



# Eligibility, Registration and Attendance Policy

Links to Freedom utilizes golf as a tool to assist in the recovery of wounded, ill and injured service members, their immediate families, their caregivers and Gold Star families.

Prior to registering or acceptance into the Links to Freedom Program, please review our **Eligibility, Registration and Attendance Policy**. This policy is necessary to ensure we can provide a safe and high-quality program for all participants. Additional policies may be implemented if necessary. Thank you for your interest and support of Links to Freedom.

## Program Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in Links to Freedom, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Service Member assigned to a wounded warrior recovery/transition unit, and immediate family members (spouse, children, siblings and parents) or caregivers (on a space-available basis)
- Service-connected Disabled Veteran personnel wounded, injured or taken ill while on active duty with any of the armed forces (this includes all service-connected illnesses/injuries, and combat-related illnesses/injuries), and immediate family members (spouse, children, siblings and parents) or caregivers (on a space-available basis)
- Medal of Honor, Purple Heart or other highly distinguished military award recipients, and immediate family members (spouse, children, siblings and parents), caregivers, or surviving spouses and their children (on a space-available basis)

## Registration Priority

Each of our 8-week programs have limited capacity in order to provide the best instructor to student ratio for desired instruction goals. When filling each program, all registration requests are reviewed and prioritized based on the following criteria:

1. Service members identified by a wounded warrior recovery/transition unit or Veterans Affairs office and approved by Links to Freedom will receive priority.
2. Service Members assigned to a wounded warrior recovery/transition Unit will receive priority.
3. Service-connected Disabled Veteran personnel wounded, injured or taken ill while on active duty with any of the armed forces (this includes all service-connected illnesses/injuries, and combat-related illnesses/injuries).
4. Immediate family members (spouse, children, siblings and parents) or caregivers; surviving spouses and their children, including but not limited to Gold Star spouses. As listed, when applicable, a maximum of two will be allowed only on a space-available basis.

Taking the above criteria into account, the following additional conditions are also applied:

1. Any persons registering for previous Programs and not accepted will need to re-register in the timeframes published. No priority is provided.
2. New Program participants and alumni receive the same priority on a first-come-first-serve basis as program capacity allows.
3. Immediate family members, caregivers, surviving spouses, and Gold Star families will be prioritized after the service members on a space-available basis.
4. The safety of our participants is our main concern. To ensure that both adults and children are safe and receive the benefits of the program, only children seven years old or older will be able to participate.

## Attendance

The curriculum for the Links to Freedom Program is designed to build upon the lessons from the previous week(s), to receive the benefit of the Program, participants are requested to attend all sessions. If you know in advance of registration that you will be unable to attend all or most of the eight sessions, it is requested that you allow others to secure a place in the Program and we welcome you to register for a later Program that is more conducive to your schedule or availability.

1. For all those registered, if you miss the first 2 classes or any 2 classes in a row, you will be removed from the Program and welcome to Register and be considered for future Program dates.
2. Please note, if a registered participant misses a Program date, there will be no "make-up" time/session provided.