

## **SANTANDER GOLF TOUR 2024**

### **Rules & Conditions**

*(Updated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2024)*

**PARTICIPANTS:** A maximum of 60 female players may participate in each of the tour events -except for those belonging to LETAS- and meet one of the following requirements:

- Have a valid golf professional license.
- Have an amateur golf license with a handicap lower than 4.5 on the closing date of the corresponding tournament.
- Have a valid instructor's license, assistant teacher, teacher or golf coach license.

\*\* Players with a non-Spanish golf license must prove their condition - both professional and amateur - through an official document of their corresponding federation or PGA.

**FORMAT:** The tournaments will be played on 36 holes Stroke Play in two consecutive 18-hole rounds each day. All players (both professional and amateur) will tee off from the official tee-markers set up by Santander Tour Officials.

All rounds of the Santander Golf Tour will be valid for obtaining the required professional player license in accordance with the approval of the Spanish Golf Federation.

**REDUCTION OR SUSPENSION OF PLAY:** If, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, adverse weather conditions or any other situation beyond the control of the tournament committee, make the start or continuation of playing impossible, the Tournament Director will postpone play until conditions are acceptable. The Tournament Director has absolute discretion to implement any decision that he deems necessary to ensure the continuation and/or completion of the championship.

In case of suspension of a round, a minimum of 18 holes must be completed in order to consider a valid tournament.

**RULES OF PLAY:** The tournaments will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf approved by the Royal Spanish Golf Federation, its Permanent Local Rules and the complementary Local Rules edited by the Tournament Committee in each tournament.

**TOUR MEMBERSHIP.** A player will be considered a Member of the Santander Golf Tour upon having satisfied the entire quota of the Tour established by the Committee. The Member fee for 2024 will be 210 euros, which must be paid to Deporte & Business through the tour website [www.santandergolftour.es](http://www.santandergolftour.es).

To be included in the Order of Merit of the Tour and be a participant in the benefits derived from it, the players must be Members.

**LETAS TOURNAMENTS:** Those tournaments belonging to the LET Access Series will be governed by the rules of the LET Access Series. To be eligible for an invitation to these events it will be essential to be a player affiliated to the Santander Golf Tour 2024. The request for an invitation must be made in writing to [alicia@deporteandbusiness.com](mailto:alicia@deporteandbusiness.com)

**RANKING:** An accumulated ranking will be established with points that will be updated at the end of each event. This ranking will include both amateurs and professionals.

The points obtained in each tournament will be the equivalent to the economic amount of the corresponding prize multiplied by ten, except in the case of the winner that will multiply by 12 the amount of the prize money.

The counting events for the ranking will be all except the Spanish Championship, as it is a tournament with specific participation limitations.

The winner of the ranking at the end of the year will receive an invitation to compete in the Andalucía Costa del Sol Open de España 2024. The winner will also receive a place in the LET Tour School Final. If she does not achieve the LET card, she will be included in the category corresponding to the position in which she finishes.

The second and third players in the ranking will receive a LETAS exemption, which will place them on LETAS Category 15) “A maximum of six players from LETAS recognised tours”.

In no case these prizes will go to the following classified players.

**ENTRIES:** Entries for the tournaments will be processed through [www.santandergolftour.es](http://www.santandergolftour.es) (private area section).

Entries deadline will end at 6:00 p.m. **14 days before the start of each tournament.**

The entry fees for each tournament will be:

- € 75 for Tour Members.
- € 125 for players who are not Tour Members.

**Note:** It is the sole responsibility of the player to make sure that her registration has been received on time and, once the list of players has been published, to confirm if she has been admitted.

**CATEGORIES:** In case of exceeding the maximum limit of 60 players registered in any of the tournaments, the order of priority to participate will be established as follows:



1. Tour Members.
2. Players in order of ranking of the Tour.
3. Spanish professional players.
4. Players who are members of the LET Access Series by category order.
5. Other players, by order of registration.

The organization will have 4 spots for invites in each tournament.

**WITHDRAWALS:** In the event that a player withdraws before the closing date of entries, the registration fee will be refunded, except for a €5 administration fee. After the closing date for registrations, the total amount of the registration fee will be paid without refund.

**TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** In case that the number of players entered at any given tournament does not reach 15, the tournament committee may cancel the tournament and announce new dates for the event. In case of permanent cancellation, the amount paid by the registered players will be refunded.

**REGISTRATION:** All participants must register for each tournament before 3:00 p.m. two days prior to the beginning of the competition. Registration must be done online by the means indicated on each tournament fact sheet.

**TEE TIMES:** The Tournament committee will establish the tee times for the first round, which will be communicated to the players through the official website and via whatsapp. For the second round, the tee times will be based on results.

**PLAY-OFF:** In case of a tie for the first place, a play-off will be played on the holes designated by the Tournament Committee in advance. In case of not being appointed by the Committee, the normal order of the stipulated round will be followed. The rest of the positions will be classified "ex-aequo".

**CADDIES:** Caddies are allowed in all the events of the tour, unless the rules of a tournament specify otherwise. Caddies are not allowed to wear spikes or cleats, and are required to wear the corporate caddie bib, both in the tournament rounds and in the Pro-Am. It is the player's obligation to return the bib at the end of the tournament. The penalty for non-return is 50 euros.

A participant in the tournament may caddy for another player at the end of her round, but may not give advice. In case of non-compliance, both players may be disqualified from the tournament.



**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** The tournament committee will be in charge of the control of the event and will supervise the application of the regulations. Unless specifically communicated otherwise, the committee of each event will be formed by the director of the tour, the tournament director and the director of the host golf course.

**BEHAVIOUR CODE:** The players voluntarily commit themselves to comply with guidelines of appropriate behaviour to the game of golf and regulated by the Royal Spanish Golf Federation. A breach of the Code of Conduct by the caddie shall apply to the player. The Event Committee may impose sanctions in the event of non-compliance with the Code of Behaviour. Its decision is final.

**DISTANCE METERS:** The use of distance measuring devices is allowed, except in those tournaments whose specific rules contravene it.

**PRO-AM:** A professional player registered for a tournament has the obligation, if required by the organization, to participate in the Pro-Am that could take place the day before the first round of each tournament..

**PRACTICE ROUND:** Players will have the option to play, free of charge, a practice round the day before the tournament -or the day before the Pro-Am if it takes place-. The available tee-off times will be announced in the fact sheet of each tournament, which will be published in the official website.

**PACE OF PLAY POLICY:** Each hole has a maximum time to be completed, which will be available prior to the start of the competition.

Any group which, at any time during the round, accumulates a time greater than the time allowed for the number of holes played and which, in addition, is further behind the group in front of it than the starting interval it had with respect to the group in front of it, shall be considered "out of position".

An "out of position" group shall be required by the referee or tournament director to regain their position within a specified time. If it fails to regain position, times may be taken for the whole group or for individual players. If it is decided to time a group, all players will be informed that the group is "out of position". At the discretion of the referee/tournament director all or individual players will be timed.

The maximum time allowed for a stroke is 40 seconds. An extra 10 seconds is allowed to the first player to execute:

- a) The tee shot on a par 3;
- (b) An approach shot to the green; or
- (c) A chip shot or putt.



Time shall begin to count when the player has had sufficient time to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without being interfered with or distracted. The time allowed includes any measurement of distance, any forward or backward movement and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings.

On the green, time shall begin to count when the player has had reasonable time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair divots and move loose impediments from her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from behind the hole and/or behind the ball is included in the time allowed for the shot.

Time-taking shall end when a group is back in position. Players shall be warned accordingly.

Penalty for infringement:

	1 bad time	2 bad times	3 bad times	4 bad times
<b>Stroke</b>	Verbal	1 shot penalty.	2 shots penalty.	DQ
<b>Play</b>	Warning			
<b>Match</b>	Verbal	1 shot penalty	Lost of hole	DQ
<b>Play</b>	Warning			

In addition to the above, a player may be timed individually without prior warning (whether or not she is "in position"). If her time for a shot exceeds 60 seconds the player will receive a "warning". Any subsequent bad time will carry the penalties indicated in the table above.

**PRIZE MONEY:** There will be a prize fund for the top 20 professionals plus ties. Amateurs, monitors, and sports technicians without a professional player category do not opt for the distribution of cash prizes.

Top 20 players - whether they are professional players or not - will earn points for the accumulated tour ranking according to the criteria established in this regulation.

#### Standard Prize money breakdown

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	3.870 €	46.440	11	591 €	5.913
2	2.580 €	25.800	12	538 €	5.375
3	2.150 €	21.500	13	484 €	4.838
4	1.935 €	19.350	14	430 €	4.300
5	1.720 €	17.200	15	398 €	3.978
6	1.505 €	15.050	16	355 €	3.548
7	1.290 €	12.900	17	312 €	3.118
8	1.075 €	10.750	18	269 €	2.688
9	860 €	8.600	19	226 €	2.258
10	645 €	6.450	20	204 €	2.043



Tied for 20<sup>th</sup> place will receive €204, regardless of the number of players tied.

Prize money breakdown for pairs tournament:

<u>POS.</u>	<u>INDIV. PRIZE</u>	<u>PAIR PRIZE</u>	<u>RANKING POINTS</u> <u>PER PLAYER</u>
1	3.225 €	6.450 €	38.700
2	2.043 €	4.085 €	20.425
3	1.505 €	3.010 €	15.050
4	1.075 €	2.150 €	10.750
5	753 €	1.505 €	7.525
6	645 €	1.290 €	6.450
7	538 €	1.075 €	5.375
8	430 €	860 €	4.300
9	323 €	645 €	3.225
10	215 €	430 €	2.150

Tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place will receive €215, regardless of the number of players tied.

Prize money breakdown for match-play tournament:

<u>POS.</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>RANKING</u> <u>POINTS</u>
1	4.085 €	49.020
2	2.795 €	27.950
3	2.365 €	23.650
4	1.935 €	19.350
5-8	1.290 €	12.900
9-16	645 €	6.450

**PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY:** Top-2 players classified (and tied) must be present at the awards ceremony of the tournament. In the case that a player is not present at the awards ceremony, she will automatically lose her prize money.

**REGULATIONS MODIFICATIONS:** The Tournament committee reserves the right to modify this regulation if it deems it appropriate for the improvement of the competition.

**ORGANIZATION:** **Deporte and Business** is in charge of the organization of the Santander Tour as well as the Tournament Director: Tel: +34 91 3579141. Email: [info@deporteandbusinesss.com](mailto:info@deporteandbusinesss.com)

**PAYMENT:** The payment of the prizes will be made within fifteen days following the end of the tournament. It will be essential that the player sends the corresponding invoice to:

Deporte and Business Sports Marketing, S.L.U.  
CIF: B82884123



C/ Golondrina, 45 - 28023 Madrid

indicating all the necessary data (invoice number, IBAN number, etc.). These invoices should be sent by email to [admin@deporteandbusiness.com](mailto:admin@deporteandbusiness.com)

## **SCHEDULE 2024**

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>PROVINCE</b>	<b>TOURNAMENT DATES</b>	<b>FORMAT</b>	<b>PRIZE FUND</b>
Empordà Golf (Forest)	Girona	17-18 abril	Birdie Challenge	21.500€
El Bosque Golf	Valencia	8-9 mayo	Dobles	21.500€
Izki Golf	Álava	30-31 mayo	Individual stroke play	21.500€
R.G. Pedreña	Cantabria	12-14 junio	Match-play	21.500€
Naturávila	Ávila	20-22 junio	LET Access Series (***)	45.000€
C.G. Logroño	Logroño	3-4 julio	Individual stroke play	21.500€
R.C.G. La Coruña	La Coruña	16-17 octubre	Individual stroke play	21.500€
Golf Santander	Madrid	23-24 octubre	Pro-Am Leyendas (*)	21.500€
Club Zaudín Golf	Sevilla	6-7 noviembre	Individual stroke play	21.500€
R.C.G. Guadalmina (campo sur)	Málaga	4 – 6 dic	Campeonato España (**)	TBC

(\*) *Invitational.*

(\*\*) *Only Spanish Players. Do not count for the annual ranking.*

(\*\*\*) *Tournament with independent regulations from Santander Golf Tour.*