to enable players to perform at a high level in order to prepare them for life as a tour professional. The most successful graduate from the 2008 PGA Europro Tour was Irishman Noel Fox who won the Order of Merit with six top ten finishes, including a tournament victory, and earnings of over £26,000. The strength in depth of the Tour was also highlighted by with all of the top four players from the Order of Merit earning more than £25,000.

The PGA Europro Tour also offers several playing opportunities on the European Challenge Tour to its members each year. For example, the top five players who are not otherwise exempt from the PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit at the end of the 2009 season will gain Category 10 membership of the European Challenge Tour in 2010. In addition, members also have the opportunity to play for a selected number of places on Challenge Tour during the season.

Noel Fox now graduates to the European Challenge Tour in 2009. There he will be joined by Dale Marmion, Lloyd Kennedy, Alan Murray and Rob Steele, all of whom make up the top five players from the 2008 Order of Merit.

Over the years many players have graduated on to full Membership of the European Tour with former members like Richard Finch proving himself with a second main Tour victory at the Irish Open in May 2008.

For those who will be first time members of the PGA Europro Tour in 2009, the following points will provide you with some general facts about the PGA Europro Tour:

- Each tournament is 54 Holes of stroke play.
- Each tournament has a 36 hole cut to the top 50 players and ties.
- Prior to each Tournament there is an Official Practice Day and a Pro-Am.
- Regular tournaments have a minimum prizefund of £40,000.
- Each tournament has a two-hour TV highlights package broadcast on Sky Sports.
- The entry fee for each tournament is £275.
- The average field size over the 2008 season was 152 with nine different nationalities being represented on Tour, including Zimbabwe, South Africa and Australia.

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For the time being however, the most important thing is to enter for the PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School. Full details can be found on the enclosed literature but in the meantime the main points for your consideration include the following:

- Amateurs with an official handicap of two or less **are** allowed to play PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School **and** retain their Amateur Status throughout if they wish.
- The 2009 Qualifying School entry fee is £395. This includes the annual membership fee for the Tour and covers all stages of Qualifying.
- Having entered Qualifying School, and turned professional either before, during or after playing, you are guaranteed an exemption category for the 2009 season allowing you to enter **all** the tournaments.
- Opportunities to compete on the European Challenge Tour are available to PGA Europro Tour Members through mid-season opportunities **and** final Order of Merit positions.
- All tournament correspondence will be sent to members via text and email.
- All PGA Europro Tour information is available on www.pga.info and www.europrotour.com. Full player and course statistics can also be found on these sites.

For those of you who are new to the PGA Europro Tour I hope that this has provided you with an insight into the Tour and what it has to offer. If you have any enquiries either now or during the season please don't hesitate to contact the Tournament Department at the PGA National Headquarters on the above details.

In the meantime you will find enclosed the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School Conditions and Entry Form and the Results and Order of Merit from the 2008 PGA Europro Tour.

Your first step to becoming a successful Touring Professional in 2009 starts by sending us the relevant Entry Form attached.

With very best wishes for the forthcoming season.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Higginbottom
PGA Senior Tournament Director

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 PGA Europro Tour – Application Form
 2009 Exemption Categories
 Player Profile Form
 Player Contact Form
 Amateur Status Declaration Form *(to be completed by Amateur entrants only **before** Qualifying School)*
 Category Acceptance Form *(to be completed by Amateur entrants only **after** Qualifying School)*

QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2009
(Including exempt Player Information)

Qualifying School Stage 1

Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 April 2009
Mentmore Golf and Country Club, Leighton Buzzard
Cumberwell Park Golf Club, Bath
Forest Pines Golf Club, Scunthorpe
Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, Colchester

Qualifying School Final Stage

Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 April 2009
Frilford Heath Golf Club, Abingdon

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Conditions of Play
Stage 1

- (i) Players **not** exempt for Qualifying School Final Stage under the categories listed under section 3 will be required to play at a Stage 1 venue.
- (ii) Entrants are asked to number their choice of venue in order 1 to 4 on the entry form. Requests will be honoured wherever possible.
- (iii) In the event of a venue being oversubscribed, priority of course nomination will be determined by the payment date of the entry fee.
- (iv) Stage 1 will be contested over 36 holes of stroke play with 18 holes being played each day.
- (v) Each venue (listed above) will have a maximum entry of 96 players.
- (vi) There will be no cut.
- (vii) The number of players qualifying to proceed to the Qualifying School Final Stage will be announced after all competitors have **teed off** at all four venues, i.e. the afternoon of Wednesday 9 April. They will be divided between the qualifying rounds and will be calculated as a percentage of total entries.
- (viii) At each Stage 1 venue, in the event of a tie for the last qualifying place, a 'sudden death' play-off will be held. Competitors not present when called for the play-off will be disqualified from the play-off.
- (ix) Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, PGA Europro Tour Conditions of Competition and Local Rules and the local rules for each venue, as approved by the respective Tournament Director.
- (x) Friday 3 April is held in reserve at all venues for use in the event of bad weather rendering the completion of two rounds by the end of Thursday impossible.

Qualifying School Final Stage

- (i) Players exempt from Stage 1 of the PGA Europro Tour for 2009 may enter the Final Stage in order to improve their ranking.
- (ii) The Qualifying School Final will be contested over 54 holes of stroke play with 18 holes being played each day.
- (iii) Qualifying School Final Stage will have an entry of 240 players competing over both the Red and Blue courses at Frilford Heath Golf Club.
- (iv) The field will play one round on each of the first two days, alternating between Red and Blue courses, after which the leading 120 competitors (and those who tie for 120th place) will go forward to the third and final round over the Blue course.
- (v) After 54 holes all players will be ranked in categories according to score (See category list enclosed). All tied scores will be ranked by card play-off over the best last 18, 36, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes (in scorecard order) and if still tied, by matchplay from hole 1 of their final round.
- (vi) Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, PGA Europro Tour Conditions of Competition and Local Rules and the local rules for each course, as approved by the respective Tournament Director.
- (vii) In the event of a tie for first place there will be a 'sudden death' play-off to determine the Winner.

By entering any stage of the Qualifying School, all Professional entrants will automatically become full Members of the PGA Europro Tour for 2009 and thus be able to enter all events on the schedule. Entry into the final field of these

events will be based on rankings.

Amateurs who enter Qualifying School and retain their Amateur Status during the event will have the option to either keep their respective category and become a Professional or retain the Amateur Status and forfeit their PGA Europro Tour Membership. An amateur who relinquishes their Membership category at this time may regain it retrospectively at any time on the PGA Europro Tour 2009 schedule.

2. **Eligibility for Entry**

The PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School is open to the following:

- (i) All male Professional golfers.
- (ii) All male amateur golfers with a playing handicap of two (2) or better as recognised by their respective CONGU or Federation Handicapping Scheme.

Note: Amateur Status

It is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status, as approved by R&A Rules Ltd, for an amateur golfer to file an entry for and play in any stage of the PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School provided that, in advance of play, and in writing, he waives his right to any prize money in the competition.

An amateur golfer who fails to waive his right to prizemoney is in breach of the Rules of Amateur Status, but if he is unsuccessful at the Qualifying School, he may apply for reinstatement as an amateur through the R&A.

3. **Exemptions**

The following are exempt from Stage 1 of the PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School:

- (a) Players 51-130 from the PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit 2008.
- (b) Tournament Winners from the PGA Europro Tour between 2002 and 2006.
- (c) Players 2-10 from the seven PGA Regional Orders of Merit 2008.
- (d) Players 1-10 from the PGA Welsh Order of Merit 2008.
- (e) Players 1-50 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (on Thursday 5 March 2009).

Note: Players wishing to gain an exemption from Stage 1 but play at the Final Stage must enter by the closing date.

4. **Entry Fees**

When applying to enter PGA Europro Tour 2009, entrants are reminded that their entry will not be accepted until payment has been received and banked. The entry fees are:

- For all stages PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School **£395.00**
- Fully exempt Player Membership fee **£250.00**

Payment may be made in either of two methods as follows:

METHOD 1 BANK TRANSFER

The PGA bank details are as follows:

Bank: Lloyds TSB, Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield
Sort Code: 30-98-37
A/C Name: The PGA Ltd – General A/C
A/C No.: 02017178
IBAN No.: GB44 LOYD 3098 3702 0171 78
BIC No.: LLOYDGB21191

IMPORTANT: To enable the PGA Accounts Department to identify you as the payee please make sure your name is clearly quoted as a reference by the issuing bank and **include proof of payment with your entry form**. Failure to do so may result in us being unable to connect your payment with your entry form, and thus prevent your entry from being processed.

METHOD 2 CREDIT CARD

If you need more information on how to pay please contact Rhian Shelley, Tournament Entries Administrator on +44 (0) 1675 470 333 or rhian.shelley@pga.org.uk

Applicants will be emailed a confirmation of entry once their correctly submitted application has been processed and payment banked. Further to this confirmation it is the applicants' responsibility to verify his entry status in the Qualifying School. This can be monitored on the PGA Europro Tour section of www.pga.info.

5. Closing Date for Entries

The closing date for all entries to PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School is **Tuesday 17 March 2009**.

Fully exempt players may join the Tour, and therefore receive their Membership Category, at any time.

6. Withdrawal Policy

As soon as an application to PGA Europro Tour is received and payment cleared, that person will be a Member of the Tour for 2009 unless an official withdrawal is made as follows:

- (i) If a player withdraws prior to the closing date he will be refunded in full.
- (ii) If a player withdraws after the closing date, regardless of reason and without exception, he will be refunded £300.
- (iii) If a player is absent on their starting tee without notification of withdrawal, no refund will be given, however no additional fines under the PGA Europro Tour General Members Regulations will be imposed.

Note: Any player who pre-qualifies for the Qualifying School Final Stage and subsequently withdraws before the first round will not be refunded any of their entry fee. Such a person will gain the last ranking in Category 12.

7. Regulations

All applicants must abide by the provisions of the PGA Europro Tour General Regulations Booklet. This publication is available from PGA Europro Tour Headquarters or at any Qualifying School venue.

8. Qualifying School Prizefunds

Stage 1 (£1,000 at all 4 venues)

- 1. £300
- 2. £250
- 3. £200
- 4. £150
- 5. £100

Final Stage (£16,000)

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| 1. £2,400 | 6. £1,120 | 11. £640 |
| 2. £2,000 | 7. £960 | 12. £600 |
| 3. £1,600 | 8. £880 | 13. £560 |
| 4. £1,440 | 9. £800 | 14. £520 |
| 5. £1,280 | 10. £720 | 15. £480 |

Non-UK taxpayers (including the Irish Republic) are subject to withholding tax on all prize money won. All prize money is subject to 5% PGA Europro Tour levy.

9. Addresses

Stage 1

Mentmore Golf and Country Club

Mentmore
Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
LU7 0UA
Tel: +44 (0) 1296 662 020
Web: www.mentmoregolf.co.uk

Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club

Keepers Lane
Leavenheath, Colchester
CO6 4PZ
Tel: +44 (0) 1206 262 836
Web: www.stokebynaylandgolfclub.co.uk

Forest Pines Golf Club

Ermine Street, Brigg
DN20 0AQ
Tel: +44 (0) 1652 650 756
Web: www.forestpines.co.uk

Cumberwell Park Golf Club

Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire
BA15 2PQ
Tel: +44 (0) 1225 863 322
Web: www.cumberwellpark.com

Final Stage

Frilford Heath Golf Club

Frilford Heath, Abingdon
OX13 5NW
Tel: +44 (0) 1865 390 864
Web: www.frilfordheath.co.uk

APPLICATION FORM

QUALIFYING SCHOOL CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Tuesday 17 March 2009

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Full Name Representing

Nationality (If UK please specify ENG, WAL, SCO or NIR) Mobile Tel. No.

Date of Birth Home Tel No.

Mailing Address

..... Postcode

Email Address

IMPORTANT: All tournament correspondence will be sent via email

STATUS (Please tick ONE)

- (i) Professional
- (ii) Amateur Current Handicap^
- ^ Current Handicap certificates **must** be included with this form. Entries made without certificates will be rejected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- (i) Are you a Member of the Professional Golfers' Association? YES NO
- (ii) Have you been a PGA Europro Tour Member in the past YES NO

STAGE 1 VENUE PREFERENCE, FINAL STAGE EXEMPTION OR FULLY EXEMPT PLAYER CATEGORIES

Please number the boxes 1-4 in order of preference (1 being first choice, 4 being last choice)

- (i) Mentmore Golf and Country Club
- (ii) Cumberwell Park
- (iii) Forest Pines Golf Club
- (iv) Stoke by Nayland Golf Club

OR

I claim exemption from Stage 1 under Clause.....: (See section 3 of Entry Conditions)

- (a) Players 51-130 from the PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit 2008.
- or
- (b) Tournament Winners from the PGA Europro Tour between 2002 and 2006.
- or
- (c) Players 2-10 from the seven PGA Regional Orders of Merit 2008.
- or
- (d) Players 1-10 from the PGA Welsh Order of Merit 2008.
- or
- (e) Players 1-50 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (on Thursday 5th March 2009).

OR

I am a fully exempt player and wish to join the Tour (Please state Category, see enclosed list)

- (Category 1) Players 1 to 50 from the 2008 PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit
- (Category 2) 2007, 2008 and 2009 Tournament Winners on the PGA Europro Tour
- (Category 6) The 2008 PGA Club Professional Champion and PGA National Assistants Champion and the Winners of the seven 2008 PGA Regional Final Orders of Merit and the 2008 Welsh Order of Merit
- (Category 9) Players holding categories 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 on the 2008 European Tour and Players holding categories 1-13 on the 2009 Challenge Tour
- (Category 10) Players 51-80 from the 2008 PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENTRANT

I agree to the General Regulations of the PGA Europro Tour and all other decisions made by and on behalf of the PGA Europro Tour.

Signed.....

Date.....

ENTRY FEES

Please refer to Section 4 of the Entry Conditions for further details.

- For all stages PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School **£395.00**
- Fully exempt Player Membership fee **£250.00**

METHOD 1

Payment by Bank Transfer*

* Your entry will **only** be processed once the name on this application corresponds with a successful transfer of funds.

OR

METHOD 2

Payment by Credit Card**

Type of card..... Name (If different).....

Card No..... Valid From.....Expiry Date.....

Issue No (Switch Only)..... Signature (As it appears on Card).....

Please use these details for my Tournament entry fees until further WRITTEN notice (Tick)

** A 3% charge will be made on all Credit Card transactions or 50p charge for Switch or Debit cards

The entry form will be returned if it is not legible, completed in full and/or accompanied by the relevant payment details.

BANK DETAILS FOR PRIZE WINNINGS (All prize winnings are paid by bank transfer*)**

Bank Name

Branch address

Sort Code Account No.

IBAN No. BIC No.

IBAN and BIC details are essential if overseas accounts are to be credited with prize winnings.

Account Name..... Signed..... Date.....

If payment is required to a building society, the bank details required above are of the bank branch of the building society and the details below need to be completed. If in doubt please contact your building society.

Building Society Name Roll Number

Account Number Sort Code

IBAN No. BIC No.

IBAN and BIC details are essential if overseas accounts are to be credited with prize winnings.

*** This information will be used by the PGA Europro Tour until further notice. Any changes required must be notified to the above address in writing.

Send completed entry form & payment (by post of fax) to:

PGA Europro Tour Entries
 PGA National Headquarters
 Centenary House
 The Belfry
 Sutton Coldfield
 West Midlands
 B76 9PT

Fax: +44 (0) 1675 477 888

PGA USE	£395.00 Paid	£250.00 Paid	TMS.	Date



EXEMPTION CATEGORIES 2009

The following categories apply to players who have taken up Membership of the 2009 season:

1. Players 1 to 50 from the 2008 PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit
2. 2007, 2008 and 2009 Tournament Winners on the PGA Europro Tour
3. Players 1 to 30, and ties, from the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School
4. 12 Sponsors Invites – Regular events only (This figure may increase to 24 for overseas events)
5. The top 10 from the previous tournament (Regular events only)
6. The 2008 PGA Professional Champion and PGA Assistants' Champion, the Winners of the seven 2008 PGA Regional Final Orders of Merit and the 2008 Welsh Order of Merit
7. Top 5 players from the Top 50 in the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt
8. Players 31 – 120 from the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School
9. Players holding categories 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 on the 2008 European Tour and Players holding categories 1 – 13 on the 2009 Challenge Tour
10. Players 51 – 80 from the 2008 PGA Europro Tour Order of Merit
11. Players 2 – 10 from the 2008 Order of Merit of the PGA Region in which the tournament is played (Regular tournaments only)
12. Players 121 – 240 from the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School
13. Players eliminated at Stage 1 of the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School
14. Unranked Members
 - a) Affiliated Members – Ranking will be according to date of joining
 - b) Temporary Members



PLAYER PROFILE FORM 2009

The following information will be used by the PGA Europro Tour Press department only.

Name

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Nationality

Now Living

Nick Name

Representing

Year Turned Pro

Ball Used

Honours & Highlights As A Pro

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Honours & Highlights As An Amateur

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Interests Outside Golf

Ambitions

Greatest Moment In Golf

Other Sports Played

Favourite Sports Team

Favourite Holiday Destination

Favourite TV Programme

Favourite Film

Any Other Information Of Interest

Please return as soon as possible to PGA Staff at events or:

**PGA Europro Tour, Tournament Department, PGA National Headquarters, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9PT
or fax to +44 (0) 1675 477 888.**



PLAYER CONTACT FORM 2009

Please use this form if your details on your original application form for Membership have changed.

It is each members responsibility to ensure that the PGA Europro Tour have their correct details on file at all times. Failure in this regard will prevent the Tour from making contact.

Date

Name

Mailing Address

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Nationality

Representing

Mobile Number

Email Address

Note: ALL tournament correspondence will be sent via email.

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Amateur Status Declaration Form 2009

This form is to be completed by **ALL** Amateur applicants who enter Qualifying School.
Please complete as applicable:

Name _____

Representing _____

Please tick one box

I wish to compete as a **Professional** during the 2009 PGA Europro Tour season, including Qualifying School, and win any prize money in the competition for which I become entitled.

I wish to compete as an **Amateur** during the 2009 PGA Europro Tour Qualifying School and waive any prize money in the competition for which I become entitled.

Signed _____

Date _____

*The completed form **MUST** be submitted to the PGA Europro Tour **BEFORE** the applicant begins Stage 1.*

It can be handed in at Stage 1 venues or posted or faxed to:

*PGA Europro Tour
c/o PGA Tournament Department
Centenary House
The Belfry
Sutton Coldfield
West Midlands
B76 9PT
Fax: +44 (0) 1675 477 888*



Category Acceptance Form 2009

This form is to be completed by **ALL** applicants who have played Qualifying School as an Amateur. Please complete as applicable:

Name _____

Representing _____

Please tick one box

I wish to **accept** my Category from Qualifying School and compete as a Professional during the 2009 PGA Europro Tour season. I wish to receive any prize money for which I become entitled.

I wish to **decline** my Category from Qualifying School and retain my Amateur Status. I understand that this means that I am not a Member of the 2009 PGA Europro Tour. However, I am entitled to reinstate this Category retrospectively.

Signed _____

Date _____

*The completed form **MUST** be submitted to the PGA Europro Tour **BEFORE** 12.00noon on Tuesday 14th April 2009..*

It can be handed in at Qualifying School or posted or faxed to:

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c/o PGA Tournament Department
Centenary House
The Belfry
Sutton Coldfield
West Midlands
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