

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES

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Effective January 1, 2023, “Modifications for Players with Disabilities” became Rule 25 in the Rules of Golf and will apply automatically in all competitions for any player who is eligible to use them. As provided in Rule 25.1, the modified Rules for players with disabilities apply to all competitions, and it is a player’s eligibility and category of disability that determines how the modified Rules in Rule 25 apply.

**1.** The PGA of Canada Tournament Committee for any championship shall determine the eligibility of a player to use Rule 25 and the category of disability under the Rule.

**2.** Only players who hold an EDGA Player Pass (WR4GD or Access Pass) are eligible to use the modified rules under Rule 25 in a PGA of Canada competition, with players who are eligible then using the modified Rules applicable to their category of disability. If the PGA of Canada has previously confirmed a player’s eligibility to use the Modified Rules, then it may continue to accept a player’s eligibility to use the modifications in Rule 25 without the need for an additional or ongoing review.

**3.** Eligibility decisions under Rule 25 are required only for players who have impairments that fall within one of the four categories of disability covered in the Rule:

- Player who is Blind or has a Visual Impairment
- Player who is an Amputee
- Player who uses an Assistive Mobility Device
- Player who has an Intellectual Disability

**4.** The EDGA WR4GD Player Pass and the EDGA Access Pass are administered and issued by the EDGA Eligibility Team and the application process for golfers to get an EDGA Pass is free of charge. More information can be found at: [www.edgagolf.com/online/pass/pass\\_info.php](http://www.edgagolf.com/online/pass/pass_info.php).

**5.** In some cases where clearly evident without the need for proof or assessment that a player is eligible for use of the modifications under Rule 25 (such as visible loss of a limb), the Tournament Committee may accept a player’s eligibility without the need for any additional documentation.

**6.** Temporary disabilities or injuries do not qualify for this policy. There are also many players with other categories of disability that are not covered in Rule 25 as, to date, no requirement has been identified for modification of the Rules of Golf for such players. However, in addition to the specific references within Rule 25 (such as the use of assistive mobility devices or prosthetics), any player (including players to which Rule 25 does not apply) may ask the committee in charge of a competition for permission to use an artificial device and, under Rule 4.3b, a player is not in breach of Rule 4.3 for using equipment to help with a medical condition if the committee finds that:

- The player has a medical reason for using the equipment, and
- The use of that equipment would not give the player an unfair advantage over other players.

Also refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf – Committee Procedures, Section 5D (Determining Eligibility) and Section 8M (Model Local Rules).