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2012 WDGC ENTRY - OFFICIAL

13 nations, 92 golfers

It is less than two months until the first golfer tees off at the Tsu Country Club in Japan.

The Japanese Organizing Committee has now received all the entry forms and has started to prepare for your arrival in October. There will be 92 players from 13 countries. It is a very good number bearing in mind that the handicap limits to participate in the WDGC were lowered after the last Championships in Scotland.

There will be team competitions in all three divisions.

Official Teams	Men's	Ladies	Seniors	Total
Australia	6	2	4	12
Canada	4	1	4	9
Denmark	5	0	0	5
England	6	0	0	6
Finland	1	0	0	1
Germany	1	0	0	1
Ireland	5	0	1	6
Japan	8	5	5	18
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Scotland	4	0	0	4
South Africa	2	2	2	6
Sweden	6	0	0	6
USA	6	4	5	15
Total	55	15	22	92

Anti-Doping @ WDGC

There may be doping tests during the WDGC. Please read the ICSD anti-doping policy at their webpage <http://www.deaflympics.com/anti-doping/>. There you can find a list of prohibited substances and methods.

Media Accreditation

There will be no media accreditation fees at the 2012 WDGC. However, the media personnels must advise the Organizing Committee of their presence. The media personnel are to obtain the 2012 WDGC Media Package. (Please go to the end of the newsletter for the Media Package)

WDGF General Meeting 2012

The WDGF General Meeting will take place at 2.00 PM on Saturday October 6th 2012 at the Hakusan Village Hotel in Mie, Japan. Each member nation got one vote and can be represented by up to two delegates.

There are five proposals from the WDGF Board and one motion from USDGA to bring up at the General Meeting:

Motion 1: Nomination of Board

Proposed by WDGF Board

A change in the WDGF Constitution should be made. Nominations of board members should no longer be accepted from the floor. Instead a nomination form should be sent to WDGF one month prior the General Meeting with the name and background of the nominee.

Motion 2: Amendment of Article 8.3 of WDGF Constitution

Proposed by WDGF Board

'At the close of each calendar year the Treasurer shall prepare statements of income and expenditure and assets and liabilities of the WDGF. Such statements shall be presented to each General Meeting for adoption, after being audited by a chartered accountant qualified in audits'.

Motion 3: Minimum Age

Proposed by WDGF Board

There should be no minimum age to participate in the WDGC, but an addition to the WDGC rules should state that golfers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a guardian.

Motion 4: Fee for officials

Proposed by WDGF Board

The officials and team leaders who accompany a team should pay the WDGF individual entry fee of 15 Euro.

Motion 5: Inspection of WDGC Bids

Proposed by WDGF

A change of the inspection rules for the WDGC. Inspections of the hosts bidding for the WDGC should be made prior to the General Meeting to make sure they fulfill the WDGF criteria. The change would also make the WDGF rules more common with the ICSD Rules for World Deaf Championships.

Motion 6: Buggies for Seniors & Women

Proposed by USDGA

USDGA would like the option of walking or riding for seniors and women to be added to WDGC Rules. This option would be reviewed for each Championship by the WDGC Organizing Committee and the WDGF Board, depending on the golf course. This to be effective beginning this year.

Golf in Deaflympics

At the General Meeting, the Board would like to have a discussion about a possibility of submitting a proposal to include golf in the Deaflympics. Members' input is very important to guide the WDGF Board in its forward planning for next few years in regards to inclusion of golf in the Deaflympics. In order to have golf approved as a demonstration sport at the 2017 Deaflympics and then as a full sport at 2021 Deaflympics, a proposal needs to be submitted by the end of 2012 for the ICSD Congress at 2013 Deaflympics.

2016 WDGC Bid

At the WDGF General Meeting in Japan it will be chosen which country should host the 11th World Deaf Golf Championships 2016. Denmark is the only country that has sent an application for hosting the 2016 WDGC. The bid has been reviewed by the WDGF Board, and it fulfills all the criteria for hosting a World Deaf Golf Championship. The golf course chosen by the Danish bidding committee is the Royal Golf Club in Copenhagen, which is conveniently located close to both the International Airport and the Copenhagen City Centre. The Danish bidding committee will make a more thorough presentation of their bid at the WDGF General Meeting in Japan for the WDGF members' approval.

Dress Code at the 2012 WDGC

In coordination with the WDGC 2012 Organising Committee, the dress code need to be adhere to persevere the integrity and respect at the clubhouses and the hosts.

Course and Practice Areas:

- Proper golfing attire and regulation golfing shoes must be worn by players at all times.
- Steel spiked golf shoes are not permitted.
- Shirts must have a collar or be a golf-style turtle neck design and must be tucked in at the waist.
- Slacks or shorts must be tailored with no draw strings. [Shorts must be plain colour]
- Trousers must not be tucked into socks. [Striped or chequered trousers are OK]
- Skirts may be worn by Ladies.
- Short socks must be predominantly white and not feature a logo.
- Advertising on any clothing is permitted but must not exceed size as per the ICSD regulations ie size that is not greater than a total of 400 cm² in both front and back
- Caddies must adhere to the above, but may wear soft shoes with flat soles.

Unacceptable Attire : Men

Shirts not tucked in, t-shirts, denim jeans or jackets, tracksuits, draw string or elastic wasted trousers or shorts, ³/₄ pants, sand shoes, sneakers, runners, thongs and sandals.

Unacceptable Attire : Women

Denim (all colours), track suits or tracksuit style pants, high cut shorts, low-necked singlets, thongs and sporting footwear.

In the Clubhouse & Japanese BBQ Night [Wednesday Night]

Acceptable Attire: Smart casual dress similar to that required on the course is acceptable.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Golfers & Team Managers: Official national team blazer, shirt and tie preferred but not essential
Non-Golfers / Visitors: Smart casual – Jacket and tie preferred but not essential



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Media Accreditation Package



The Media Accreditation package consists three documents:

1. Media information on the WDFG, WDGC, and the hosting committee.
2. Media Accreditation Application
3. Media Accreditation Agreement

Source:

1. www.worlddeafgolf.com
2. www.2012wdgcjapan.com

Contact:

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2012 WDGC: Organizing Committee, jdga@gsi-inc.cc

MEDIA INFORMATION

The Establishment

The World Deaf Golf Federation (WDFG) was established in 1994 at Battle Creek, Michigan by 5 nations: Australia, Canada, England, Scotland, and the United States. The purpose of the establishment is to oversee the international deaf golf competitions; and the purpose also brought the unifying nations to share their friendship and passion of golf. The WDFG became an Associate member of the International Committee of the Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) in 2007 and has been hosting the international competitions under the auspices of the ICSD since 2008.

World Deaf Golf Championships

The first World Deaf Golf Championship (WDGC) was hosted in 1995 at England. The following championship was in 1998, converted to even year due to the Deaflympics being held in the odd year, and the host nation was the United States. South Africa, Ireland, Sweden, Canada, Australia, and Scotland were the hosting nations of the biannual event. The event started off as a singular championship and the new divisions were added in the later years to include Ladies and Senior Men (min. age 50).

Competition format

The tournament format is stroke play and the best scores in both individual and team competitions determine top three placed winners.

Nations

As of 2012, 17 nations are members of the WDFG. At this tournament, 13 nations registered 92 golfers for the individual and team entries. 55 men, 15 ladies, and 22 senior men have

been officially approved as of July 31st, 2012 as they have met all criteria for the tournament entry. The criteria is meeting the maximum handicap based on the division, producing handicap cards, and being approved by the National Deaf Golf or Sports Federation.

Organising Committee

The 2012 WDGC Organising committee was formed after winning the bid at the 2008 WDFG General Meeting in Perth, Australia. The committee members are:

Honorary President: Tomohiko Asaka (Royal Family of Japan)

President: Masanori Kojima

Vice Presidents: Kingo Sawada, Itoshi Matsumoto

Directors: Chikara Mishina, Seiichiro Yoshii

Secretary: Yumi Taniguchi

Venues

The 2012 WDGC will take place at the Tsu Country Club in the Prefecture of Mie. The location is approximately 750 km south of Tokyo. The golfers and non-golfers are staying at the Hakusan Village.

Schedule

As the time gets nearer to the October week, the times for each day will become official. As of August 2012, this is the most recent schedule. Please visit the WDGC or the WDFG websites for the updates.

Date	Activity
Saturday, October 6th	2:00 PM WDFG General Meeting at the Hakusan Village
Sunday, October 7th	Afternoon - Visit the Ise Shrine for the Championships success. Evening - Opening Ceremony & Banquet
Monday, October 8th	Practice Round
Tuesday, October 9th	1st Round
Wednesday, October 10th	2nd Round; Evening - Midweek BBQ & Cultural event
Thursday, October 11th	3rd Round
Friday, October 12th	Final Round; Commendation Ceremony and Closing Ceremony to follow immediately after the last group completes the 18th hole.

Media Application

In order to have access to the golf course and accommodation areas, ***the media application form*** needs to be filled out and submitted to both WDFG contacts and WDGC contact for approval. The ***media agreement*** must be signed as well. The filled and signed forms may be scanned and forwarded to the emails of contacts.

Any media matters must be addressed directly to the WDGF contacts.

Any infraction to the media agreement or rules will result in the loss of the access to the WDGC venues.

Conduct and Equipment

On the golf course:

- No flash, strobing, or lighting equipment during the competitions
- Telephoto or zoom lens are highly recommended as the media and spectators are to be at least 20 yards away from the golfers.
- Media is responsible for their personnel equipment such as rain gear, umbrellas, protective covers, etc.
- No sudden movements or any other movements other while photographing or video graphing the competitions if you are at 20 yards. At more than 20 yards, the less chance the golfers would notice. No movement is highly recommended during a stroke or putting.
- If requested by golfers, referees, Club personnels, or any WDGC or WDGF officials, please respect their instructions.

Off the golf course:

- Flash photography is permitted, with limitations.
- Ask golfers, officials, dignitaries, and spectators for permissions prior to photographing or videoing them.
- Designated areas may be set up for the photograph sessions and media interviews.
- Interview requests with golfers must be done through the team managers or officials.

Fees

There are no fees for the media; however, in an exchange, the following is recommended as stated in the ***media accreditation agreement***.

1. Photos - 2% of your shots during the WDGC. .jpg format, minimum pixel size would be 1840x1224.
2. Videos - DVD format
3. Promotions or articles - any references or sources to the written media, preferably in the PDF format.

The WDGF has the exclusive rights to the media material for the WDGF website and other promotional materials and for the future use for promotion of Deaf Golf and WDGCs. The individuals or organizations must submit their written request to the WDGF for an approval of the reproduction of the media formats.



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Media Accreditation Application



Please fill in and sign this form for submission by September 25, 2012 at the latest.

Scan the form and email to : ah_wdgm@shaw.ca, wdgm.secretary@hotmail.se, and
jdga@gssi-inc.cc

Name of Organisation:	
Name of Contact	
Media Type - circle that apply:	Photography Website Film/TV Magazine Newspaper Radio Other:_____
Office Address:	
Direct Phone:	
TTY or Oovoo:	
Fax:	
Cell or Mobile:	
Email:	
Website address:	

If the Organising Committee provides the media room and designated areas for interviews, please respect the premises as if they were your own.

What type of equipment will your team will be bringing?

The page 2 of the application is very important and please read carefully and sign the document.

2012 WDGC MEDIA ACCREDITATION APPLICATION - Page 2

Please list all the members of your team that will need media access to the 2012 WDGC:

Name	Nationality	Capacity (photographer, videographer, writer, researcher, etc.)

I, the undersigned, confirm that I have received and read the Media Accreditation Package and acknowledge our team must adhere with the rules and regulations therein. I understand that I must sign and send the **2012 WDGC Media Accreditation Agreement** to the WDF and WDGC contacts together with this **2012 WDGC Media Accreditation Application** form in order to get the approval from WDF and WDGC Organising Committee.

We also understand that our team is responsible for their own organisation to cover the costs of transportation, accommodation, meals, and any related expenses. The team members are personally responsible to insure that they have required documents and permits to travel to Japan for the 2012 WDGC.

Date ____-____-____
DD MM YYYY

Print name of the undersigned:_____

Signature:_____



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Media Accreditation Agreement

We, the undersigned, representing the media company of _____ hereby agree and accept that we are working at 2012 WDGC in Tsu City, Prefecture Mie, Japan under the following conditions:

1. We understand that filming and videotaping is made at our own expense and at our own risk free of any charge to the World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) or the 2012 WDGC.
2. We understand that our media team may not disturb the competitions and athletes competing in ongoing events. We understand that flash, strobe lighting and other bright lighting equipment is not permitted during competitions.
3. We understand that the directives given by the 2012 WDGC for all ceremonies must be strictly followed.
4. We understand that the top priorities for all Media Zones are listed as in order below:
 - a. Official 2012 WDGC Broadcasting Company & Photographer
 - b. TV Broadcasting Company
 - c. Private Film Company /Photographer
 - d. Journalist / National Deaf Sports Federation (WDGF/ICSD Member)
5. We understand that any infringements to these rules will lead to immediate cancellation of the media accreditation.
6. We agree to give the WDGF and the 2012 WDGC, without cost, one copy of the finished product* for publicity purposes within one (1) month after the Championships.
7. The undersigned media entity retains all broadcast and distribution rights for its own production. Prior written permission is required for any duplication and distribution of footage.

DATE: _____ / _____ / _____ (DD/MM/YYYY)

MEDIA ENTITY: _____

FULL NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

*Finished product details:

- Video – in DVD format.
- Digital Photos – Minimum pixel size would be 1840x1224. About 2% of your total number of shots during the Games. (i.e. 1,000 digital photos x 2% = 20 of your best photos.)