

TEAM LEADERS' GUIDE

Golf



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Welcome Message

Dear Athletes and Team Officials,

We are delighted to welcome you to Tokyo and thank you for your participation in TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS.

This guide has been prepared to provide you with essential information to ensure your experience here is smooth, productive, and enjoyable.

We have been working diligently to support all delegations and create an environment where you can perform your best and feel at home. We hope that your time here will be both successful in competition and rich in cultural exchange and friendships.

We wish you a safe, memorable, and inspiring stay.

About this Team Leaders' Guide

Published in September 2025, this Team Leaders' Guide offers a summary of competition-related material about golf competition at TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS and provides a variety of information aimed at helping teams in planning and preparation.

1. Overview

Competition Overview

The golf competition for the Tokyo 2025 Deaflympics will be held at the Wakasu Golf Links from Tuesday, 18 November 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025.

The competition will consist of the following events.

Event	Men	Women	Mixed
Individual	✓	✓	
Team			✓

A total of 64 players (43 men, 21 women) is scheduled to participate in the golf competition.

Participating in NOCs

MEN				
Australia	Canada	Chile	Czech Republic	Deaf Individual Neutral Athlete
Denmark	Finland	Germany	Great Britain	India
Ireland	Japan	Kenya	Mexico	Netherlands
Norway	South Africa	Sweden	Turkiye	United States
WOMEN				
Australia	Brazil	Canada	France	Germany
Great Britain	India	Japan	Kenya	Mexico
Norway	South Africa	United States		

Key Dates

15 October 2025	Final Entry Deadline for Competition (23:59 UTC)
1 November 2025	Deadline for Submission of Final Registered List with Player Names
15 November 2025	Opening Ceremony
16 November 2025	Technical Meeting
17 November 2025	Official Practice Day

18 November 2025 (Round1)	Individual (Men / Women)
19 November 2025(Round2)	Individual (Men / Women)
20 November 2025(Final Round)	Individual (Men / Women)
21 November 2025	Mixed Team
22 November 2025	Technical Meeting (De-Briefing)
26 November 2025	Closing Ceremony

Competition Format

The competition format for golf at the TOKYO 2025 Deaflympics is as follows.

Individual Competition

The Individual Competition consists of a 54-hole individual stroke play for both men and women, as 3 rounds x 18 holes scheduled over 3 consecutive days.

The Individual men's and women's events scores are cumulative from round to round. The player with the lowest aggregate score over the three days is declared as the winner.

Mixed Team Competition

The Mixed Team Competition consists of an 18-hole Foursomes Strokeplay competition in which each pair must consist of one male and one female. Each country is allowed to submit a maximum of two pairs.

The pair with the lowest score is declared as the winner.

Foursomes Strokeplay: The pair combines as a side by playing one ball in alternating order on each hole. Men – tee off on odd holes, Women – tee off on even holes

Tie-Breaking Procedures

For the Individual Competition – Any ties for the first, second or third place will be determined by sudden death play-off(s) as necessary.

For the Mixed Team Competition – Any ties for the first, second or third place will be determined by sudden death play-off(s) as necessary.

Rules

Golf competitions will be conducted according to the following rules.

Technical Regulations

[Tokyo 2025 – Technical Regulations: Golf | ICSD](#)

R&A Rules and Regulations (version: 1 January 2023)

[Rules of Golf](#)

Local Rules (Golf Course)

This will be made available at the Technical Meeting on 16 November 2025.

2.Venue

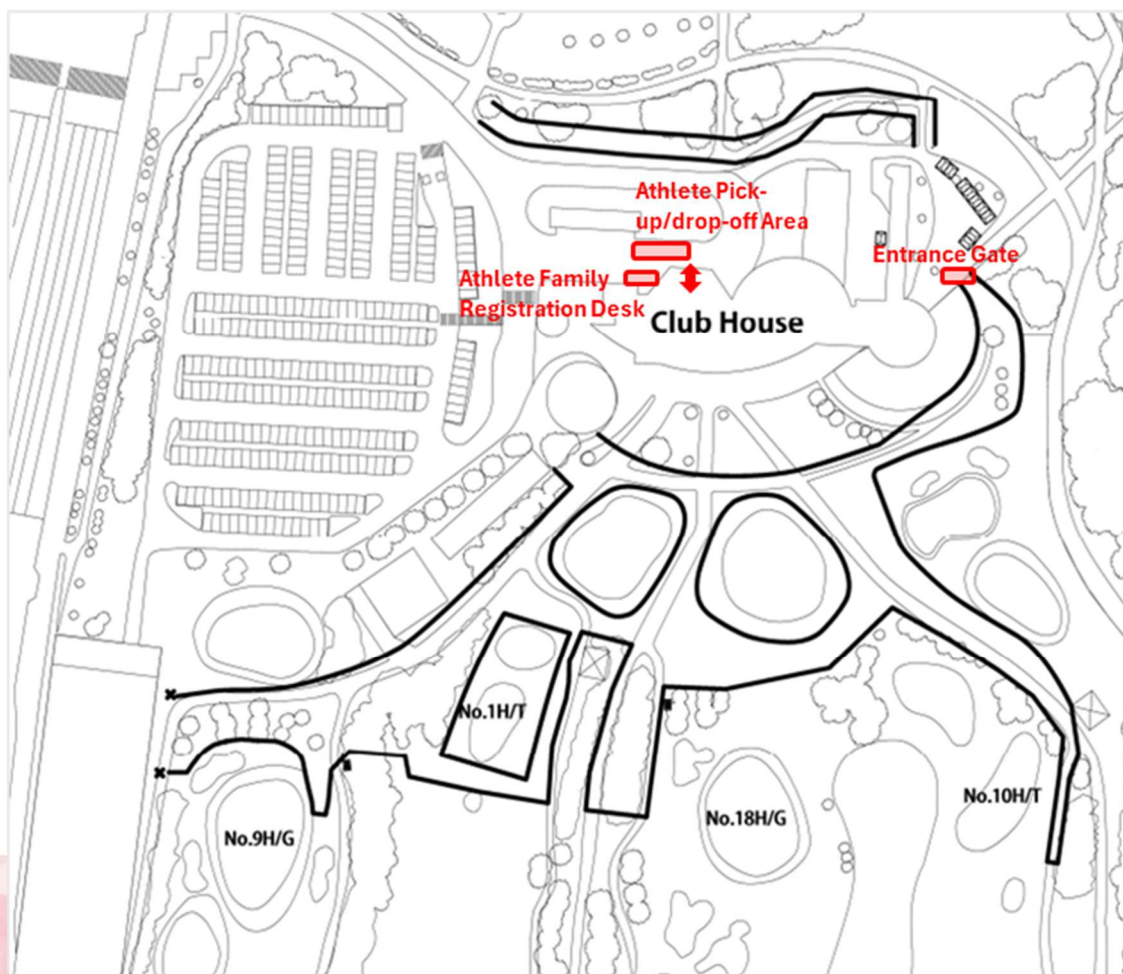
Competition/Practice Venue

Wakasu Golf Links (3-1-2 Wakasu, Koto-ku, Tokyo)

The golf competition for the TOKYO 2025 Deaflympics will be held at Wakasu Golf Links.



MAP (Overall Layout)



Spectator Area

General spectators will be restricted to specific viewing areas: near the 1st tee, 10th tee, 9th green, and 18th green.

Players' families will be granted access to the entire course by signing a pledge at the players' family reception desk in front of the clubhouse. After signing the pledge, they will be given a day pass. Like general spectators, they will pass through the entrance gate and show their day pass to staff near the 1st tee, 10th tee, 9th green, and 18th green to gain access to the course.

Venue Entry

The Wakasu Golf Links clubhouse is open from 06:30 to 17:30.

An ID card must be presented upon entry to the clubhouse.

Access to the clubhouse is restricted to athletes, country team officials (including caddies), ICSD / OC officials, golf course personnel, media, and VIPs only.

Access to the golf course (clubhouse and course grounds) is strictly prohibited during the period prior to the official practice day (17 November 2025).

ID Card

ID cards will be issued at Deaf Square. They will not be issued at the venue.

ID cards are for personal use only and are non-transferable. Please always carry them with you within the venue zones.

Additionally, an ID card is required to board the buses to each competition venue, so please be sure to carry it with you.

If your ID card is damaged or lost, please contact the Games Headquarters immediately. After that, you must personally come to the ID Center (Deaf Square) to complete the reissuance procedure.

Your ID card is required at Starter Hut before every round, to be given your score-card for the day.

Transportation Service

The bus schedule to and from the golf competition venue is planned as follows.

The latest bus schedule will be updated on the team's website ([Transportation Service | TOKYO 2025 DEAFLYMPICS – Games Information –](#)), so please check there.

The boarding and alighting location is in front of the clubhouse.

17 November 2025 (Official Practice Round)

From Deaflympics Square To Wakasu Golf Links		From Ariake Coliseum To Wakasu Golf Links	
Departure Time (From Deaflympics Square)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)	Departure Time (From Ariake Coliseum)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)
05:50	06:30	06:10	06:30
06:30	07:10	06:50	07:10
07:10	07:50	07:30	07:50
07:50	08:30	08:10	08:30
From Wakasu Golf Links To Deaflympics Square		From Wakasu Golf Links To Ariake Coliseum	
Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Deaflympics Square)	Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Ariake Coliseum)
15:30	16:15	15:30	15:55
16:30	17:15	16:30	16:55
17:15	18:00	17:15	17:40
17:30	18:15	17:30	17:55

18 November 2025 Round1-Individual

From Deaflympics Square To Wakasu Golf Links		From Ariake Coliseum To Wakasu Golf Links	
Departure Time (From Deaflympics Square)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)	Departure Time (From Ariake Coliseum)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)
05:50	06:30	06:10	06:30
06:30	07:10	06:50	07:10
07:10	07:50	07:30	07:50
07:50	08:30	08:10	08:30

From Wakasu Golf Links To Deaflympics Square		From Wakasu Golf Links To Ariake Coliseum	
Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Deaflympics Square)	Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Ariake Coliseum)
14:30	15:15	14:30	14:55
15:30	16:15	15:30	15:55
16:30	17:15	16:30	16:55
17:30	18:15	17:30	17:55

19 November 2025 Round2-Individual

From Deaflympics Square To Wakasu Golf Links		From Ariake Coliseum To Wakasu Golf Links	
Departure Time (From Deaflympics Square)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)	Departure Time (From Ariake Coliseum)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)
05:50	06:30	06:10	06:30
06:30	07:10	06:50	07:10
07:10	07:50	07:30	07:50
07:50	08:30	08:10	08:30
From Wakasu Golf Links To Deaflympics Square		From Wakasu Golf Links To Ariake Coliseum	
Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Deaflympics Square)	Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Ariake Coliseum)
14:30	15:15	14:30	14:55
15:30	16:15	15:30	15:55
16:30	17:15	16:30	16:55
17:30	18:15	17:30	17:55

20 November 2025 Final Round-Individual

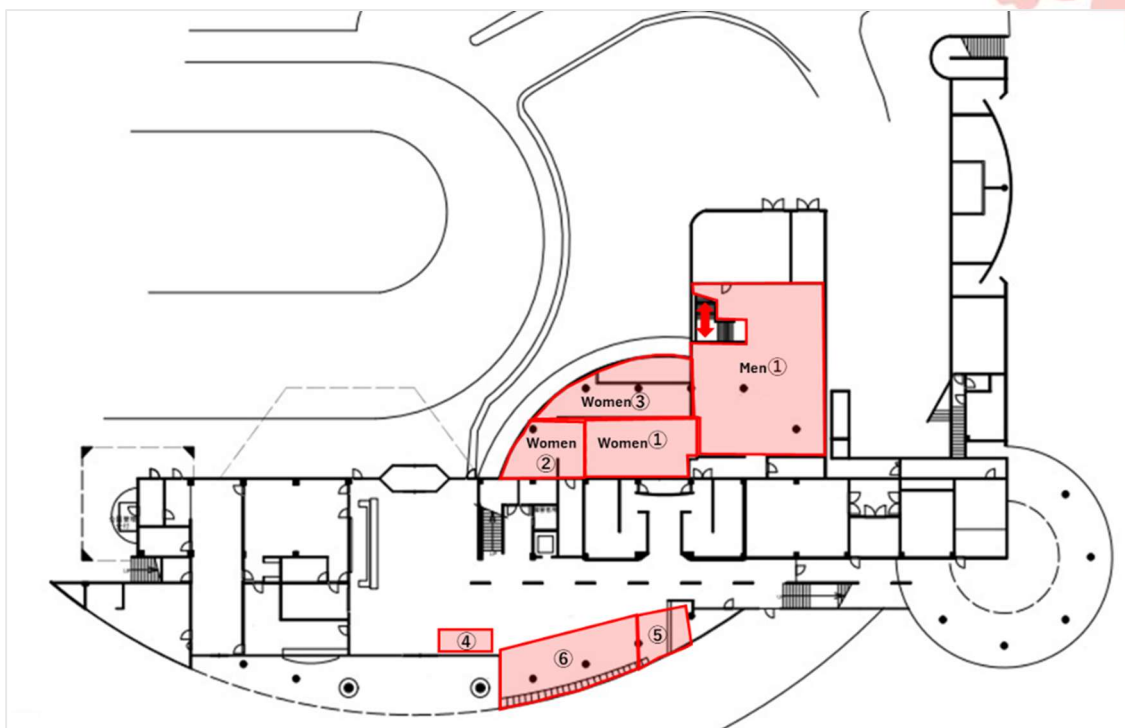
From Deaflympics Square To Wakasu Golf Links		From Ariake Coliseum To Wakasu Golf Links	
Departure Time (From Deaflympics Square)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)	Departure Time (From Ariake Coliseum)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)
05:50	06:30	06:10	06:30
06:30	07:10	06:50	07:10
07:10	07:50	07:30	07:50
07:50	08:30	08:10	08:30
From Wakasu Golf Links To Deaflympics Square		From Wakasu Golf Links To Ariake Coliseum	
Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Deaflympics Square)	Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Ariake Coliseum)
15:00	15:45	15:00	15:25
17:00	17:45	17:00	17:25

17:15	18:00	17:15	17:40
17:30	18:15	17:30	17:55

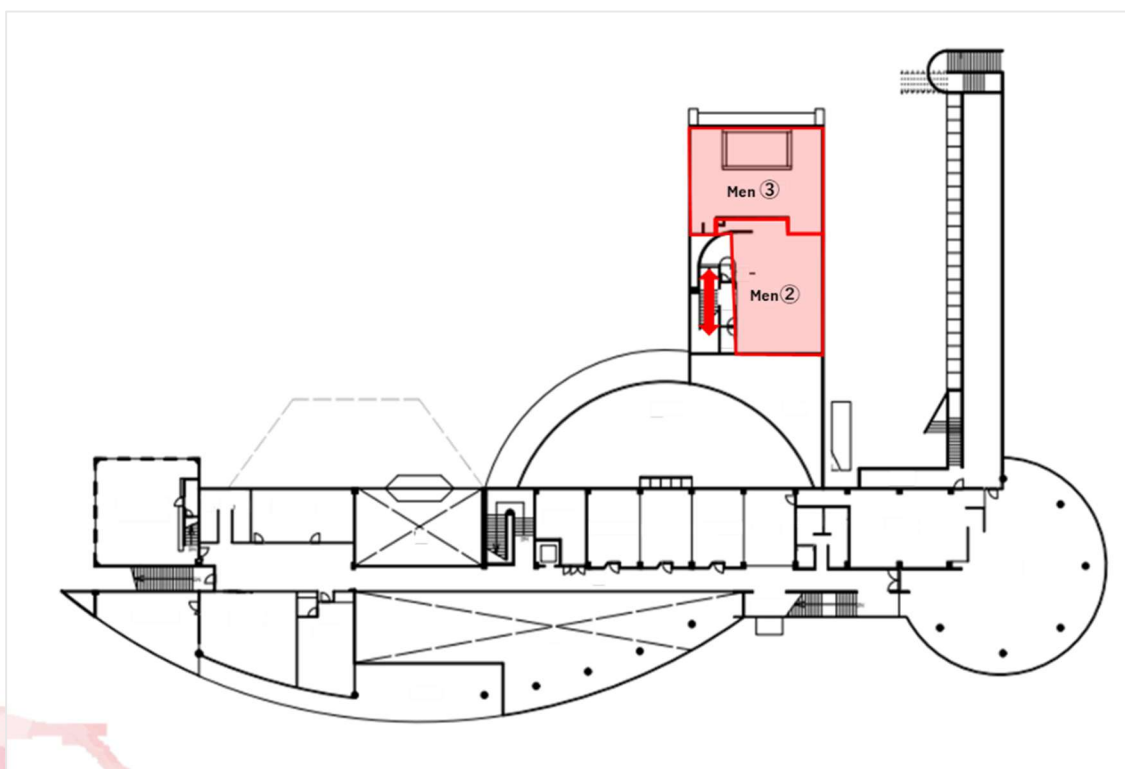
21 November 2025 Mixed Team(Foursomes)

From Deaflympics Square To Wakasu Golf Links		From Ariake Coliseum To Wakasu Golf Links	
Departure Time (From Deaflympics Square)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)	Departure Time (From Ariake Coliseum)	Arrival Time (To Wakasu Golf Links)
05:50	06:30	06:10	06:30
06:30	07:10	06:50	07:10
07:10	07:50	07:30	07:50
07:50	08:30	08:10	08:30
From Wakasu Golf Links To Deaflympics Square		From Wakasu Golf Links To Ariake Coliseum	
Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Deaflympics Square)	Departure Time (From Wakasu Golf Links)	Arrival Time (To Ariake Coliseum)
14:30	15:15	14:30	14:55
15:30	16:15	15:30	15:55
17:00	17:45	17:00	17:25
17:30	18:15	17:30	17:55

MAP (1st floor)



MAP (2nd floor)



Venue Services

– Lockers (MAP No①)

From Monday, 17 November 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025, players may use two lockers. Players who wish to store their caddy bags at the venue may store them inside their lockers.

*Even if a player brings their own caddie, they may only use two lockers.

Locker keys will be given to players daily at the reception desk. And showing ID cards is compulsory.

Please return the keys to the reception desk (or Sports Information Desk) when leaving the golf course.

– Stretch Area (MAP No②)

Players can stretch in the Changing Rooms (separated by gender) in the shower area.

– Changing Rooms/Showers (MAP No②、③)

Players may use the amenities and supplies provided in the changing rooms and shower rooms, such as shampoo, towels, and hair dryers.

Please do not take any amenities or supplies with you.

– Food and Beverage Services

From Tuesday, 18 November 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025, water and bananas will be provided at four locations: in front of the changing rooms inside the clubhouse, inside the start house (next to the 1st and 10th hole teeing areas), and near the hut by the 14th hole teeing area.

*On Monday, 17 November 2025, only water will be provided.

* From Tuesday, 18 November 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025, only in front of the changing rooms in the clubhouse, Energy bars and Filled bread will also be provided.

Food and water are only available to Athletes and Officials.

No advance order is required.

– Sports Information Desk (SID) (MAP No④)

The SID will be open from Monday, 17 November 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025, from 06:30 to 17:30.

SID provides real-time scores and other information, so if you want to know the real-time scores, please visit SID.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SID.

– Mixed Zone (MAP No⑤)

In the mixed zone, accredited media conduct interviews with players, managers, and coaches after competitions.

– Team Waiting Area (MAP No⑥)

The team may wait at the designated location within the clubhouse.

– (Reference) Nearby Dining Facilities

The only dining facility near Wakasu Golf Links is a convenience store located a 5-minute walk from the clubhouse.

○Family Mart Port Store Wakasu Branch (1-1-4 Wakasu, Koto-ku, Tokyo)

※The restaurant inside the clubhouse will be closed during the tournament period.

3. Competition

Competition Schedule

16 November 2025 – 10:00	Technical Meeting
17 November 2025 – 07:00	Official Practice Day
18 November 2025 (Round1) – 08:30	Individual (Men / Women)
19 November 2025 (Round2) – 08:30	Individual (Men / Women)
20 November 2025 (Final Round) – 08:30	Individual (Men / Women)
21 November 2025 – 08:30	Mixed Team
22 November 2025 – 10:00	Technical Meeting (De-Briefing)

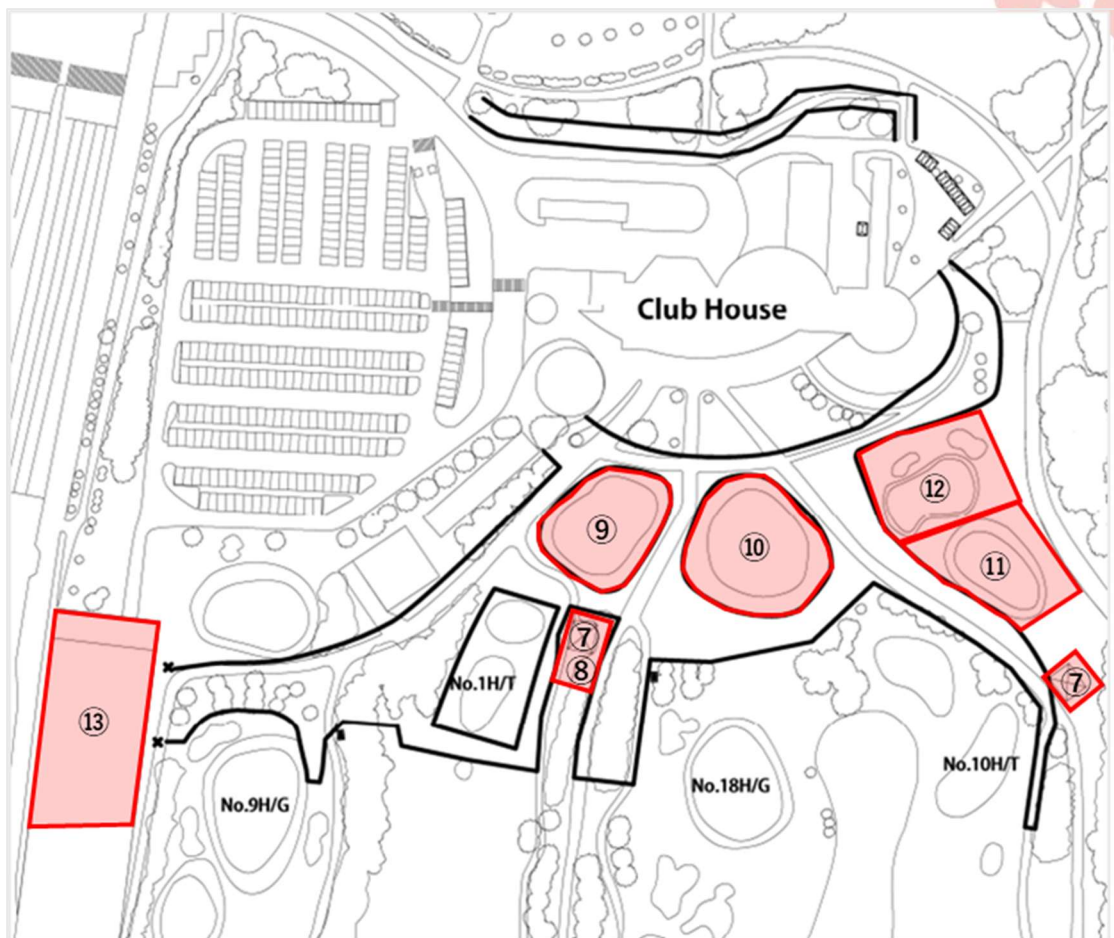
Individual events (men / women) and mixed team events are scheduled to begin at 08:30.

The draw for the first and second day of the individual competition will be provided to national teams by SD at the Technical Meeting on Sunday, 16 November 2025.

The Final Round of the individual competition will be drawn following seedings (ie lowest scores tee off last) at conclusion of second round.

The Mixed Team draw will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2025 and distributed via email by early evening to the Team Managers (and posted on-line).

MAP (Course Side)



Assembly Area (MAP No⑦)

Players should assemble at the start house approximately 10 minutes before the start time.

Attestation and Scorecard Submission Area (MAP No⑧)

After completing your attestation at the designated location (the starting hut adjacent to the 1st tee), please submit your scorecard to the competition committee.

Practice Area and Schedule (MAP No⑨~⑬)

The practice location and schedule from Monday, 17 November to Friday, 21 November are planned as follows.

	Putting Green ⑨⑩⑪	Approach/Bunker ⑫	Driving Range ⑬
17 November 2025	06:30–16:30	06:30–16:30	06:30–10:30
18 November 2025	06:30–16:30	06:30–16:30	06:30–10:30
19 November 2025	06:30–16:30	06:30–16:30	06:30–10:30
20 November 2025	06:30–16:30	06:30–16:30	06:30–10:30
21 November 2025	06:30–16:30	06:30–16:30	06:30–10:30

*The draw for the start times of the practice round on Monday, 17 November 2025 will be provided at the technical meeting on Sunday, 16 November 2025. The practice round is scheduled to start at 07:00, but the time is subject to change.

*The final start time on Monday, 17 November 2025 is 14:00 for both the 1st and 10th holes. Due to course maintenance, no starts will be permitted after this time.

* Only 45 balls per person per day will be provided free of charge at the driving range on 17–21 November 2025. Additional golf balls are at own expense.

* Only two of the three putting greens will be open each day. The locations of the greens open each day will be posted on the SID.

Technical Meeting

The technical meeting will be held at the following date, time, and venue.

Each participating NDSF may be represented by a maximum of two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf. The NDSF may also bring an interpreter if necessary.

Date – Time	Venue
16 November 2025 – 10:00	Deaflympics Square Center Building 304
22 November 2025 – 10:00	Deaflympics Square Center Building 304

(Reference) [Facility Guide](#) | [National Olympics Memorial Youth Center](#)

Caddies

In accordance with the Technical Regulations, all caddies accompanying athletes must be registered as team officials.

On the Official Practice Day, please ensure your caddies attend and bring their registration lanyard. Official event bibs will be issued upon verification of registration. These bibs must be worn during all official competition days.

No caddies will be provided by the OC.

Metal Spikes

Metal spikes on golf shoes are strictly prohibited.

Yardage Books

Yardage books will be supplied on Official Practice Day prior to your practice round.

Hearing Devices

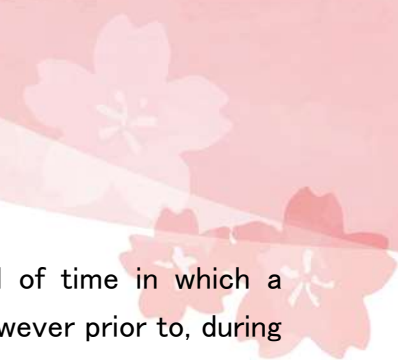
The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or cochlear implant is prohibited in the restricted zone area.

As per Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in Summer Deaflympics 2025 are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during competitions. This rule applies specifically to the restricted zone, which is defined as follows:

Restricted Zone

In accordance with the Rules of Golf (by R&A / USGA) Rule 5.3 (Starting and Ending Round), an official round (a stipulated round) by each athlete starts when a stroke is made on the first (1st) tee, and ends when final stroke is made into the hole on the eighteenth (18th) hole.

A stipulated round is paused in case of bad weather / other delay where determined (by way of red flags) by the Technical Committee.



Athletes must not wear their hearing devices for the period of time in which a stipulated round is underway (ie from 1st hole to 18th hole), however prior to, during a pause due to bad weather, and after a stipulated round, may put their hearing devices on.

Note 1: Due to the extent of a golf course (being over a significant amount of land) including practice area, putting greens, it is not prudent (or economic) to define the restricted area to include the entire golf course up to the fence/boundary line of the overall golf course, and to monitor the entire golf course when a stipulated round has not commenced or has been paused.

Note 2: Caddies (as officials) for athletes are allowed to wear hearing devices, as Golf is an individual sport and caddies being hearing or deaf with hearing aids, has no significant advantage over other athletes who do not have a caddy.

Authority

The head referees, course referees, and official starters are authorised to inspect all athletes to ensure they are not using hearing devices.

Inspection Location

At the first (1st) tee or tenth (10th) tee including the adjacent start house at the start of each round, the official starters must check all athletes to confirm they are not wearing hearing devices before they are given the official scorecard to commence their stipulated round.

Violation

If an athlete wears a hearing device during a stipulated round, they will be automatically disqualified from the competition. If one of the athletes in the mixed teams competition wears a hearing device during a stipulated round, the team will be disqualified. The violation must be documented by the head referee or course referees on the scorecard and by the ICSD Golf Director using the ICSD Violation Form.

Digital Leaderboard

Digital leaderboards will be installed at a total of three locations: near the 9th green, near the 18th green, and near the area between the 5th tee and the 14th tee.

Manual Pull Buggy

At the venue, we will provide one pull buggy per player. Pull buggies are manual, not electric.

*Motorized golf carts are prohibited for athletes, caddies and team officials.

Only official OC and Referees and Sport Director can use motorized golf cart.

Information Accessibility in Golf Competition

Signaling for Suspension of Play will be by waving of red flags.

Signaling for Resumption of Play will be by waving of green flags.

On the 5th hole, where the second landing area is difficult to see, staff will be positioned to signal whether players can hit their tee shots. – When the yellow flag is raised, players cannot hit their tee shots. When the yellow flag is lowered, players can hit their tee shots.