

All Abilities Golf Tour (AAGT) 2026

Terms of Competition and information:

Information

The AAGT takes place as below:

Course	Dates
Stellenbosch	1-2 April
Steyn City	25-26 May
Cotswold Downs	7-8 June
Gowrie	10-11 June
Royal Johannesburg (West)	14-15 September
Waterkloof	1-2 August
King David Mowbray G4D SA Open	16-18 November

Entries close one week prior to the event, or on the date stipulated in the tournament entry platform.

The player's handicap index as it stands on the date entries close will be used for tournament purposes.

Eligibility and Conduct

Golfers who meet the SADGA tournament entry criteria and the requirements of the Terms of Competition, have a WR4GD number, and hold an official handicap as recognised by a National Federation may enter.

I understand that continued participation in SADGA events is conditional on compliance with the GolfRSA Code of Conduct and SADGA's eligibility requirements, including being in good standing with the organisation.

Format:

Each SADGA Series event will be played over 36 holes over two days (18 holes per day) at the golf courses listed above. **The SA Disabled Open will be played over 3 rounds.**

Handicaps:

Official golf handicap indexes will be used as calculated as per above, which will be confirmed with you at registration. All scores must be up to date and entered before

midnight 2 days prior to the closing date of the tournament. If there are any open rounds, the player must inform the Committee.

Should your golf club not be affiliated to GolfRSA then you are to hand in your proof of handicap at registration.

The handicap index as applied on the first day of play will be the handicap index that will stay in place for the player for the duration of each event (both days). It will determine the Division in which a player competes and the corresponding course handicap will be applied to calculate any nett scores and/or Stableford points. Scores to be entered by the player every day after play on the HNA system.

Handicap Limits and Divisions:

Physically Disabled and Blind Golfers (18 holes on 2 consecutive days)

- Handicap index 18.4 & under: **36** holes **Stroke Play Medal**.
- Handicap index 18.5 - 29.3: **36** holes **Stableford**.

Tees

18.4 and under: Yellow/white tees – Stroke Play*
18.5 – 36: Blue tees - Men Stableford
 Red tees – Ladies Stableford

*Should any lady enter the 18.4 and under Division, the Committee will set out the tees from which she will play at the specific event.

Procedure for Ties and Count-out Methods:

In the event of a tie for the winner of the Stroke Play Divisions will be a sudden death play-off. The short course for a sudden death play-off will be posted on the Tournament Noticed Board. If the play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner, will be deemed to have tied for second place irrespective of their scores in the play-off.

If the playing off a sudden death play-off or its continuation is considered by the Tournament Committee to be impractical, for any reason, then the winner of an event or the trophy will be shared.

All other ties will be decided in accordance with the count out procedures detailed below:

- Last 18 holes
- In the event of a further tie, the last 9 holes of the first round
- In the event of a further tie, the previous 6 holes, then the previous 3 holes, of the last round.

Rules of Golf:

The All Abilities Golf Tour (AAGT) will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules limited, including Rule 25 for Players with Disabilities, these Terms of the Competition, the Hard Card applicable to the series and any Additional Local Rules as issued by the Committee.

The Hard Card and Additional Local Rules for each event will be published and posted on the SADGA and AAGT Website and social media and made available to each player at each event.

Competition closed:

The competition is deemed to be closed when the Committee posts the results and the trophy has been presented.

Tournament Committee:

Tournament Director - Lily Reich

Rules Official – Inus Marais

Golf Director at AAGT Golf Course

SADGA Director

The Tournament Committee shall be entitled to make or alter the rules, regulations & terms which govern the tournament. These may be reviewed from time to time. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the programme and Terms of Competition at any time, including start times. The Tournament Committee will also act as the Disciplinary Committee.

All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final. Any disputes/protest should be lodged within 15 minutes of the completion of a round; this information may be requested in writing.

Golf carts & caddies:

Golf carts will be allocated to all physically disabled players on a sharing basis. It is essential that players adhere to the 'golf car policy' of the host club.

Deaf Golfers: Due to the limited carts, the deaf golfers will have to walk unless a medical certificate is given to SADGA. Senior Deaf golfers require a medical certificate to drive a cart during the SADGA AAGT.

Should you bring your own caddie, the caddie must be registered when signing up for the event 1 week before the AAGT. An option is provided on the online entry.

All caddies must wear the caddie bibs supplied by SADGA.

Caddies are required to register with their player at registration. Due to the limited number of golf carts, caddies and coaches may only be allowed to drive in the golf carts if they have a medical certificate.

Visually impaired golfers may bring a coach and have a bag carrier. Visually impaired golfers and their caddies will have a cart to share.

Should you wish to book a Golf Club caddie, please contact the golf course directly.

Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device.

If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1).

Practice:

Practice on the competition course on any day of, or between rounds of the tournament is prohibited. The penalty for breach of this modified rule 5.2 is the general penalty for the first breach and disqualification for a second breach.

Note: All recognized practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

Starting times:

Players shall start at the times laid down by the Tournament Committee. Players should register a minimum of 30 minutes before their tee time and be on the tee to play 10 minutes prior to their tee time. Rule 5.3 is in effect: if a player arrives at his starting point within 5 minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty is 2 strokes at the first hole for stroke play medal and when playing Stableford. If he/she arrives more than 5 minutes after the starting time, the player is disqualified.

The Tournament Committee shall have the power to delay the time of starting if they consider that circumstances render this necessary.

Pace of play:

Players should play at a good pace in accordance with Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf.

It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front and this will be monitored by the Rules Officials. If a group is, without reason, more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them and over their allotted time, all players in the group may be subject to the following penalties:

1st Offence: Warning

2nd Offence: 1 Stroke penalty (at hole being played)

3rd Offence: 2 Stroke penalty (at hole being played)

Subsequent Offence: Disqualification

Pace of Play

- **Lost Ball Search:** Players are allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to search for a lost ball. This timeframe begins as soon as the player or his caddie initiates the search and encompasses all efforts to locate the ball. If the ball is not found within this duration, the ball is lost and the player must abandon the search and proceed according to the rules.
- **Provisional Shot:** In situations where, after a shot, the player is uncertain whether a ball may be lost or may be Out of Bounds, players are encouraged to hit a provisional shot. This can save time and help maintain the flow of play while ensuring that players follow the proper protocol.

- **Maintain Pace:** It is crucial for all players to keep pace with the group in front of them. If a group is falling behind, they should make an effort to catch up and maintain the standard pace of play to enhance the overall experience for everyone on the course.

Weather delay/ suspension of play due to a dangerous situation:

When play is suspended by the Tournament Committee, players must discontinue play and not resume play until the Tournament Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

The following signals are in force:

Discontinue play **immediately**: one prolonged note of siren. (No further playing, mark position of the ball and make your way to the clubhouse) If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving a penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b.

Discontinue play: three consecutive notes of siren, repeated. (Players may finish playing of a hole, when in between holes. Players may not start play of the next hole, until play is resumed by The Committee)

Resume play: two short notes of siren

Course unplayable:

If the Tournament Committee considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may order a temporary suspension of play.

Cancellation of a round:

In the event of play being delayed or declared null and void for any round of the tournament, additional play will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If in the opinion of the committee, adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond its control render the commencement or continuation of any stipulated round impractical, then results will be declared over the number of rounds completed by the players. Play will not continue beyond the advertised final round of the event.

Completion of 18 holes constitutes a tournament

Withdrawal from tournament:

Should a player withdraw without a valid reason and/or medical certificate, there will be a suspension of 1 tournament

Drug free sport:

A player shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his/her performance. The attention of players is drawn to the prescribed list of drugs issued by the South African institute for drugs free sport. Consult their website www.drugfree sport.org.za or telephone their hot-line 0861272437 during office hours. Any players infringing this condition or refusing to take a test if asked to do so may be disqualified.

Media:

The South African Disabled Golf Association and the sponsors of the event may arrange publicity before, during and after the tournament in the press, by broadcast, online or print in

any form related to the tournament. The competitors agree to be publicised in regards to this event on any media platform - at practice or in play - and for commercial purposes by SADGA , AAGT and their Sponsors.

Etiquette and Code of Conduct:

The audible emission or unauthorized use of a mobile telephone on the golf course or during play could be a serious breach of etiquette and will attract a warning and repeated offences a possible disqualification (Rule 1.2a).

Mobile phone should be in silent mode if used as a DMD (Distance measuring Device). Player's attention is drawn to the SADGA code of conduct which is in effect through the tournament and displayed on the SADGA website. **The submission of a signed, completed entry form will indicate that a player has read and accepted the current Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of players to know and comply with dress regulations stipulated by the host club and SADGA.**

Eligibility and Conduct Clause:

All players participating in SADGA-sanctioned events, including the All Abilities Golf Tour, must be in good standing with the organisation and comply with the SADGA Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Code.

SADGA reserves the right to deny entry to or suspend the participation of any player whose behaviour:

- Breaches the Code of Conduct;
- Brings the organisation or event into disrepute;
- Includes harassment, abuse, or public threats toward SADGA officials or participants; or
- Undermines the integrity of SADGA's events or leadership.

Participation may be paused pending a formal conduct review or investigation.

Scoring and Results:

Competitors are to go directly to the score recording area after completion of their round. A player is considered to have returned his score card when he/she has left the designated scoring area.

The results are deemed to be officially announced and the competition closed at commencement of the prize giving ceremony.

Spectators:

Spectators will be allowed to attend, but must keep off tee-boxes, greens and fairways.

No spectators will be allowed in carts.

Liability:

SADGA does not warrant or guarantee the safety of any person. SADGA will not be held responsible for any damages, loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:

- Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered during the tournament, due to any acts of God, suffered as a direct result thereof, including aspects such as being struck by lightning, etc.
- Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.
- Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player.
- As per Covid TRMP

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