



18 August 2021

Dear Registered Golfers and State Members of Deaf Golf Australia,

Last night the DGA Executive met with the State Reps (via Zoom videoconference) to discuss and reach a final executive decision regarding the 26th Deaf Golf Australian Championships (ADGC) Perth 23-26 October 2021.

We regret to inform you that we have reluctantly agreed to **CANCEL** the Championships for the following reasons :-

- A. COVID-19 cases has surged again in several states (and local communities) across Australia. Lockdowns, border restrictions and quarantine are still continuing.
- B. The vaccination rates are still an issue – and at this time, it is not high enough to warrant a safe and open environment for our golfers or members of the community.
- C. State controlled border and conditions of entry and quarantine continue to change from time to time. The WA's Chief Health Officer monitors the transmission of the COVID virus and continue to update the WA Government regularly to keep WA safe. Information updates are available at the WA Government website:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/covid-communications/covid-19-coronavirus-controlled-border>.

We want to thank WA Deaf Golf organising committee for their hard work in the planning for the 26th Australian Deaf Golf Championships. Naturally we are disappointed with the decision to cancel but know that it is the most sensible outcome given the COVID pandemic circumstances in the last few weeks.

DGA will work towards having the Australian Deaf Golf Championships again at the same WA venue, "The Vines", in 2025.

We will also continue to celebrate DGA's 50 years Anniversary and further discussions with the State Reps will be held at the next month meeting. More details will be announced then.

What You Need to Do

1. Everyone should cancel their flights and accommodation bookings at the Vines Resort. Be sure you cancel the Vines accommodation booking **well before the 23rd September 2021 for a full refund**.
2. Please send me your BSB number for a full \$30 deposit refund. Be sure to send me
 - I. Your name and State
 - II. Your BSB Bank detail
 - III. Your Account number

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DGA Executive and the State Reps have agreed that due to the cancellation of ADGC in Perth 2021 that there will be no golf championships for team selection for the World Deaf Golf Championships (WDGC) 2022. The following will take place:

1. We will invite all DGA members to nominate themselves based on their Golf Australia GolfLink handicap meeting the minimum entry requirements set by the World Deaf Golf Federation.
2. The DGA Executive will work closely with State Reps and hopefully finalise a potential list of qualifying team members by the end of November 2021.
3. Further review of the team member's golf link handicap performances will be monitored over the next 6 months and it is expected that each golfer continue to participate in regular golf competition events possible.
4. Expression of interest for Team Captain and PGA Team Manager for the Australian Team will be announced. More details later.
5. DGA Executive will work closely with Team Captain and PGA Team Manager to announce the confirmed Australian Team in March 2022 (based on their qualifying GA handicap and review of performance.)

New golfers are also welcome to apply – they will need ICSD audiogram (available online) and qualifying GA/WDGC handicap to meet eligibility to become a member of the Australian Team.

Your State Rep will be your first point of contact should you wish to be included for selection into the Australian Team for WDGC 2022 (Hawaii).

Thank you again for expressing your enthusiasm to participate in the Championships. As a consolation, we have decided to use your raffle number for a mystery prize to be announced shortly. Details will be announced in the next DGA Newsletter out shortly.

Keep well and stay safe!

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