



## USDGA - HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

### ***Section 1: Purpose***

The purpose of the association's Hall of Fame is to honor outstanding deaf golfers and deaf golf leaders who have contributed exceptional service to the sport of golf.

### ***Section 2: Committee***

The Hall of Fame Committee shall have a Chairperson selected by the President, and at least four Hall of Fame members. The Chairperson shall select the four Hall of Fame members with the approval of the President. The Chairperson shall serve a position as long as a person desires. However, the President shall use an authority to terminate the Chairperson's term, if it necessary, and appoint a new Chairperson. The term of the Committee members shall be unlimited. However, it shall be up to the discretion of the Chairperson to dismiss and appoint a replacement of a Committee member.

### ***Section 3: Nominations and Procedures***

The chairperson shall send out nomination forms and criteria to USDGA Board, Hall of Fame committee members and Hall of Fame induction members six months prior to each tournament. Voting will be finalized four months prior to the tournament. Those candidates receiving a majority of votes shall be declared elected into the Hall of Fame. No more than three (3) persons shall be inducted every two years with an exception pending on recognition by the USDGA Board.

### ***Section 4: Requirements for candidates***

A candidate for player or leader must meet in order to be eligible for nomination as following:

- a) have participated in at least twenty (20) regional/state tournaments or five (5) NDGA/USDGA tournaments
- b) have accumulated one hundred twenty (120) points in order to be eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame.
- c) Golfers (at least 45 years old) must participate in at least 5 national golf tournaments before becoming eligible for nomination to USDGA Hall of Fame.
- d) However, exceptional candidates (honorees) with less than the minimum awarded points may be placed on the ballot by a vote of two-thirds of the Hall of Fame committee and USDGA Board. A person must be recognized for the deaf - wide golf community at least five years.

The number of points shall be awarded as follows:

1. NDGA/USDGA Tournament Participant – 5 points
2. NDGA/USDGA Champion – 25 points
3. World Deaf Golf Championship Tourney Participant – 10 points
4. World Deaf Golf Champion – 50 points
5. World Deaf Golf Team Champion - 30 points
6. Regional Deaf Tournament Participant - 2 points
7. Regional Deaf Tournament Champion - 10 points
8. State Deaf Tournament Participant - 1 point
9. State Deaf Tournament Champion – 5 points
10. USDGA Tournament Chairperson – 20 points
11. USDGA Tournament Committee - 10 points
12. Regional Deaf Tournament Chairperson - 10 points
13. USDGA President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member – 10 points
14. Regional Deaf President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer– 5 points
15. State Deaf President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer - 2 points

**Section 5: Recognition**

Each person duly inducted into the Hall of Fame of this association shall receive a plaque in recognition of the honor. A recent photo of the newly inducted member shall be requested. The names of the persons inducted into the Hall of Fame shall be printed in each program book, if any, by the host of the tournament.

**Section 6: Special Awards (Honorees)**

The recognition of the Honorees shall be left to the discretion of the Hall of Fame committee as long as a person must be recognized for deaf-wide golf community for at least five years.

**ARTICLE XII – HISTORIAN**

The Historian shall keep a record of all historical data of this association since the inception, arranged in chronological order. The Historian shall also keep any printed materials in relation to this association. The Historian shall bring all the historical data to tournaments for members and guests to browse through. The Historian shall be a current member of the Hall of Fame and shall serve on the Hall of Fame Committee.