



World Deaf Golf Federation

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St Andrews!

It is less than six months left until we meet again to play in the 8th World Deaf Golf Championships. This time it feels special because we are playing in the famous St Andrews in Scotland!

David Wilson and the others in the WDGC Organizing Committee are working to make the 2010 WDGC to a long lasting memory for all of us! The website is very good; you can find it on www.wdgc2010.com.

Buggies in the WDGC

The Fairmont does not allow buggies (ride-on carts) at the Torrance Course, and the WDFG board has got some questions about buggies in the Men's senior tournament and for those with a medical certificate that allows them to use a buggy.

The WDFG board member Simeon Hart has checked with the Organizing Committee for a solution and got this answer:

The original design for Torrance was for it to be a traditional walking course with the option of employing a caddy. The redesign has not changed this train of thought. We do not have suitable width bridges to accommodate buggies under health and safety, there are many "goat tracks" which were designed for walking only, and which buggy use would soon wear down.

The areas out with the normal playing areas are very dangerous for vehicles and this could result in a serious accident – the Torrance rough areas are very undulating.

Solution:

We could potentially offer competitors who are unable to play without a buggy use.... A buggy / driver option. Basically we will provide them with a buggy and a driver that knows where they are going as they will have to use maintenance paths to get round, this will add a long time onto their round and keep them away from their playing partners for much of the round, will also mean a fair bit of walking if they stray offline – however its an option! We would look to base this as £45 for the buggy and driver [per day] plus tip (like a normal caddy fee with no charge for the buggy).

The WDFG board is not very happy with this solution, but it is better than not having any buggies at all.

In the future WDGC we must ensure that there are buggies available for those who need it.

Error in the WDGC rules

There is an error in the rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships!

The rules for the Ladies Team Tournament say *“Every day, the four best scores in the team shall be summed”* This is wrong; it should be the two best scores that should be summed.

We apologize for the error and will correct the WDGC rules as soon as possible.

Reminders

Here come some reminders:

- Do not forget to check about the visa regulations for travelling to Scotland. It is the player's own responsibility to have a valid visa.
- April 10 is the last day for entering the WDGC.
- May 8 is the last day to send motions for consideration at the WDFG General Meeting. Motions should be sent to the WDFG secretary Anders Hillding.
- May 8 is the last day for Countries that want to bid for the 2014 WDGC to send an application to the WDFG secretary Anders Hillding.
- May 10 is the last day for paying the Entry Fee to the WDGC. Please respect this date.
- May 10 is the last day to send an audiogram to International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD). Do not forget to check with your National Deaf Sports Federation that all the golfers have a valid audiogram registered at the ICSD.
- The membership fee must have been paid to the WDFG prior to the start of the tournament.

If you have any questions regarding the WDGC in Scotland you can contact the Organizing Committee on: info@wdgc2010.com.

Questions regarding audiograms can be answered by Wayne Langbein from ICSD. His e-mail address is: tech@ciss.org

This was all for now.
Happy golfing!

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