



2022-2023 TEAM CANADA – WOMEN

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

1. Introduction

The objective of Golf Canada's Team Canada program (TC) is to provide resources and support to elite Canadian amateur and professional golfers with the ultimate goal of helping them reach the LPGA.

The selection criteria published on this document serve as the basis for player selection to TC. These criteria are designed to identify players who have achieved excellent results in major amateur and professional competition and have the best chance of benefiting from the resources provided by the TC program in the player's journey to the LPGA. The Team Canada women's program is specifically focused on helping golfers to reach the LPGA and is only available to players who are committed to becoming a LPGA tour player.

Selection for amateurs will occur during the month of September and for professionals during the month of December following LPGA and LET Q-schools. Players will be notified of their selection in October for amateurs and January for professionals. The Sport Committee will review these selection criteria on a yearly basis.

2. Prerequisites to selection

To be selected for Team Canada – Women 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 not be subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of Golf Canada.
- c. Must be in compliance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP).
- d. At the time of selection, the primary career goal of the athlete must be to play professional golf on the LPGA. Amateurs must demonstrate a clear intent to turn professional upon completion of college, or sooner.

3. Definitions

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

Rolux rankings – world ranking system for professional female golfers.

Staff – Coach(es) and Integrated Support Team (IST) of TC – Women. These individuals are integrally involved and responsible for the continuing development of the player.

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 Team Canada—

Women Head Coach, the Team Canada—Women Associate Coach, the Team Canada—NextGen Head Coach, and additional representatives with expertise in elite amateur or professional golf. The Golf Canada Chief Sport Officer shall be the Chair of the Selection Committee.

TC – Women – Team Canada – Women, a program composed of amateur and professional players with the ultimate goal of helping these players reach the LPGA.

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

4. Process for selection for amateur golfers

Amateur golfers who have stated their intentions of playing professional golf and are on track to turn professional in the near future (e.g., within the next three years) may be considered for TC – Women. High-level amateur golfers who have not yet decided whether they intend on turning professional or are many years away from turning professional can instead be considered for [Team Canada – NextGen](#).

Players who are amateur at time of selection (as of September 8, 2022) will be considered for TC – Women under the following criteria.

a) Automatic selection

Amateur players who meet any of the following criteria will automatically qualify for TC – Women:

- i) The top two ranked eligible Canadian players on the WAGR as of **September 8, 2022** provided their WAGR ranking is 150 or better and have a minimum applied divisor of 10.
- ii) Made it through Stage 1 of 2022 LPGA Q-series.
- iii) Finish top-50 in any LPGA event.

b) Additional selection criteria

The following criteria will guide Selection Committee decisions to select the remaining amateur players for TC – Women:

- i) Results in amateur and professional events from the 2022 season (September 1, 2021, through September 8, 2022). Events will be evaluated in the following priority:
 - Professional events
 - o LPGA
 - o Epson Tour
 - o Ladies European Tour
 - o State opens and other 36 or 54-hole events including PGA of Canada Women's Championship, Glencoe Invitational, BC Open
 - o Mini tours (including WAPT, Cactus Tour, etc.)
 - Amateur events prioritized based on the WAGR Power Number
- ii) WAGR ranking as of September 8, 2022, and ranking progression relative to age and experience.
- iii) 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.

Extenuating circumstances caused by injury, illness and maternity leave will be considered.

5. Process for selection for professional golfers

Professional golfers who are pursuing a full-time career in professional golf and have stated their aspirations for making the LPGA may be considered for TC – Women. Additionally, players must be in the first five (5) years of their professional golf career to enter TC – Women for the first time. Players who finished in the top-80 in the 2022 LPGA season-ending Points List are not eligible for selection.

a) Automatic selection

Professional players who meet any of the following criteria will automatically qualify for TC – Women:

- i) Held LPGA status in 2022 but finished outside the top-80 on the season-ending Points List.
- ii) Finished 1-45 (plus ties) at 2022 LPGA Q-Series
- iii) Finished in the top-10 on the 2022 season-ending Epson Tour Money List.

b) Additional selection criteria

The remaining professional players will be selected to TC – Women according to the following criteria:

- i) Players will first be considered based on their professional tour status in the following priority:
 - LPGA
 - Epson Tour
 - Ladies European Tour
- ii) Players will then be considered based on results in professional events in the following priority:
 - LPGA
 - Epson Tour
 - Ladies European Tour
 - State opens and other 36 or 54-hole events including PGA of Canada Women's Championship, Glencoe Invitational, BC Open
 - Mini tours (including WAPT, Cactus Tour, etc.)

6. Selection Process

Team Canada – Women 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 sections 4a) and 5a) will be identified first.
- c. Remaining players will be selected using the additional selection criteria in section 4b) and 5b).
- 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 Team Canada – Women.
- f. The Chief Sport Officer or their designee will notify all selected players in writing of their selection.
- g. The Athlete Agreement will be forwarded to all selected players, who must confirm their participation on Team Canada – Women by signing and submitting the agreement to the Manager, High Performance Sport, or their designee within one week of receipt.
- h. Players who do not return the Athlete Agreement within one week may lose their position on Team Canada – Women.
- i. Sport Canada funding (i.e., Athlete Assistance Program) will be allocated to players who are amateur at the time of selection based on the ranking order. AAP support may not be available to all players selected to Team Canada – Women.

7. Term of selection

The standard term of selection to Team Canada – Women is one year. However, to support players as they transition from amateur to professional golf, players selected to Team Canada - Women in their final year of amateur golf will receive support through their first year as a professional.

8. 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>

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.