



BLIND GOLF IN THE KOOTENAYS!

**2027
SPONSORSHIP**

**2027 BC Provincial Blind Golf Invitational Championships
Creston, Golf Club, Creston, BC Canada
June 5th-June 9th, 2027**



Potential Valued Sponsor

Dear Potential Sponsor,

As a member of the 2027 BC Provincial Blind Golf Invitational Championship Tournament Committee, I am pleased to announce that **Creston Golf Club and our community will once again have the opportunity to host a major blind golf championship.**

Creston has proudly hosted several successful blind golf events in the past, including international championships in **2015, 2017, and 2019**. The success of these events would not have been possible without the tremendous support of our corporate sponsors, local businesses, volunteers, and the community of Creston. Their generosity and commitment helped create memorable experiences for blind and partially sighted golfers from across Canada and around the world.

Creston Golf Club will host the 2027 BC Provincial Blind Golf Invitational Championship from June 6–8, 2027.

This championship is being conducted under the **Western Canadian Blind Golf Association (WCBGA)** and **Blind Golf Canada (BGC)**. The event is expected to bring together up to **45 blind and partially sighted competitors and their sighted coaches**, representing approximately 90 participants, along with family members, friends, officials, volunteers, and supporters.

The invited field will include golfers from across Canada, as well as participants from the United States and potentially other countries. This provides an excellent opportunity to showcase Creston and the surrounding area as a welcoming community while supporting an important and growing sport.

Sport brings people together, creating hope and inspiration in a way that few other activities can. For our participants—who are completely blind or partially sighted—these championships provide much more than an opportunity to play golf. They create opportunities for friendship, inclusion, social connection, confidence, and improved physical and mental well-being.

Through our partnership with **Creston Golf Club** and the generous support of valued local and corporate sponsors such as you, we have an opportunity to make this long-awaited return of blind golf to Creston a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.

We have included a variety of **sponsorship opportunities and value propositions** for your consideration. We would sincerely appreciate your time and consideration in supporting this outstanding event and the athletes who will be travelling to our community.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss or confirm a sponsorship opportunity, please contact me at thedoumas71@gmail.com.

Thank you for considering supporting the 2027 BC Provincial Blind Golf Invitational Championship. We look forward to welcoming blind and partially sighted golfers, their coaches, families, and supporters to Creston in June 2027.

Sincerely,

Darren Douma

Tournament Committee Chair

2027 BC Provincial Blind Golf Invitational Championship

2027 SPONSORSHIPS

Your business/organization will be promoted following your sponsorship confirmation, leading up to, and during the event, plus post tournament media coverage, print, and on various web sites that promote blind golf.

Hole Sponsorship \$300

- On course signage at designated hole
- On course exposure during the Ice Breaker event and the competition.
- Promotion in all printed materials
- Visibility on tournament web pages

Sponsorship-Bronze \$750

- On course signage at designated hole
- On course exposure during the Ice Breaker event and the competition.
- Visibility on tournament web pages
- One (1) players to play in the Ice Breaker event with blind and vision-impaired golfers. (Sunday, July 6)

Sponsorship-Silver \$1500

- On-course signage at designated hole
- Oncourse exposure during the Ice Breaker event and the competition.
- Promotion in all printed materials Visibility on tournament web pages
- Two (2) players to play in the Ice Breaker event with blind and vision-impaired golfers. (Sunday, July 6)

Sponsorship-Gold \$2500

- On-course signage at designated hole
- Oncourse exposure during the Ice Breaker event and the competition.
- Promotion in all printed materials Visibility on tournament web pages
- Four (4) players to play in the Ice Breaker event with blind and vision-impaired golfers. (Sunday, July 6)

Sponsorship-Platinum \$3500+

- On-course signage at designated hole
- Oncourse exposure during the Ice Breaker event and the competition.
- Promotion in all printed materials Visibility on tournament web pages
- Attendance for four (4) players to play in the Ice Breaker event with blind and vision-impaired golfers. (Sunday, July 6)
- Attendance for four (4) at Meet & Greet (Sunday, July 6)
- Attendance at closing banquets for (4) four. (Tuesday, June 8th)

ASSOCIATED LINKS OF INTEREST

www.blindgolfcanada.ca

www.wcbga.ca

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Company Name/Organization: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone# _____ Mobile# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

We would like to support the 2027 BC Provincial Invitational Championship with the sponsorship package (Check below):

- 1) Hole Sponsorship (\$300) _____
- 2) Bronze Sponsorship (\$750) _____
- 3) Silver Sponsorship (\$1500) _____
- 4) Gold Sponsorship (\$2500) _____
- 5) Platinum Sponsorship (\$3500+) _____
- 6) Prize and Raffle Donation (i t e m s & h o w m a n y (? _____
- 7) Cash Donations are also accepted \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

Western Canadian

Blind Golf

Association

(WCBGA)

c/o Darren Douma

#7-316 Canyon St.

Creston, BC

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You can also E-transfer to: wcbga24@gmail.com



Blind Golf Canada (BGC)

<https://blindgolfcanada.ca>

- **Awareness:** BGC wants to make organizations, the general public, and golfers across Canada more aware of blind golf, and the blind individuals, their coaches and volunteers that make it happen. You care and can also be a philanthropist. Help BGC spread the word.
- **Grow the Sport:** Where there is a need, there is BGC. There are an estimated 1.5 million blind and visually impaired people across Canada. Many of you reading this know people who are blind and families with blind persons. BGC hopes that you will help us get more of the blind community to come out, that you will come out and see what the sport means to blind golfers.
- **Support/Stability:** This is all about scale, and helping BGC sponsor events, and support the blind golf community on a regional basis. As a not-for-profit group, that is currently applying for our Canadian charitable status, we know how important it is to make sure we are in a position to keep doing what we can for the sport in Canada. We are hosting the World Blind Golf Championships in 2025, and in 2024 we have our Canadian Blind Golf Championships and Western Canadian Championships being held in B.C.

BGC, is all about serving an underrepresented segment of the Canadian public. Persons with disabilities that are too often forgotten. Now more than ever BGC needs help. With COVID, our membership plummeted. Understandably so. Today, we need to get our membership, and our accounts back to pre-COVID levels. That would be a difference maker in so many ways.

BGC knows that a lot of persons with disabilities struggle financially. 62% of blind persons are not employed, and for the 38% that do have an income, on average it is 45% less than the pre-tax median income of the average Canadian. That is a harsh reality. Canadians with disabilities know these figures too well. It is the reason why our goal as a charity is to subsidize the events to the best of our abilities. Without us, and supporters like you, or enterprises and businesses, blind golfers don't, or can't, come out and take part in an incredible experience.

The importance of these events can't be understated. The ability to lobby governments and organizations to impact real change in the blind golf and blind sports community can't be understated. BGC wants to have a longer-term relationship with benefactors and partners, and we are open to discussing all options. Please feel free to reach out to Glenn Babcock, VP of Admin. Glenn.babcock@yahoo.ca

The Facts & Goals!

- Blind golf has been “around” since the 1950's, and BGC has been part of that journey for over 10+ years.
- Blind golf follows all of the traditional rules of golf, except the golfer plays with a Coach, who helps him or her set-up on the tee, or address the ball, and lines them up, and players are allowed to ground their club in the sand. Without a Coach there is no blind golf. Same applies to our volunteer Board, and all of the volunteers that make each of the events special.
- There are 3 site categories that were established by the IBGA (International Blind Golf Association) in the late 1990's. Ranging from B3, blind golfers with 5-10% of their vision, B2, blind golfers with 0-5% of their vision, and the ever inspirational, B1 blind golfer with 0% vision.
- Each BGC member pays a nominal membership fee to their provincial organization, and those organization forward dues to BGC. Thanks to a relationship with Golf Canada, BGC members also get membership status, and access to game and handicapping software at Golf Canada.
- This is not just a numbers game, in fact, if anything it is about experiences and the magic that happens when persons with disabilities experience the joy and awe of sport.
- About promoting integrity and sportsmanship, socialization and relationship building, helping our members and the blind community have the confidence, and perseverance to keep the dream alive.
- BGC partially subsidizes, and sends our best blind golfers to American, and international competitions. BGC intends for the World Blind Golf Championships in 2025 to also include recreational divisions for the first time ever.
- Our focus in the 2024/2025 seasons will be on increasing the number of our women golfers who are blind, and youth aged 13-30 who are blind. This is a demographic BGC will gladly serve, and our numbers here have to become more representative of the blind community at large, across Canada.
- Bottom line, BGC is trying to secure long-term stake holders to support the growth and sustainability of blind golf in Canada. Please share and shine a light on your awareness of blind golf within your circles. Help support BGC and assist us to be in a better position to serve the blind golf community. Please help our blind community do what we can for blind sports.

“WE CAN STILL PLAY”