



## 2021-2022 MEN'S NATIONAL AMATEUR SQUAD

### SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

*Golf Canada is carefully following the evolution of COVID-19 and how it may impact selection for 2021-2022 player development programs. Golf Canada has modified selection criteria to account for the impact of COVID-19, and reserves the right to modify the selection criteria further if circumstances continue to change because of the pandemic. Any modifications will be promptly communicated. For 2022 and beyond, once the impact of the pandemic has subsided, Golf Canada will review and potentially further modify selection criteria.*

#### 1. Introduction

The objective of the Golf Canada Men's National Amateur Squad (MNAS) is to provide resources and support to elite Canadian amateur golfers with the ultimate goal of helping them reach the PGA TOUR.

The selection criteria published on this document serve as the basis for player selection to the MNAS. These criteria are designed to identify players who have achieved significant results in the major amateur competition and, at the time of selection, consider their primary career goal to be playing professional golf on the PGA TOUR.

Selection will occur during the month of September and players will be notified of their selection in late September or early October. The Sport Committee will review these selection criteria on a yearly basis.

#### 2. Prerequisites to selection

To be selected for the MNAS, players must meet the following prerequisites:

- a. Must be a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada who is intending to obtain Canadian citizenship. (*Note: To receive Sport Canada AAP funding or play at the World Amateur Team Championships, [IGF Nationality Policy](#) specifies that a player must be a Canadian Citizen*).
- b. Must be an amateur golfer under the Rules of Amateur Status at time of selection.
- c. Must not be subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of Golf Canada.
- d. Must be in compliance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP).
- e. At the time of selection, the primary career goal of the athlete must be to play professional golf on the PGA TOUR.

#### 3. Definitions

**Golf Canada-MNAS** – Golf Canada Men's National Amateur Squad.

**Staff** – Coach(es) and Integrated Support Team (IST) of the Golf Canada-MNAS. These individuals are integrally involved and responsible for the continuing development of the player.

**Squad Member Agreement** – The mandatory annual agreement entered into by each player and Golf Canada for each season.

**SC** – Sport Committee of Golf Canada.

**Selection Committee** – The committee responsible for player selection. The Selection Committee is comprised of the Chief Sport Officer, the Manager of High Performance Sport, the National Men’s Squad Head Coach, the National Junior Squad Head Coach, National Men’s Squad Assistant Coach, and up to two additional representatives with expertise in elite amateur or professional golf. The Golf Canada Chief Sport Officer shall be the Chair of the Selection Committee.

**WAGR** – World Amateur Golf Ranking, as conducted by the R&A and USGA.

#### **4. Automatic selection<sup>1</sup>**

Players who meet any of the following criteria will automatically qualify for the 2021-2022 MNAS:

- a. The top three ranked eligible Canadian players in the WAGR as of **September 1, 2021**.
- b. Made cut at any PGA TOUR event.
- c. Top ten finish at any Korn Ferry Tour event.
- d. NCAA First Team All-American.
- e. US Amateur semi-finalist or better.

#### **5. Additional selection criteria**

The following criteria will guide Selection Committee decisions to select the remaining players for MNAS.

- a. WAGR ranking as of September 1, 2021.
- b. Top performances such as wins and top ten finishes in the following kinds of events during the period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021:
  - Mackenzie Tour (i.e., inclusive of Canada Life Series and Forme Tour) and Korn Ferry Tour events.
  - All events with a WAGR ranking, with finishes in higher-ranked events given more weight.
  - Provincial championships, taking into consideration the score relative to par and strength of field.
- c. Head-to-head results, providing a minimum of three common rounds were played.
- d. Data Golf “True Strokes Gained” ranking.
- e. WAGR progression relative to age and experience.
- f. Evaluation by Golf Canada coaches and high-performance staff. Information to aid these evaluations may also be gathered from provincial associations, college coaches, and other sources.

At least one player must be selected who has not reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 1, 2021, provided their WAGR ranking is 1000 or better. Extenuating circumstances caused by injury, illness, or schedule impacts caused by COVID-19 will be taken into consideration.

#### **6. Selection Process**

Golf Canada MNAS selections will occur according to the following process:

- a. A selection meeting will take place via conference call chaired by the Chief Sport Officer.
- b. Players who meet the automatic selection criteria in section 4 will be identified first.
- c. Remaining players will be selected using the additional selection criteria in section 5.
- d. The Selection Committee will rank the squad in order of selection and recommend selections to the Sport Committee.
- e. The Sport Committee will ratify selection of the MNAS.
- f. The Chief Sport Officer or their designee will notify all selected players in writing of their selection.

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<sup>1</sup> Modified to account for the impact of schedule changes from COVID-19.

- g. The Squad Member Agreement will be forwarded to all selected players, who must confirm their participation on MNAS by signing and submitting the agreement to the Manager, High Performance Sport within one week of receipt.
- h. Players who do not return the Squad Member Agreement within one week may lose their position on MNAS.
- i. Sport Canada funding (i.e., Athlete Assistance Program) will be awarded based on the ranking order of players at the time of selection. AAP support may not be available to all players selected for MNAS.

## **7. Appeal Procedure**

The Appeal Policy and Procedure can be viewed or downloaded from the Golf Canada website:

<https://d340o5x54o72bd.cloudfront.net/app/uploads/2021/04/7.SSP-Appeal-Policy-and-Procedure.pdf>

## **8. Financial Constraints**

The financial capacity of Golf Canada, notwithstanding the results of the Selection Guidelines, may limit the number of selected players that receive funding from Golf Canada.