



2026-2027 TEAM CANADA – MEN

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 major world tours. A primary focus of the TC program is supporting the most elite amateurs as they transition into their professional careers.

The selection criteria published in 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 competitions and have the best chance of benefiting from the resources provided by the TC program in the player's journey to the major golf tours. The Team Canada – Men's program is specifically focused on helping golfers reach the major golf tours and is only available to players who are committed to playing professional golf at the highest level.

Selection for amateurs will occur during the month of September and for professionals during the month of December following the PGA TOUR presented by Korn Ferry Tour and DP World Tour Q-Schools. Players will be notified of their selection during the month of October for amateurs and during the month of 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 – Men players must meet the following prerequisites:

- a. Must be a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada who intends 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 in compliance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP).
- c. At the time of selection, the primary career goal of the athlete must be to play professional golf on the major world tours. Amateurs must demonstrate a clear intent to turn professional upon completion of college, or sooner.
- d. Must not be subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of Golf Canada or other sport authority.

3. Definitions

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

OWGR – Official World Golf Ranking. International ranking system used for professional men.

WAGR – World Amateur Golf Ranking. International ranking system conducted by the R&A and USGA.

WAGR Divisor - The number of counting events (tournaments) used to calculate a player's average ranking points in the World Amateur Golf Ranking system.

Staff – Coach(es), Integrated Support Team (IST) and admin staff of TC – Men. 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 High Performance Director, High Performance Sr. Coordinators, the Team Canada – Men Head Coach, the Team Canada – Men Associate Coach(es), the Team Canada – NextGen Head Coach, and additional representatives with expertise in elite amateur or professional golf. The Golf Canada High Performance Director shall be the Chair of the Selection Committee.

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

4. Process for selection of 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 four years) may be considered for TC – Men. Amateur players who are not yet committed to a career in professional golf will not be considered for Team Canada – Men.

Players who are amateur as of August 26, 2026, will be considered for TC – Men under the following criteria.

Players will be selected in the following order:

a) Automatic selection

An eligible amateur player will automatically qualify for TC – Men if they meet one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- i) Be one of the top two (2) ranked eligible Canadian players on the World Amateur Gold Ranking (WAGR) as of August 26, 2026, provided the player holds a WAGR power ranking of 200 or better and has a minimum applied divisor of thirteen (13); or
- ii) Win two (2) events during the 2025-26 season (as defined in section 4. b) i)) where each event carries a WAGR Power number of 200.00 or greater.

b) Additional selection criteria

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

- i) Results in amateur and professional events from the 2025-26 season (August 20, 2025 - August 26, 2026). Events will be evaluated in the following priority:
 - Professional events
 - o PGA TOUR
 - o DP World Tour
 - o Korn Ferry Tour
 - o Asian Tour
 - o PGA TOUR Americas
 - o Other professional results
 - Amateur events prioritized based on the WAGR Power Number

Note for college freshman: For players who are entering college as freshman, Golf Canada will also take into consideration their results in their last year of junior golf. This recognizes that these players have not had the same opportunities in amateur events as players in their sophomore, junior and senior years. It is Golf Canada's intention to ensure that the top junior players are supported as they make the transition to college golf.

- ii) WAGR ranking as of August 26, 2026, 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 including stat platforms like UpGame

Extenuating circumstances caused by injury, illness, and parental 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 PGA TOUR may be considered for TC – Men.

Additionally, players must be in the first five (5) years, inclusive of the upcoming season, of their professional golf career to enter TC – Men for the first time. Support for professional members of Team Canada is intended for a maximum of five (5) years; however, players may be considered for continued support beyond this period if they have demonstrated continued progress towards the PGA TOUR, at the discretion of Golf Canada's Selection Committee. Extenuating circumstances such as parental leave, illness and injury will be considered.

Players who currently hold PGA TOUR status or finished in the top-100 on the previous DP World Tour's season-long points list are not eligible for selection.

Players will be selected in the following order:

a) Automatic selection

Eligible professional players who meet any of the following criteria will automatically qualify for TC – Men:

- i) Finished top-75 on the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- ii) Finished top-25 in the 2026 PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup Standings
- iii) Finished top-25 in the 2026 PGA TOUR University rankings

b) Additional selection criteria

The remaining eligible professional players will be selected to TC – Men according to the following criteria in order of importance:

- i) Results in professional events in the following priority:
 - PGA TOUR
 - DP World Tour
 - Korn Ferry Tour
 - Asian Tour
 - PGA TOUR Americas
 - Other professional results
- ii) Current professional tour status and previous season points standings, with priority given to the following tours in the order listed:
 - DP World Tour
 - Korn Ferry Tour
 - Asian Tour
 - PGA TOUR Americas
- iii) Additional factors including OWGR ranking, WAGR ranking and results in the last year before a player turns professional, and strokes gained information (i.e. through UpGame or DataGolf) may be considered when selecting professionals.

- iv) 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.

When considering additional selection criteria, a player's age and number of years professional will be taken into consideration. Extenuating circumstances caused by injury, illness, and parental leave will be considered.

6. Selection Process

Team Canada – Men selections will occur according to the following process:

- a. A selection meeting will take place via conference call chaired by the High Performance Director.
- 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 sections 4b) and 5b).
- d. The Selection Committee will rank the team in order of selection and recommend selections to the Sport Committee.
- e. The Sport Committee will ratify the selection of Team Canada – Men.
- f. The High Performance Director 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 – Men by signing and submitting the agreement within one week of receipt.
- h. Players who do not return the Athlete Agreement within one week may lose their position on Team Canada – Men.
- 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 AAP criteria. AAP support may not be available to all players selected to Team Canada – Men.

7. Term of selection

The standard term of selection to Team Canada – Men is one year.

8. Appeal Procedure

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

<https://d34oo5x54o72bd.cloudfront.net/app/uploads/2023/05/Safe-Sport-Policies-Appeal-Policy-May-2023-1683893148.pdf?x70283>

9. Financial Constraints

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

10. Amendments and Revisions

Golf Canada reserves the right to amend this selection criteria at any time to reflect changes in the professional and amateur golf landscape. This section is included to allow Golf Canada to maintain alignment with evolving professional tour structures, player development needs, and international best practices and ensuring that our selection process reflects the current golf landscape. Future changes to the selection process may be introduced in alignment with Golf Canada's high performance development framework and the evolving needs of transitioning professionals.