

Disability Policy

Preamble

Golf Australia supports the rights of people with disabilities to be involved in all facets of golf including full and equitable participation from grass roots to the elite level. It recognises its social and legal obligations to provide an accessible and inclusive environment for people with disabilities. Golf Australia is bound by the *Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and will act in accordance with the spirit and requirements of the legislation.

Golf Australia is committed to creating pathways for athletes with a disability by breaking down the barriers to participation within the sport of golf through the use of policy development, coach and administrator education, development programs, research, partnerships and extensive promotion.

Policy

1. Golf Australia will take reasonable steps to identify and eliminate unlawful direct, indirect, and systemic discrimination from its structures and practices and will ensure that people with disabilities are afforded reasonable opportunity to participate in all aspects of golf.
2. All Golf Australia employees and volunteers will, within their areas of responsibility, take reasonable steps to remove any barriers which exist to programs and services, and the physical, social, and virtual environment in accordance with the *Disability Action Plan for Golf* which is available from Golf Australia.
3. Golf Australia will provide reasonable assistance to people with disabilities to gain access to its programs and services.
4. Where appropriate, Golf Australia will provide modified rules and practices to ensure that people with disabilities can successfully participate in all aspects of golf.
5. People with disabilities who require services or adjustments have a responsibility to provide timely and appropriate information which assists Golf Australia to fulfil its obligations.
6. This policy will be regularly evaluated and revised using consultative mechanisms and practices to maintain relevant continuous improvement in programs, services and facilities for people with disabilities.