

# International Blind Golf Association

## Vision Cup – Team Selection

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### Composition of teams:

- Teams from North America (selected from Canada, USA, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Mexico) and a World Team will consist of 12 players per side.
- There shall be 4 players from each of the 3 sight categories (B1-B3) per team.
- There shall be at least 1 woman per team.

### To be eligible for selection a player must:

- Be a member of an IBGA Member Association (or be an Associate Member); and
- Have at least 7 qualifying rounds from the previous 24 months recorded on the IBGA handicap system (excluding rounds captured on the system as a “Qualifier” under rule 7.5 of the IBGA handicap policy).

*For 2022 only, the requirement that players should have at least 7 Qualifying Rounds in the 24 months prior to the selection date will be revised to having:*

- *At least 7 Qualifying Rounds (excluding “qualifiers”, as per 7.5 of the IBGA Handicap Policy) since the start of 2018, with the proviso that at least 4 of those must have been since the start of 2020; or*
- *At least 10 Qualifying Rounds (excluding “qualifiers”) since the start of 2018, with the proviso that the player’s Member Association can confirm that the player is still actively golfing).*

### Method of selection:

- Players from each sight category will be selected based on IBGA handicaps.
- The IBGA handicaps to be considered shall be those as calculated at the end of December in the year prior to the event (excluding “Qualifiers” as above).

*For 2022 only, selection of the American Team will be based on Qualifying Rounds and IBGA handicaps up to and including the 2022 US Blind Open (15 April 2022).*

- Where a player has changed sight category, scores recorded in the original sight category will be ignored when considering the player for selection.

*To ensure a good cross-sectional representation of Member Associations:*

- For the World Team: No more than two players in any one category may come from the same Member Association.

- For the North American Team:
  - No more than three players in any one category may come from the same Member Association.
  - There must be at least one player from each of Canada and the USA in each sight category.

### **Captains & Vice-captains:**

- A captain (and vice-captain(s) if deemed necessary) will be selected by the Board of Directors by December in the year prior to the event.
- These may be non-playing captains/vice-captains and do not necessarily need to be Board members.

### **Variations to the above:**

- The IBGA Board (on the recommendation of a captain) will have the discretion to omit/include players taking into account factors such as:
  - Player conduct.
  - For players with fewer than 20 IBGA scores on the handicaps website, their IBGA handicap recalculated using at least 40% of their scores.
  - WHS handicap index (if significantly different to IBGA handicap)
  - Performance in IBGA-sponsored events, including previous editions of the Vision Cup.
- If it is not possible to find 4 players for each team from each sight category who are available, the Board of Directors may agree to revise this requirement.
- If a selected player is not able to confirm that he/she is available to participate at least 4 months prior to the start of the event that player will forfeit his/her place, and the next most eligible player will be selected.
- If a player withdraws within one month of the start of the event it may become necessary for a captain to select a replacement player who does not meet the normal selection criteria.