



*VILAMOURA PRO-AM

10TH - 14TH FEBRUARY 2025
VILAMOURA, ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

Eligibility

PROFESSIONALS

The “Vilamoura Pro-Am” is open to all PGA Members and trainees as recognized by their respective National PGA. A limited number of exemptions may be considered provided that the Professional is a member in good standing of an organization that is considered a Professional Member of the International Golf Federation. Any doubts as to eligibility will be decided by the technical committee whose decision will be final.

AMATEURS

Amateur participants must be in possession of a valid handicap certificate.

Tournament Schedule

FEBRUARY 9TH

Arrival and Registration

FEBRUARY 10TH

Official Practice Round at Old Course
Welcome Reception Evening at Pinhal Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 11TH

1st Round at Pinhal

FEBRUARY 12TH

2nd Round at Millennium
Dinner & Party at Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf
Resort & Spa

FEBRUARY 13TH

Final Round at Old Course
Farewell Dinner and Prize-Giving at Hilton Vilamoura
As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa

FEBRUARY 14TH

Check-out and Departure

Registrations & Competitor Briefing

REGISTRATION

- Online team registration via website (<https://vilamoura-pro-am.com>) for Professionals be completed before 23:59hrs (local time) on January 31st, 2025 at the latest.
- It is the Professional's responsibility to confirm their Amateur Team current handicap upon registration and provide an updated handicap certificate, dated within two weeks of the start of the event, either uploaded via the form or provided to the technical committee via email.
- Failure to do so will result in the amateur playing off a handicap of 0.0.

All teams must register in person as soon as they can when arriving at the reception area at the Pinhal Golf Course Clubhouse. If necessary, staff will request handicap certificates to be provided at the time of registration. Registration time 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs on February 9th (local time).

BRIEFING

There will be a Professional briefing at the Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa before the welcome reception on the February 10th. Attendance is MANDATORY for all PGA Professionals only and will cover various procedures for the event.

Conditions of Play

The event shall be played under The R&A Rules of Golf, the Tournament Regulations of the FPG, the Conditions of Competition and the local rules for the The Old Course, Millennium Golf Course and Pinhal Golf Courses, as determined by the FPG Chief Referee.

- Professional Competition (11/12/13 February):
 - The Professionals will compete in a 54-hole individual strokeplay competition, played on The Old Course, Millennium Golf Course and Pinhal Golf Courses.
- Team Competition (11/12/13 February):
 - Teams (consisting of 1 Professional and 3 Amateurs) will compete over 54 holes stableford with the best two scores from the team of four to count on each hole.

The amateur handicap index limit is 36.0 for men and 36.0 ladies. This handicap index will be sloped first, then reduced to a 75% allowance. The resulting playing handicap will also be limited to 28.0 for men and 36.0 for ladies. The World Handicapping System [WHS] will apply to the tournament and each amateur will play from the applicable playing handicap.

Amateurs are required to provide their exact handicap at the time of entry and MUST provide a handicap certificate as per the above instructions.

NOTE: All prize winners will be required to provide current proof of handicap before their team is presented with their prizes.

NOTE: It is the Professional's responsibility to ensure that the technical committee is made aware of their amateurs correct exact handicap.

Prizes:

Amateurs – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Team

In the event of a tie in the Pro-Am category, prizes will be determined by a card countback based on the scores achieved over the last 18 holes, then 9, 6, 3, and last hole.

Professionals

Individual Prize Money: specific prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

- Specific 1st: € 3.000; 2nd: € 2.000; 3rd: € 1.200

Guarantee of €900: minimum amount for each professional in the remaining individual positions

In the event of Ties in the Pros division there will be a sudden death play-off taking place on The Old Course straight after play has finished on February 13th.

Any disputes regarding the interpretation of these Conditions of Competition will be settled by the technical committee and will be binding.

Draws

- Starting times will be sent via email, published on the noticeboard in The Old Course, Millennium Golf Course and Pinhal Golf Course clubhouse and tournament website. The starting times for the three tournament rounds will be published on February 10th in the afternoon.

NOTE: No changes to the draws will be permitted once they are posted and the decision of the technical committee will be final.

Starting & Tees

- All competitors are required to be at their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their starting time. This is to allow the starter to provide pin positions, local rules and additional information to each player. This also ensures that all team members are present and able to start on time.

NOTE: Female Professionals will play from a course that is not shorter than 10-14% than the total course meters of the course played by the male Professionals (yellow tees).

The Chief Referee will vary the tees as necessary to ensure the fairness of the holes and the event.

Tee Markers:

The Old Course	Male Professionals	White
	Female professionals	Yellow
Millennium Golf Course	Male Amateurs	Yellow
Pinhal Golf Course	Female Amateurs	Red

Buggies

Will be provided to ALL competitors (sharing buggies)

Recording of Scores

- The Professional and one amateur will record scores using the Datagolf app. One amateur team member will be responsible for marking the team scores and signing for the Pro's score, using a paper scorecard.
- There will be a Scoring Area on each of the 3 courses. Players must visit the Scoring Area relevant to the course they played straight after play. Failure to do so can result in a disqualification.

Rulings & Doubt as to Procedure

- There will be a Rules Official, on each course at all times to deal with any disputes. If, however, there is no Rules Official present, the player may invoke Rule 20.1c(3) (two ball rule). The player must report the facts to a FPG Official immediately after the conclusion of play. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Distance Measuring Devices

- All competitors will be permitted to use distance-measuring devices provided they measure distance only. If a player has any doubt as to whether a device is conforming, they should seek the advice of a FPG official.

Slow Play

- For everyone's enjoyment we ask for each team to "keep up with the team in front". A Pace of Play will be enforced on the courses.
- It will be the Professional's responsibility to ensure that the team's pace of play adheres to the guidelines of the Tournament Manager. A pace of play policy will be published for each course and must be followed by all participants.

Bad Weather / Play Foreshortened or Cancelled

- In the event of bad weather and an overall result not being possible, the overall result will be decided over completed rounds.

Dress Regulations

- Normal Golf clothing is to be worn during the tournament. Professionals are permitted to wear shorts throughout the practice and tournament rounds.

Officials & Contacts

- Tournament Director: TBA
- Tournament Vice-Director: TBA
- Event Manager: TBA