



Playing Ability Test Eligible Adaptive Events

Provided the Adaptive PAT Regulations listed below are met, the first 36 holes of the following events will be eligible for use as a PAT attempt:

- PGA of America National & Section sanctioned/sponsored/operated events (USDGA (Disabled Golf) National Championship).
- USGA operated/sanctioned events (U.S. Adaptive Open).
- R&A operated/sanctioned events (G4D Open).
- State Adaptive Open Tournaments – Operated by statewide golf associations.
- World Ranking for Golfers with Disabilities (WR4GD) Counting Events.

Proposed Adaptive PAT Regulations:

The following criteria will apply for acceptance of PAT Eligibility from the aforementioned events:

- (1) Golfers must have a WR4GD Pass (medical verification system). WR4GD Events
- (2) Event must meet the minimum guidelines for distance by impairment as established by the 2023 USAGA Rankings & Competition Standards, Section 2.3.
- (3) The event must have a rules committee. Please see 2023 USAGA Rankings & Competition Standards, Section 3.3.5
- (4) The course must have a minimum USGA course rating of 68.0 for men at 6,350 yards and women at 5,400 yards.
- (5) During any round intended to be used as a PAT eligible score, USGA Rule 21.2 (Maximum Score) must not have been used.
- (6) May allow the use of USGA Model Local Rule M-3 (Limited Exemption from Rule 10.1b (Anchoring the Club) for Players with Ataxia or Athetosis).

PAT Target Scores:

The method for creating the 36-hole target score would remain unchanged by this policy (Course rating times two plus fifteen strokes). However, the course rating for adaptive PAT events would be determined from 6,525 yards for males and 5,550 yards for females.

Seated & Blind Players are subject to the following parameters:

- (1) The Minimum ADA yardage for seated and/or blind men shall be 4,800 yards and for seated and/or blind women shall be 4,072 yards women.
- (2) Allow the use of USGA Model Local Rule M-1 (Placing the Ball for Players Using Wheeled Mobility Devices), M-2 (Free Relief from Specified Bunkers for Players Using Wheeled Mobility Devices), and M-4 (Limited Relief for Ball in Bunker for Players Using Wheeled Mobility Devices).