

PHYSICALLY DISABLED SERVICES / CARTS

All USGA championships should be ADA Accessible events. The USGA and Host Club should jointly write an ADA plan. Once this plan is formulated, anyone that might get inquiries should be aware of the plan and relay consistent information.

ADA PARKING

In each championship parking area, a specific number of parking spaces should be reserved for individuals displaying a state issued disabled parking tag. Signage should be available to make these parking spaces easily identifiable and accessible. All parking attendants should be looking for these individuals and direct them to the proper parking area.

ADA TRANSPORTATION

If parking areas are offsite, shuttles should be readily available to transport all fans to the championship admission gate. Disabled individuals will likely be able to take the normal shuttles, however; some individuals may require a lift-equipped vehicle. These individuals should be asked to contact the Host Club/championship office in advance so their arrival will happen seamlessly.

ON SITE SERVICES

The Host Club should create a committee or sub-committee to oversee the Disabled Services functions. These individuals should be greeted upon arriving at the championship. Once their admission is verified, they may be assigned a mobility scooter or take advantage of cart transportation.

CART TRANSPORTATION

The Host Club should have a committee or sub-committee available to assist disabled fans. As part of these duties, the club should have a minimum of two multi-passenger golf carts available to transport disabled fans to a specific venue or viewing area. Communication is important between these selected areas so that the committee can know when to transport disabled fans back to the admission gate.

DISABLED VIEWING AREAS

The Host Club should designate approximately three (3) disabled viewing areas around the golf course. These areas should be easily accessible by golf cart or mobility scooter and should offer an unobstructed view of golf. These areas should be roped and signed as necessary so that they remain reserved.

ADA RESTROOMS

ADA restroom facilities should be available. To the extent temporary restroom units (port-o-lets) are used, a portion should be ADA accessible.

MOBILITY SCOOTERS

The USGA has an agreement with Pride Mobility to provide scooter carts for all USGA championships. Pride will provide approximately 35 carts at no charge to the Host Club and Stroke Play Co-Host. The USGA will handle the costs involved to rent these scooters and transport them to and from the Host Club. Pride representatives will assist with the delivery but will NOT supply a person to assist with the set-up, charging and maintenance of the carts.

During stroke play, 10 scooters should be allocated to the Stroke Play Co-Host and the remaining 25 to the Host Club. Once stroke play concludes, all scooters should be distributed at the Host Club.

SPACE, CHARGING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIDE MOBILITY SCOOTER CARTS

Scooters need to be stored, charged and distributed in a convenient location so that as disabled fans enter a championship admission gate, they can assess a scooter as needed. Depending on the logistics, this area may be in/near the clubhouse at an existing cart storage area or in a tent located near the admission gate.

Each scooter measures only 24" x 42". Therefore, the entire fleet of scooters can fit in a 20' x 20' space. Should a tent be necessary, the USGA suggests a 25'x 25'. This size tent will accommodate the scooters, a registration table and electrical lines. If a tent is needed, it should have at least three side walls to protect the carts from weather and provide better security. A 6' banquet table and two (2) chairs will be required.

ELECTRICAL

Each scooter comes equipped with a 3-amp charger and an electrical cord that can be plugged into a three-pronged, 110-volt electrical outlet. Therefore, the Host Club will need to provide enough outlets to match the quantity of carts. Plugging these into a power strip will likely result in an incomplete charge and will require a pickup of the scooter on course. Total electrical requirement for a fleet of 20 carts is 75 amps.

TRAVEL ROUTES ON THE COURSE/MAPS

The Host Club and the USGA should develop a course map with designated routes where carts are permitted and more importantly, prohibited. The USGA and the Host Club need to discuss the best way of publicizing the fact that the carts are available and to whom calls should be directed for those who wish to use a cart.

WAIVER AND INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Pride will supply the Host Club a form/waiver to be signed upon signing out a disabled scooter. It is imperative that each person utilizing a scooter sign the waiver. These waivers need to be given to the USGA at the conclusion of the championship. An Incident Report Form must also be completed in case of any injury or accident by someone using a scooter. This form must be given to both the Pride Representative and an additional copy given to the USGA.