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# **Golf Technical Regulations**

## **2023 Canadian Deaf Golf Championships**

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## 1. EVENTS

This competition will be conducted during the Canada Deaf Golf Championships 2023 (CDGC) from July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The total of three competition rounds will be played. It will consist of the following 5 categories for individual format:

- Men
- Ladies
- Seniors
- Super Seniors
- Recreational
- Practice Round – Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round – Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Final Round – Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

### 2.1 Invitation to Participate

CDSA will invite legal residents of Canada in good standing to participate in the competition. The CDGC Tournament is open to all deaf and hard of hearing male and female golfers.

### 2.2 Eligibility

Hearing Loss Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes that are deaf and/or hard of hearing. To the contrary, of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) that restricts participation for athletes with a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels, CDSA encourages all participants that are Deaf and/or hard of hearing involved in the Deaf community to participate at the CDGC. We leave the responsibility to Provincial Deaf Sports Associations (PDSA) to explain to their participants if they are eligible or not for events sanctioned by the ICSD.

### 2.3 Age Athletes

Age Athletes must meet the minimum age requirement for each category listed below:

- Men – Between 14 and 49
- Ladies – Between 14 and 49
- Seniors – Between 50 and 64
- Super Seniors – 65+
- Recreational – No Restriction

The golfers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian or chaperone.

The golfers have reserved the right to participate into the different category for better competitions.

## 3. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is responsible for the technical organization of the competition in conjunction with Golf Canada.

## 4. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

The Golf Committee is composed of the Technical Director appointed by CDSA and other members nominated and approved by CDSA:

1. Alain TURPIN - CDSA Representative
2. Grant UNDERSCHULTZ – Technical Director

## **5. COMPETITION VENUE**

The competition will be conducted at The Ranch Golf & Country Club in Acheson, Alberta.

## **6. COMPETITION RULES**

### **6.1 Competition Rules**

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Golf Canada. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail.

#### **6.1.1 Rules of Golf**

Local rules shall be handed out to the players before the start of the competition. The rules shall be written in English and French. The players are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the local rules.

#### **6.1.2 Minimum Number of Entrants**

The minimum number of 8 Men entrants and 4 Ladies entrants.

#### **6.1.3 Maximum Number of Entrants**

The CDGC Organizing Committee shall determine the maximum number of entrants in an early stage of the planning.

### **6.2 Competition Equipment**

All equipment used during competition must comply with the Golf Canada Rules and Regulations.

#### **6.2.1 Golf Carts**

The CDGC organizing will provide golf cart (no charge fees) to each pair.

### **6.3 Competition Clothing**

Traditional golf attire calls for shorts or long pants, in materials like cotton. Golf clubs prefer dressier options for slacks. Pants or shorts often have a pleat to them or can be flat front. Players should always wear a belt with their shorts or pants.

There are no specific manners, rules, or regulations that require you to wear a hat on the golf course.

### **6.4 Competition Schedule**

The competition schedule for all events will be conducted under control of the Technical Director and unless otherwise stated in accordance with the Golf Canada Rules and Regulations.

#### **6.4.1 Discontinuing or Cancellation of Play**

The Technical Director has the right to discontinue the play and/or cancel a round in case of potentially dangerous weather conditions.

#### **6.4.2 Unforeseen Incidents**

In the event of unforeseen incidents not covered by the rules and regulations, the Technical Director will decide. In the absence of the Technical Director, the CDSA Representative will decide.

## 7. REGULATIONS

### 7.1 Practice Round

The CDGC Organizing Committee should also ensure the availability of the golf course for practice on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Each player needs to contact with The Ranch Golf & Country Club to book the tee times between 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM for a practice golf game at their own costs.

### 7.2 Starting Times

The Technical Director is responsible for the starting times. The starting list for the first round for shall be determined by a draw. The starting times must be announced in the afternoon or early evening prior to the start of each round. The starting times shall be published on a notice board where the majority of the players can read it.

The Technical Director has the rights to alter the starting times if deemed necessary. The player is personally responsible for knowing his or her own starting time. The player should arrive at the first tee ten minutes before starting time.

### 7.3 Scorecards

The player must exchange his or her scorecard with his or her marker. It is the responsibility of the player to return the scorecard to the scorers hut, recording desk or another location as determined by the CDGC Organizing Committee as soon as possible after completion of the round.

It is an obligation to have a recording desk in the CDGC. It shall be located close to the finish, preferable with seats and a table where the players can sit down and finish, check and sign their scorecards. In case of any queries, the golfers should consult with the Technical Director before signing and returning their scorecards.

On request by any player, the CDGC Organizing Committee should hand the scorecard to the player after the tournament so he or she can hand it to his or her own golf club.

### 7.4 Penalty Rules

In the sport of golf, a penalty or penalty stroke is an additional stroke or strokes added to a player's score for an infraction of the rules. In stroke play, rather than adding strokes, the usual penalty is loss of the hole except for penalties assessed for relief from a hazard or a lost ball.

1. This rule has been amended. A new lost ball golf rule 2022 states that if a golfer's ball is lost or went out of bounds, they can hit their shot from their relief zone. Which will result in **a stroke penalty or 2 stroke penalty** if they want to hit it from the fairway.
2. If you declare your ball unplayable, you must drop within two club lengths of where your ball is lying but no nearer the hole, again under **penalty of one stroke**.
3. If your ball ends up in a yellow water hazard, you can drop any distance back from the original line it entered the water. This means you can drop it back a few clubs or go 20, 30 or further yards back to find a distance you like. Like the red stakes (lateral hazards), there is a **one-shot penalty**.

## 7.5 Code of Behaviour

Players and their caddies should refrain from any action, in words or behavior, which may be regarded as not sportsmanlike or unacceptable by their fellow competitors.

Any such misbehavior should be reported to the Technical Director, who will decide on the course of action. The decision of the Technical Director shall be final.

## 7.6 Pace of Play

A normal golf hole will take a group of four amateur golfers around 15 minutes to complete. This equates to an 18-hole round of golf taking anywhere from 4 to 4.5 hours.

## 8. AWARDS

Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is responsible to provide the awards. The awards will be presented to the top of 3 golfers in each category (Men, Ladies, Seniors, Super Seniors, Recreational) at the golf clubhouse after the final round.

## 9. SCHEDULES

### 9.1 Technical Rules Meeting

The Technical Rules meeting will be held at Courtyard by Marriott Edmonton West on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00-8:00 PM.

### 9.2 CDSA Hall of Fame Night

The CDSA Hall of Fame Night will be held at Courtyard by Marriott Edmonton West on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00-9:00 PM.

### 9.3 BBQ Dinner

The BBQ Dinner will be held at the clubhouse after the final round on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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