



Program Eligibility, Registration, Attendance & Participation Policy

Purpose of the Program

Links to Freedom Golf Foundation is not a recreational golf league or social golf program. Participation is intended for individuals who are seeking adaptive instruction, rehabilitation, recovery, and long-term community support through the game of golf.

Our mission is to improve the physical, emotional, and social well-being of wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, their immediate family members and caregivers, surviving spouses, and Gold Star families through adaptive golf instruction, recreation-based rehabilitation, camaraderie, and ongoing community support.

Our programs are specifically designed for individuals whose military service has resulted in physical injuries, illnesses, invisible wounds, or other life challenges that may benefit from adaptive instruction, encouragement, and connection with others who share similar experiences.

Many of our participants are living with conditions such as:

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Amputation or limb loss
- Chronic pain
- Mobility limitations
- Neurological conditions
- Service-connected illnesses
- Combat-related injuries
- Emotional or social challenges related to military service
- Other physical, cognitive, or emotional conditions for which adaptive instruction may be beneficial

Because every individual's journey is unique, eligibility is not based solely on a specific diagnosis or disability. The Foundation recognizes that not all qualifying conditions are visible or easily categorized, and each registration is reviewed on its individual merits in keeping with the Foundation's charitable mission. Participation in Links to Freedom is intended for individuals seeking the rehabilitative, educational, and community benefits of adaptive golf—not solely recreational golf opportunities or access to equipment.

Program Eligibility

The Links to Freedom Golf Foundation serves wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans, together with eligible family members and caregivers whose participation supports the recovery and rehabilitation of the service member or veteran.

Program eligibility generally includes:

- Active-duty Service Members assigned to a Warrior Transition Unit, Warrior Recovery Unit, or similar military recovery program.
- Veterans with service-connected injuries, illnesses, or disabilities—including both visible and invisible wounds—that may benefit from adaptive golf instruction and rehabilitation.
- Medal of Honor recipients, Purple Heart recipients, and other distinguished military award recipients.

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- Immediate family members and caregivers whose participation directly supports an eligible participant's recovery, rehabilitation, or long-term wellness.

- Surviving spouses, Gold Star families, and other participants approved by the Foundation whose circumstances align with the Foundation's mission.

Eligibility is determined by the Links to Freedom Golf Foundation based upon available information, program capacity, safety considerations, and the Foundation's charitable mission.

Final eligibility decisions remain solely at the discretion of the Foundation.

Registration Priority

Because instructor availability, adaptive equipment, and class size are intentionally limited to provide individualized instruction and a safe learning environment, registration priority is necessary.

When program demand exceeds available capacity, registration priority is generally given to:

- Active-duty wounded, ill, or injured service members currently assigned to a Warrior Transition Unit, Warrior Recovery Unit, or similar military recovery program.
- Veterans whose service-connected injuries or illnesses align with the rehabilitative mission of the Foundation.
- Returning participants whose continued participation supports their ongoing rehabilitation.
- Immediate family members, caregivers, surviving spouses, and Gold Star families when participation supports an eligible participant and space is available.
- Additional applicants whose circumstances align with the Foundation's mission and available program capacity.

The Foundation reserves the right to determine final participant selection based on program capacity, safety, instructor recommendations, and organizational priorities.

Program Commitment

Participation in Links to Freedom represents a commitment to personal growth, rehabilitation, and active participation throughout the eight-week curriculum.

Because program space is limited and demand continues to grow, applicants should register only if they intend to actively participate in the curriculum.

The Foundation encourages individuals who are seeking adaptive instruction, rehabilitation, camaraderie, and long-term engagement with the Links to Freedom community.

Participation should be motivated by a desire to benefit from the rehabilitative, educational, and community aspects of the Program. Participation solely for access to equipment, complimentary golf opportunities, tournaments, or other benefits is inconsistent with the mission of the Foundation and may affect eligibility for participation.

Attendance

The Links to Freedom curriculum is intentionally progressive, with each instructional session building upon skills introduced during previous weeks.

Participants are expected to attend all eight instructional sessions whenever possible.

Attendance at a minimum of six (6) of the eight (8) sessions is generally required to be considered a successful completion of the Program.

Participants who are unable to attend due to illness, military duty, family emergencies, or other unavoidable circumstances should notify Foundation staff as soon as possible.

Repeated absences without communication may affect eligibility for future participation.

Alumni

Participants who successfully complete the Program become eligible for consideration for ongoing alumni practice and playing opportunities, volunteer opportunities, mentorship programs, special events, and other Foundation programming.

Continued participation is intended to encourage long-term rehabilitation, camaraderie, community engagement, and lifelong connections through golf.

Program Expectations

Participants are expected to:

- Demonstrate respect toward fellow participants, volunteers, instructors, and host facilities.
- Actively participate to the best of their ability.
- Notify the Foundation if unable to attend a scheduled session.
- Follow all safety instructions and Foundation policies.
- Support a welcoming environment for individuals of all abilities.

Failure to comply with Foundation policies or the Code of Conduct may result in suspension or removal from the Program.

The Links to Freedom Golf Foundation reserves the right to interpret, modify, or apply these policies as necessary to fulfill its charitable mission while ensuring the safety, integrity, and long-term success of its programs.



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