

Official 2009 United States Deaf Golf Championships Player – Waiver and Release of Liability Form

Eligibility

Note 1) In order to participate in this tournament, you must provide documentation on an average score of 100 or better or a copy of your GHIN handicap index card with a 28 handicap or less. What is GHIN? Go visit: www.ghin.com for more information.

Note 2) Because the WDGC doesn't allow Hearing Aids or Cochlear Implants during the WDGC; therefore, we will follow the same rule – Hearing Aids/Cochlear Implants are not allowed during the USDGC play.

Note 3) Because of the WDGC Regulations, a golfer must have a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000, 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard, as established by the DEAFLYMPICS) may therefore be eligible for 2009 USDGC Qualifier for 2010 WDGC in Scotland. Please print out the specific audiogram form: www.usdeafgolf.org/2009USDGC/registration.htm/audiogram.pdf. If you are a first timer, we would highly recommend you to provide a copy of your most recent hearing test, performed by a certified audiologist and mail the copy to:

Joe Rourke, 2009 USDGC Chairperson, 1151 Eagle Drive, Suite #209, Loveland, Colorado 80537

Note 4) If you are under 18 years old, you may participate in the USDGC tournament with an understanding that you must be accompanied by your parent or a guardian (even your friend who is over 21 years old and also an participant) during the week. Contact Susan Zupnik (zup14@aol.com) for further instructions.

Note 5) Winning cash prizes will be distributed, it is your responsibility whether to accept it or not.

I have read and understand the above section. Please initial here _____

Official Media Release

I authorize the media as well as event staff in attendance to take photographs and video of myself for use in coverage of the 2009 United States Deaf Golf Championships on news / media outlets as well as by the United States Deaf Golf Association in promoting the national championship and the USDGA. I will make myself available before and after practice and competition to any media request. I release my image to be used for any coverage of the USDGC.

I have read and understand the above section. Please initial here _____

Waiver and Release of Liability

1) I acknowledge that The U.S. Deaf Golf Association (USDGA), its members, spectators, and players, will adhere to USGA rules. The U.S. Deaf Golf Championships (local) committee, some board members of USDGA, Tournament Director and some helps from a Pro Shop may also be referred to as the *Committee*. All decisions and rulings made by the *Committee* are final. Note that if a Referee has been appointed by the *Committee*, his Rules of Golf-related decision on the golf course shall be final.

2) I acknowledge that the Championships will play under the Rules of Golf (USGA Rules). The *Committee* shall not waive a rule of the Rules of Golf.

3) I should conduct myself in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy, sportsmanship and under *Etiquette* (explained in www.usga.org) at all times. I shall adhere to the *Dress Code* according to the Host golf course and adopted by US Deaf Golf Association. *Dress Code* means Tank tops, T-shirts, un-tucked-in golf shirts, denim shorts, short-shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, jeans, improper earrings (males), body/face piercing are not allowed on the golf course. I am a representative of the Deaf Community of the United States and my behavior will be a reflection on my deaf peers. In breach of this Note, one-stroke penalty/disqualification may result upon on the decision of the *Committee*.

4) I do acknowledge that I shall be responsible if damaging/vandalizing the golf course and host motels in any ways.

5) I acknowledge and understand that the purpose of the Championships is to provide golf competition. If I do not meet qualifying position according to place of finish, I understand that I would not go to World Deaf Golf Championships; however, my name shall be on a waiting list.

6) I do understand that the Championships entail personal risk, including serious bodily injury and even death, and I voluntarily assume that risk. I recognize the physical exertion involved in the event and attest and certify that I am physically fit to compete safely, and I have not been advised otherwise by a health care professional.

I have read and understand the above section. Please initial here _____

I have read and fully understood the above **Eligibility, Official Media Release** and **Waiver and Release of Liability** by signing it. By signing it, I here discharge and covenant not to sue the US Deaf Golf Association from any and all liability, claims, demands, or course of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me.

Your Name (please print clear): _____

Your Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____