



ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT

2021 PLAYER SUPPORT PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Alberta Golf Player Support Program identifies and supports players throughout the province who attain a defined performance standard and are willing to demonstrate a continued investment in their development.

This information package has been designed as a roadmap for parents and players seeking advice on high performance development, demonstrating how Alberta Golf identifies and supports our talent pool of future golfers.

This program is a support program, designed to enhance, and not replace, existing relationships and investments. There are no requirements for players to seek out or change coaches or golf facilities or adapt to a new schedule or development strategy.

As players move through their journey from Tier 1 to Tier 3, and possibly onto Tier 4, three components to the Player Support Program come into play: *Performance, Investment and Engagement*. These components are explained in detail in the **Player Support Program**.

In 2021 the total investment being made by Alberta Golf into Sport Development is \$200,000. Of this total, 10% will be distributed directly to athletes for one-on-one coaching support.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



PART 1: PERFORMANCE

- Players should become familiar with the event listings which encompass larger ranking categories ([Golf Canada Order of Merit](#), [MJT Order of Merit](#), [Junior Golf Scoreboard](#) & [WAGR](#)). These listings can be found on each organization's website. Alberta Golf uses these rankings in order to broaden the scope of player consideration.
- The PERFORMANCE portion of the program is objective and entirely based on results. A complete listing of the counting events can be found in this document (*Tier 1 – 4 Criteria*).
- In October of each year, player rankings from the current season are used to determine program eligibility. Invitations are sent out to those players who have qualified based on their performance.

PART 2: INVESTMENT

- Upon receipt of the Player Support Program Invitation, athletes complete the INVESTMENT portion of the application. Players share their anticipated costs in four training areas: *Swing Instruction, Coaching, Fitness/Nutrition, Sports Psychology*
- The amounts invested demonstrate player commitment towards golf development.
- Participants are required to share contact information for the identified professionals in each category for which they are claiming an expense. Funds are sent directly to these professionals in order to protect the amateur status of all players.

PART 3: ENGAGEMENT

- As part of the application process, players are encouraged to participate within the golf community. Based on the quality and frequency with which a player is giving back to the golf community, additional support is provided.
- Players may contribute to the golf community in any number of ways including: *Helping with a local junior program, Volunteering with a regional Alberta Golf event, Volunteering at the Alberta Golf & Alberta Golf Foundation Fundraising Casinos.*

ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 1

Emerging Club Competitors

These players are playing the majority of their golf at their home course, or in their hometown. There is minimal travel required at this level. There are no organized provincial level events but a goal in this Tier would be to play in the Alberta U17, U15 & U13 Championships.

Tier Criteria

- Active at the club level

Resources

- Club professionals & coordinators

Benefits

- Introduction to competition

Recommended Events

- Club Leagues
- Junior Club Championship
- Local Interclub Events
- [McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour](#)

ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 2

Established Club Players & Emerging Provincial Players

These players are working on coordinating a travel schedule as well as playing at the club/local level. This is a very broad level for players. The entry level player for Tier 2 will be at a very different stage than the exit level player in this Tier. The top level of this Tier is actively playing in events around the province and is likely making the cut at the Alberta U19 Championship.

Criteria (A player must attain a minimum of 3 of the following performance criteria)

Top 250 (boys) & 200 (girls)	Golf Canada Junior Order of Merit
Top 5000 (boys) & 3000 (girls)	Junior Golf Scoreboard
Made the cut (boys), Top 50% (girls)	Alberta U19 Championship
Top 50%	Golf Canada NextGen Western Championship
Top 50%	Golf Canada NextGen Prairie Championship
Top 5 (per age division)	Alberta U17, U15, U13 Championships
Top 10 (boys) & Top 5 (girls)	MJT Alberta Order of Merit (by age division)
Top 20 (boys) & Top 5 (girls)	McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour Championship

Resources

- Players can resource their local coach/swing instructor or club professional

Benefits

- Team Selection
 - o Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup
 - o Western Canada Summer Games U17 (2023)
 - o Canada Summer Games U19 (2021) – postponed to 2022

Recommended Events

- Alberta U17, U15 & U13 Championships
- Alberta U19 Championship
- Golf Canada NextGen Western Championship
- Golf Canada NextGen Prairie Championship
- MJT events
- City Junior events (CGA, CLGA, EGA)

ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 3

Established Provincial Players & Emerging National Players

These players are likely to **make the cut at a National Level competition**. These players are actively playing golf at the highest level and proving themselves on the provincial and national stages.

Eligibility (A player must attain a minimum of 3 of the following performance criteria)

- Players in this Tier must play at least one Alberta Golf event to be considered, with concessions made for players in a Team Canada program.

U19 Criteria

Top 100 (boys) & Top 50 (girls)	Golf Canada Junior Order of Merit
Top 2000 (boys) & Top 1500 (girls)	Junior Golf Scoreboard
Top 20 (boys) & Top 10 (girls)	Alberta Men's/Ladies Amateur Championships
Top 10 (boys) & Top 10 (girls)	Golf Canada NextGen Pacific Championship
Made the cut	Golf Canada Men's/Women's Amateur Championship
Top 8 (boys) & Top 8 (girls)	Golf Canada NextGen Western Championship
Top 10 (boys) & Top 5 (girls)	Alberta U19 Championship
Made the cut	Golf Canada Junior Boys/Girls Championships

19+ Criteria

Top 50	Golf Canada Order of Merit
Top 2000	WAGR
Top 10	Alberta Men's/Ladies Amateur Championships
Top 20	Alberta Open (men) & BC Amateur (women)
Made the cut	Golf Canada Men's/Women's Amateur Championship
Qualified	US Amateur
Top 10 (boys) & Top 5 (girls)	Alberta U19 Championship

Process

- Based on the results of the current season, in October of each year eligible players are invited to apply for the support program, submitting anticipated development expenses in a number of areas. A weighted scoring key is used to determine the amount of funding a player will receive from Alberta Golf based on all applications received.

Resources

- Players can use the funding received to make an investment with any professional of their choosing in the area(s) they seek to improve.

Benefits

- Subsidized budget for player improvement support in four areas:
 - Coaching
 - Swing Instruction
 - Fitness/Nutrition
 - Sport Psychology
- Feature articles and promotion on website and social media throughout the season
- Alberta Golf High Performance player package

Recommended Events

- Alberta Golf Amateur Championships
- Alberta Open
- Golf Canada Amateur Championships
- Canadian Junior Championship (age restrictions)

ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 4

International Players

These players are representing Alberta on the International stage. Members of a Team Canada program are eligible for this Tier.

Eligibility (A player must attain a minimum of 3 of the following performance criteria)

Top 10	Golf Canada Order of Merit
Top 500	WAGR
Top 3	Alberta Men's/Ladies Amateur Championships
Top 5	Alberta Open (men) & BC Amateur (women)
Top 25	Golf Canada Men's/Women's Amateur Championship
Round of 64	US Amateur
Winner	Alberta U19 Championship

Process

- Based on the results of the current season, in October of each year eligible players are invited to apply for the support program, submitting anticipated development expenses in a number of areas. A weighted scoring key is used to determine the amount of funding a player will receive from Alberta Golf based on all applications received.

Resources

- Players can use the funding received to make an investment with any professional of their choosing in the area(s) they seek to improve.

Benefits

- Subsidized budget for player improvement support in four areas:
 - o Coaching
 - o Swing Instruction
 - o Fitness/Nutrition
 - o Sport Psychology
- Feature articles and promotion on website and social media throughout the season

Recommended Events

- WAGR ranking events

ALBERTA GOLF EVENT SUPPORT 2021

Typically*, Alberta Golf has sent technical representatives and/or coaches to support players at the following events:

- Alberta U19 Championship
- Alberta 17, U15 & U13 Championships
- Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup
- Golf Canada NextGen Pacific Championship
- Golf Canada NextGen Western Championship
- Golf Canada Junior Boys Championship
- Golf Canada Junior Girls Championship
- Golf Canada Women's Amateur Championship
- Golf Canada Men's Amateur Championship

Coaches will be responsible for social events at the Alberta U19 Championship & the Alberta U17, U15 & U13 Championships.

Coaches will be expected to assist players with various aspects of their tournament preparation. They will make themselves available for warmups, on course observations and post-round wrap up.

At Golf Canada events, coaches will be responsible for arranging practice rounds, on course observation, post round analysis, group meals, etc. for every Alberta player in the field. This is an option for player consideration as the support will be there should they choose to use it.

** Adjustments to Alberta Golf's onsite support were made in 2020 as a result of Covid-19 travel restrictions in place as well as National event cancellations. In April 2021 Alberta Golf will determine whether or not these adjustments continue based on health regulations and travel restrictions in place.*

ALBERTA GOLF TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA 2021

- **Interprovincial Teams (3 players)**
 - Performance based selection model
 - Top 3 finishers in 2021 Provincial Championship
 - Eligible for Athlete Assistance

- **Pacific Coast Amateur (3 male players)**
 - Performance based selection model
 - 2020 Alberta Men's Amateur champion, top amateur at 2020 Alberta Open & top ranked Albertan on the Golf Canada Order of Merit (*adjusted due to Covid)
 - Cost to be subsidized by players
 - Eligible for Athlete Assistance

- **Junior America's Cup**
 - Performance based selection model
 - Cost to be subsidized by players
 - Eligible for Athlete Assistance
 - Apparel package included

- **Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup - 6 boys & 6 girls**
 - Prospect selection model
 - Age restrictions – U18, U17 & U16 (2 players per gender, per category)
 - Interprovincial players & JAC players are ineligible
 - Cost to be subsidized by players
 - Apparel package included

- **Western Canada Summer Games (2023, 2027) – 5 boys & 5 girls**
 - Performance based selection model
 - Age restrictions (U17)
 - Costs are subsidized by Alberta Golf
 - Apparel package included

- **Canada Summer Games (postponed to 2022) – 2 boys & 2 girls**
 - Performance based selection model
 - Age restrictions (U19)
 - Costs are subsidized by Alberta Golf
 - Apparel package included

PROGRAM SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

Alberta Golf would like to thank our supporters of the Player Support Program:



ALBERTA GOLF CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the Alberta Golf 2021 Player Support Program, please contact us at any time and we would be pleased to provide assistance.

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