



## Selection Criteria for the [Men's / Women's / Men's, Seniors'] USA Team to Participate in 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships at Lihue Hawaii

### Players:

The United States Deaf Golf Association will host a qualifying national tournament for the men, women, seniors in Austin, Texas on June 7 – 12, 2021. This tournament will be held in a scratch competition format of 18 holes per round per day for four days. The rules of the tournament are to be adhered to as enforced by the United States Golf Association. The tournament will be open to anyone who has a handicap of less than or equal to 28. The golfers who finish first to [fifth / sixth] at conclusion of the 2021 - qualifying tourney are automatically selected for the official USA team to participate in the October 15 – 22, 2022 13th World Deaf Golf Championships in Lihue, Hawaii, USA.

Those who finish [sixth / seventh] or higher at the Austin, TX qualifier will be attending the WDGC championships as individuals. **Due to the limited number of entries (144 maximum), there will be priority requirements in order as follows:**

1. Participated at 2021 USDGC
2. Participated at WDGC within the last three competitions at WDGC
3. Participated at USDGC in the past three competitions at USDGC
4. Lastly, anyone who must meet the requirements as individuals (see below)

As another option, this alternate seat on the USA men's, women's, seniors' team can be filled under special circumstances with an individual selected by special vote of the nine-member USDGA Board of Directors. The selected choice under special circumstances has distinguished [himself / herself] in exemplary play at other events such as junior-level or college-level tournaments, or with a consistent record of strong finishes in other regional tournaments over the last several years. The selection of individuals as members of the USA any team for the World Deaf Golf Championships in USA is subject to final approval by the USA Deaf Sports Federation Board of Directors.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for selection as members of the USA team:

**A. Men's Team** – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 10.4 or lower.

1. **Men's Individual** - Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 7.8 or lower (25% below the handicap limit for team members.)

**B. Women's Team** – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 22.4 or lower.

1. **Women's Individual** - Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 16.8 or lower (25% below the handicap limit for team members.)

- C. **Men's Senior Team** - Shall have reached his 50th birthday at least one day before the start of the USDGC tournament.
  - 1. Must maintain USGA / GHIN Handicap index of 16.4 or lower.
  - 2. **Men's Senior Individual** – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 12.3 or lower (25% below the handicap limit for team members.)
- D. **Women's Senior Team** – Shall have reached her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at least one day before the start of the USDGC tournament.
  - 1. Must maintain USGA / GHIN Handicap index of 28.4 or lower.
  - 2. **Women's Senior Individual** – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 21.4 or lower (25% below the handicap limit for team members.)
- E. **Men's Super-Senior Team** – Shall have reached his 65th birthday at least one day before the start of the USDGC tournament.
  - 1. Must maintain USGA / GHIN Handicap index of 16.4 or lower.
  - 2. **Men's Super-Senior Individual** – Must maintain USGA / GHIN handicap index of 12.3 or lower (25% below the handicap limit for team members.)
- F. **Junior Boys** – Must be under 18 years of age on the last day of the competition.
  - 1. Must maintain USGA / GHIN Handicap Index of 18.4 or lower.
- G. **Junior Girls** - Must be under 18 years of age on the last day of the competition.
  - 1. Must maintain USGA / GHIN Handicap Index of 30.4 or lower.
- H. Possess a United States citizenship.
- I. Have a hearing loss of at least 55 dB (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1964 Standard) in the better-unaided ear, as documented on a recent audiologist-certified audiogram, (<http://www.deaflympics.com/forms/audiogram.pdf>).
- J. Possess a valid identity card (e.g. driver's license).
- K. Possess a valid passport for international competitions.
- L. Be a member of USADSF in good standing.
- M. Submit him/herself without any reservations to all doping control policies and procedures of the USADSF, ICSD and World AntiDoping Agency (WADA).
- N. Commit to train year-around from the time of selection to the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships.
- O. Maintain contact with the USDGA Team Director and keep informed about training regimens and competition results from time of selection until the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships.
- P. Sign and abide by the U.S. Golf Association Rules of Golf, the USA Deaf Sports Federation Code of Conduct, USOC Code of Conduct and General Release Forms, and any other applicable forms.
- Q. Last, but not least, they are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and character.
- R. Commit to fundraise to cover expenses for 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships.
- S. Complete the USA Team application packet, which includes providing proof of having or in the process of obtaining a United States passport. Note: The passport shall be valid for at least 6 months past the conclusion of the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships.

- T. Two months prior to the trip to the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships, they submit documentation from medical authorities that they are of acceptable good health and ready for overseas travel and competition.

USDGA reserves the right to conduct random testing for illegal and/or excessive drug/alcohol use. Last, but not least, they are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and character.

**Officers:**

The USA Golf teams will be accompanied by at least one official – Team Director to be selected by the USDGA Board, subjected to final approval by the USADSF Board.

*Team Director:* He/she attends the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships.as the spokesman of the USA Men’s, Women’s and Men’s Seniors team. He/she attends all business functions of the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships on behalf of the USA team, USDGA, and USADSF.

He/she is responsible for all the logistical arrangements for the USA team’s travel and preparations for the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships.

**Replacement Procedure:**

Any player will be withdrawn from the team if, for any reason (including injury or illness), that he is unable or unwilling to maintain sufficient preparations that are necessary for his / her peak performance in the 2022 World Deaf Golf Championships or does not abide by selection criteria requirements. Any player will also be withdrawn from the team if he / she doesn’t satisfactorily perform fundraising duties required by USDGA. If a player is withdrawn from the team, a special selection process is taken by the USDGA Board to fill in the slot.

When a team player delivers his / her withdrawal notice, the USDGA Board will begin to fill the spot with the next best player. If the team player changes his / her mind to return he / she must contact the USDGA Board to see if they spot is still available otherwise, he / she will play as an individual or not.

**Due Process:**

All players have a right to obtain due process in accordance to the USDGA and USA Deaf Sports Federation by-laws if they feel the selection criteria was not followed properly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*

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*Your signature*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Witness signed by USDGA Board Member*