



”Bulgaria for All”

INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT OPEN FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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The idea

The golf tournament “Bulgaria for all”- open for people with disabilities is the first tournament with such a format in our country. Golf is one of the very few sports, which provides people with disabilities with the opportunity to engage actively in sports and compete on equal terms with the others, having all the chances to win. *«Golf makes impossible possible! I laughed like a little kid for the first time since I lost my leg»*, says one of the golf legends- Manuel de los Santos, who competes with one leg.



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The format

The competition is international- every country will form its national team of 4 people- at least one of them will be a golfer with a disability. The other members of the team will be representatives of the diplomatic mission of the particular country in Bulgaria, young people, Pirin Golf members, representatives of the sponsors, etc. The cooperation with EDGA (European Disabled Golf Association) guarantees that one of the most distinguished disabled golfers of the organization will participate in “Bulgaria for all”. The teams are 18 (they can vary from 15 to 22).

The tournament starts on Saturday. 18 holes will be played and every team, respectively country has its own hall and hall branding. There



will be a shotgun start and consequently all teams will finish together. During this day a golf school for Bulgarian young people with disabilities will be organized.

On the next day (Saunday) there will be an individual tournament, when every disabled golfer will be able to show what he is capable of. The award ceremony and the gala dinner will be in the evening.



The project “Bulgaria for all”- golf tournament, open for people with disabilities was presented to the Ambassadors of 14 countries during the award ceremony of the tournament „Diplomats and friends” on June 16 2012 in Pirin Golf & Country Club. The idea was accepted very cordially and with a definite willingness to participate and support it by the Ambassadors of Germany, the USA, South Africa, the Netherlands, Japan, etc.

At the moment Mr. Nino Ourabah- a disabled golf specialist, member of the sports committee and players’ representative of EDGA contributes a lot to the realization of the idea. In the beginning of October he visited Bulgaria as a special guest of CAT and Pirin Golf & Country Club. In Pirin Golf he talked with the management of the club and highly assessed the level of accessibility there and the quality of the golf course. Mr. Ourabah also made useful meetings with representatives of the Bulgarian Golf Association and the French Embassy in Sofia. He guaranteed that he will support the realization of the tournament as a member of EDGA and will take care of the participation of disabled golfers in it. He is the official consultant of the tournament.



„This is a game, where you compete against yourself. You play with all other people, you can play with women, with men, with children, with normal people, with disabled people. In countries like this, I want to say exactly this to people with disabilities- come and try” – [Nino Ourabah in an interview for Btv](#)

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