

# Blind Golf Australia

**Team Up  
& Tee Off**



## **A GUIDE TO BLIND GOLF**

Blind Golf Australia provides opportunities to those with vision loss to either continue or to start playing golf.

With rule modifications and partnering with a caddy, anyone can experience the joy of a great drive, chip or putt.

## **About Blind Golf Australia**



Since 1992 Blind Golf Australia, or BGA, has been promoting and providing opportunities for people who are blind and vision impaired to play golf across Australia.

Our aim is to introduce the game of golf to people who are blind or vision impaired, and to encourage golfers who are experiencing vision loss to continue to play the game.



## **How does a blind or vision impaired person play golf?**



Each blind golfer requires a caddy to assist them around the golf course. The caddy helps with navigation, ball placement & describes the hole. Some players use an approved distance measuring device to help determine distances to assist with club selection.

Blind Golf is played in the same way as sighted golf but with two major exceptions, and a couple of minor ones. Blind golfers can ground their club in a hazard in some circumstances, such as a bunker or a water hazard. The caddy may stand in line of a shot or behind the flag as the blind golfer putts.

The golfer and their caddy will both need a reasonable knowledge of golf rules and etiquette, or be willing to learn.

**[www.blindgolf.com.au](http://www.blindgolf.com.au)**

## What do I need to do to play Blind Golf?

You may be vision impaired and looking for a sport you can play, or you may be a current player with deteriorating sight making it difficult to play golf. If so, there is no reason you can't immediately start getting involved in Blind Golf.

If you need coaching Golf Australia has a program for golfers with a disability. For further information visit their web site. [www.golf.org.au/pga-all-abilities-coaches](http://www.golf.org.au/pga-all-abilities-coaches)

Blind golf in Australia has 4 sight categories which is determined by the individual's level of sight. They are:

**B1** - Totally blind

**B2** - A sight acuity less than 2/60

**B3** - A sight acuity less than 6/60

**B4** - A sight acuity of less than 6/36

To play blind golf a player must have a ophthalmologist or optometrist complete a sight classification form so it can be determined which sight category the player will compete in.

To obtain a sight classification form please visit our website or send an email to [secbga@gmail.com](mailto:secbga@gmail.com)



Blind Golf participants can decide to play with other vision impaired golfers by competing in regular events held in your state.

For the more serious golfers, blind golf gives you the opportunity to play in various state, national and international events.

Golf is a great way to get some fresh air, meet people, be active and have some fun. Come and play a round with us.

## Volunteer

At Blind Golf Australia we love volunteers. Please contact us if you would like to help someone who is blind or with low vision by teaming up and teeing off. It's a lot of fun.

[www.blindgolf.com.au/volunteer](http://www.blindgolf.com.au/volunteer)

## Contact us

Please contact us if you would like any further information about Blind Golf Australia, or are interested in becoming a player, a caddie or a sponsor.



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