



## 2021-2022 NATIONAL JUNIOR 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 National Junior Squad (NJS) is to provide resources and support to help developing Canadian junior golfers maximize their potential and eventually reach the LPGA or PGA TOUR.

The selection criteria published on this document serve as the basis to invite up to fifty (50) junior golfers (i.e., players who have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and not playing college golf) to the National Junior Squad selection camp.

Invitations to the selection camp will be communicated during or prior to the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> and the camp will be held at the end of August/early September (TBD). The Sport Committee will review these selection criteria on a yearly basis.

#### 2. Prerequisites to selection

To be invited to the NJS selection camp, 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 in International 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).

#### 3. Definitions

**Golf Canada-NJS** – Golf Canada National Junior Squad.

**Staff** – Coach(es) and Integrated Support Team (IST) of the Golf Canada-NJS. 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 camp** – The National Junior Squad Selection Camp to take place at the end of August/early September (exact date TBD) whereby players are invited to try out for spots on the National Junior Squad.

**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 Junior Squad Head Coach, the National Junior Squad 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**

Players who meet any of the following criteria will automatically be invited to the NJS selection camp.

- a. Age eligible members of the 2021 National Junior Squad.
- b. Any junior girls ranked within the top-750 on the WAGR and any junior boys ranked within the top-1250 on WAGR as of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- c. Canadian National Junior and Juvenile Champions (boys and girls) from 2021.
- d. Champions from each of the ten Provincial Association championships from 2021, provided the winning total score is even par or better and the championship has concluded before August 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

The following criteria will guide Selection Committee decisions to select the remaining players for invitation to the NJS selection camp.

- a. Provincial players – each Provincial Association may nominate their top boys and girls who they deem to have future potential. Nominations must be submitted to Golf Canada by Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Identification by Provincial Association does not guarantee a player an invitation to the Selection Camp.
- b. Discretionary invitations – open application to be posted on the Golf Canada website for any Canadian Junior to apply by Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Extenuating circumstances caused by injury, illness, or schedule impacts caused by COVID-19 will be taken into consideration.

#### **6. Process for invitation to the NJS selection camp**

Golf Canada NJS selection camp invitations will be distributed according to the following process.

- a. Invitations to the NJS selection camp will be sent out by Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Players must accept or decline the invitation to the selection camp within five (5) days of receiving the invitation.
- c. The selection camp will take place at the end of August/early September (exact dates TBD).

#### **7. Process for selection to the 2021-2022 NJS**

- a. A selection meeting will take place via conference call chaired by the Chief Sport Officer.
- b. Players will be selected according to criteria posted prior to the NJS selection camp. Criteria will include a combination of skills testing, a 54-hole tournament at the NJS selection camp, and 2021 season results.

- c. The Selection Committee will rank the squad in order of selection and recommend selections to the Sport Committee.
- d. The Sport Committee will ratify selection of the NJS.
- e. The Chief Sport Officer or their designee will notify all selected players in writing of their selection.
- f. The Squad Member Agreement will be forwarded to all selected players, who must confirm their participation on NJS by signing and submitting the agreement to the Manager, High Performance Sport within one week of receipt.
- g. Players who do not return the Squad Member Agreement within one week may lose their position on NJS.

## **8. Appeal Procedure**

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

<https://d34oo5x54o72bd.cloudfront.net/app/uploads/2021/04/7.SSP-Appeal-Policy-and-Procedure.pdf>

## **9. 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.