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*Chad Pfeifer, retired United States Army infantry paratrooper and 2019 men's champion*

**4th USAGA International Para-Golf Championship  
to be Contested at Bear Creek Golf Club in Dallas  
*Arcis Golf to Welcome Competitive Golfers, October 20-22***

**Burr Ridge, Ill. (June 16, 2020)** -- The [United States Adaptive Golf Alliance](#) (USAGA), comprised of 38 national adaptive golf organizations, will hold the USAGA International Para-Golf Championship at [Bear Creek Golf Club](#), an Arcis Golf property, in Dallas, Texas, October 20-22, 2020.

The USAGA International Para-Golf Championship includes golfers with various physical and sensory challenges (para-golfers) from around the world and is played in accordance with world ranking (WR4GD) standards, the United States Adaptive Golf Ranking system (USAGR), and the IPC Protocol. This is the fourth time the USAGA has hosted and organized this International Championship. Last year's International Championship was held at Arcis Golf's Desert Pines Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Chad Pfeifer, retired United States Army infantry paratrooper, is the overall men's defending champion and also won the first USAGA International Para-Golf Championship in 2016. Pfeifer lost his left leg during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007. The overall women's defending champion is Patti Valero and the overall seniors defending champion is Vic McClelland. For a list of individual winners in each category, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9xkgdx6>.

"The USAGA's long-term objective of inclusion comes to the forefront at this event," says USAGA Chairman E.Q. Sylvester. "The International Para-Golf Championship is all-inclusive and reflects the broad spectrum of all-disabled players. The USAGA brings joy and a sense of freedom to 40,000 golfers with disabilities annually and approximately 26% are combat wounded veterans."

The event has been approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and EDGA (formerly the European Disabled Golf Association) as a Counting Event for the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability (WR4GD), where para-golfers can earn points toward the world rankings.

Bear Creek Golf Club, located in the Dallas Fort Worth metro area, features two 18-hole Ted Robinson layouts and is known as one of the area's premier golf venues for championship events. Golf Digest recognized it as one of the "Top 50 Resort Courses in America" and the Wall Street Journal as one of the "10 Great Places To Play Golf." Its event amenities, including two expansive event pavilions accommodating groups of up to 1,200 guests - prompted Avid Golfer to name it the "Best Place To Host A Corporate Event."

"Our relationship with the United States Adaptable Golf Alliance allows us to bring more people into the game of golf or bring the game to them," said Blake Walker, Founder and CEO of Dallas-based Arcis Golf. "Hosting this national championship in our hometown and welcoming these skilled competitors is an honor for our company."

The United States Adaptive Golf Ranking (USAGR) standards were a product of years of data analyses and conversations with the long-time stakeholders of the American disabled-golf industry. The standards classify para-golfers into 14 different sport classes, provide yardage allowances for sport classes (much like the game already provides for age and gender) and provide competitive pathways to the highest levels through multiple events run by its member organizations. The season culminates with the USAGA Para-Golf International, where a USA Para-Golf team is announced, comprised of the top-two ranked para-golfers from each sport class. Special awards are also given to the top-ranked male and female golfers for the season, as well as top performers for the week.

For more information on the U.S. Adaptive Golf Alliance (USAGA), please visit: [www.usaga.org](http://www.usaga.org)  
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**About United States Adaptive Golf Alliance:**

Founded in 2014, the USAGA is a national alliance of 38 member adaptive golf organizations with common goals and objectives, promoting and providing resources for athletes with disabilities nationwide. In 2019, its member organizations provided adaptive golf to 40,000+ individuals across the country, of which 26% are wounded veterans. USAGA is the only organization in the country that provides competitive pathways in disabled golf – from basic instruction, get out and play, through and including regional, national and international competitions for golfers with disabilities.

**About Arcis Golf**

Recognized as one of the fastest-growing private companies in America, Arcis Golf is the premier operator of public and private golf clubs in the United States with a current portfolio of 60 properties in 13 states from coast to coast. An industry leader, providing dynamic direction and unrivaled amenities that complement diverse playing experiences, Arcis Golf is committed to reinventing the golf and country club lifestyle experience to a level of excellence that exceeds all expectations. Location: 4851 Lyndon B Johnson Fwy, Suite 600 Dallas, Texas 75244. Phone: (214) 722-6000. Website: [www.arcisgolf.com](http://www.arcisgolf.com)

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