



**SPORT DEVELOPMENT  
2026 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Alberta Golf High Performance 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.

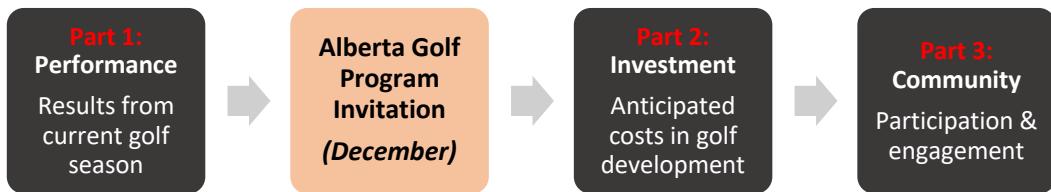
This information package has been designed as a roadmap for parents and players seeking advice on high performance development, college recruitment, and safe sport, demonstrating how Alberta Golf identifies and supports our talent pool of future golfers.

This program is aligned with the principles contained in Sport for Life with respect to physical literacy as well as the Long-Term Player Development booklet (LTPD).

Alberta Golf's High-Performance program is designed to enhance and assist both, player and coach development.

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

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



### PART 1: PERFORMANCE

- Players should become familiar with the event listings which encompass larger ranking categories [MJT Order of Merit](#), [Junior Golf Scoreboard](#), [TUGR](#), [NCAA/NAIA](#) & [WAGR](#)). These listings can be found on each organization's website. The Alberta Golf Competitive Roadmap also provides guidance regarding important events at each developmental stage throughout the LTPD and the Competitive Roadmap can be found in the appendix of this document.
- 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 3, Tier 2 and Tier 1 Criteria*).
  1. Between October and December of each year, player results and rankings from the preceding season are used to determine program eligibility for the subsequent year.
  2. All eligible Tier 3, 2 and 1 players are identified in the high-performance section of the Alberta Golf website.
  3. For players who attain identified status, invitations will be sent regarding high-performance camps, development training opportunities, and multi-sport games opportunities.

### PART 2: INVESTMENT

- Upon receipt of the High-Performance Program Invitation, athletes complete the investment portion of the application where players provide their anticipated costs in four training areas: *Swing Instruction, Coaching, Fitness/Nutrition, Sports Psychology*.
- The anticipated amounts invested demonstrate player commitment towards golf development and factor into the amount of funding support received.
- Of the professional support received, players must identify a one (1) individual to receive the funding support determined. Identifying a PGA of Alberta Professional is preferred but not limited to.

### PART 3: COMMUNITY

- A key piece of the Alberta Golf High Performance program is community. Players are encouraged to participate within the golf community and based on the quality and frequency with which a player is giving back and taking part in set events, additional support may be provided.

# ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 4

## *Club Players*

These players are playing golf primarily at their home course, or in their hometown and participating in their local junior club program.

There is minimal travel required at this level and players may or may not have personal coaches.

There are no organized provincial championship events for Tier 4 level players but participating in Jr Interclub, Junior Days, Junior Club Championships...etc. is encouraged.

Club level participation is recommended in this stage.

### **Tier Criteria**

Active at the club level

### **Resources**

Club professionals & junior coordinators

### **Benefits**

Building basic golf movements and fostering an enjoyment for the game.

### **Recommended Events**

Club Leagues

Junior Club Championship

Local Interclub Events

McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour

# ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 3

## *Provincial Players*

These players are emerging competitors who travel to compete but are also competing at the club level. The entry level player for Tier 3 will be at a very different stage than the exit level in this Tier with a key player objective being skill and game development.

**Criteria** - player must attain a minimum of two (2), Tier 3 performance criteria to be categorized as a Tier 3 athlete, which can be found in the appendix. *Tier 3 is a U19 only category.*

### **Resources**

- Club junior lesson program
- PGA instruction; private or coaching

### **Benefits**

- Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup (12 players)
- Alberta Summer Games U17 (2025)
- Invitation to Tier program development camp  
*(Copper Point Resort, Invermere, BC, April 2026)*
- Invitation to championship prep camps
- Invitation to the High-Performance Summits
- Access to identified professional support  
*(mental performance, fitness and nutrition)*

### **Recommended Events**

See High Performance Competitive Pathway in appendix.

# ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 2

## *National Players*

These players are aiming to win provincial championships and are likely to make the cut at national championships. Tier 2 players are actively playing golf at the highest level and proving themselves on the provincial stage and are emerging national level players.

**Criteria** - player must attain a minimum of three (3), Tier 2 performance criteria to be categorized as a Tier 2 athlete, which can be found in the appendix.

*\*If players achieve two (2) Tier 2 criteria, and a minimum of three (3) Tier 3 criteria, they will be identified as an achieving player and moved to Tier 2 status.*

### **Process**

Players who qualify as identified Tier 2 are invited to apply for the High-Performance support program by completing the application and submitting anticipated development expenses. A weighted scoring key is used to determine the funding a player will receive from Alberta Golf based on all applications received. Players can qualify to receive up to but not exceeding \$2,500.

### **Resources**

PGA coaching

Mental performance training

Fitness training

### **Benefits**

Funding support is provided to Tier 2 players and can be applied to one of the following:

Coaching

Swing Instruction

Fitness/Nutrition

Sport Psychology/mental performance

Invitations for camps, development opportunities and identified professional support resources are also provided to Tier 2 identified players.

### **Recommended Events**

See High Performance Competitive Pathway in appendix.

# ALBERTA GOLF SPORT DEVELOPMENT TIER 1

## *International Players*

These players are representing Alberta on both the national and international stage with the intent to win both national championships and compete at international competitions.

**Criteria** - player must attain a minimum of three (3), Tier 1 performance criteria to be categorized as a Tier 1 athlete, which can be found in the appendix.

### **Process**

Players who qualify as identified Tier 1 are invited to apply for the High-Performance support program by completing the application and submitting anticipated development expenses. A weighted scoring key is used to determine the funding a player will receive from Alberta Golf based on all applications received. Players can qualify to receive up to but not exceeding \$2,500.

### **Resources**

PGA coaching  
Mental performance training  
Fitness training

### **Benefits**

Funding support is provided to Tier 4 players and can be applied to one of the following:

- Coaching
- Swing Instruction
- Fitness/Nutrition
- Sport Psychology/mental performance

### **Recommended Events**

See High Performance Competitive Pathway in appendix.

# ALBERTA GOLF EVENT SUPPORT 2025

Alberta Golf will be sending coaches and, in some cases, managers to support players at the following events:

Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup

Alberta Summer Games

Alberta Golf U19 Championship

Alberta Golf Men's Amateur

Alberta Golf Women's Amateur

Golf Canada NextGen Pacific Championship

Golf Canada NextGen Western Championship

Golf Canada NextGen Prairie Championship

Golf Canada Junior Boys Championship

Golf Canada Junior Girls Championship

Golf Canada Men's Amateur Championship

Golf Canada Women's Amateur Championship

Coaches will assist all players with various aspects of their tournament preparation which includes, player warmups, on course observations, post round debriefs and observing practice post round.

At the discretion of the player and coach, practice round groupings will be created and on course strategy focus will be provided along with group meals and other indirect activities related to the competition for every Alberta player in the field.

## TEAM ALBERTA SELECTION CRITERIA

### **Interprovincial Teams (3 players) – Performance based selection model**

Top 3 finishers in 2026 Provincial Championship

Alberta U19 Boys

Alberta U19 Girls

Alberta Men's Amateur

Alberta Women's Amateur

Players representing Alberta at national championships will be receive funding support provided to offset a portion or travel costs and a full team package.

### **Pacific Coast Amateur (3 male players) – Performance based selection model**

2025 Alberta Men's Amateur champion, top amateur at the 2025 Alberta Open & low finisher at 2025 Canadian Men's Amateur.

Players representing Alberta at the Pacific Coast Amateur will be receive funding support provided to offset a portion or travel costs and a full team package.

### **Pacific Northwest Golf Association Women's Amateur (1 female players) – Performance based selection model**

The PNGA will award an exemption to the 2025 Alberta Women's Amateur champion.

Additional spots in the field may be provided based on the discretionary exemption process managed by the PNGA.

Players representing Alberta at national championships will be receive funding support provided to offset a portion of travel costs and a full team package.

### **Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup - 6 boys & 6 girls – Tier 3 players eligible for team selection**

Age divisions, boys and girls,

U15, 15 – 16 years, 17 – 18 years

Players on team Alberta will receive a full team package and a portion of event costs are subsidized by Alberta Golf.

### **2026 Alberta Summer Games – 2 boys & 2 girls for each Alberta zone - Performance based selection model & Team tryouts**

Age restrictions (U17).

Players in each Alberta zone will have the opportunity to represent and compete as a zone representative at the games.

## PROGRAM SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

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**APPENDIX**



# High Performance **COMPETITIVE ROADMAP**

The Alberta Golf Competitive Pathway provides competitive guidance for junior players from the club level events to competing and performing nationally.

**1**

## Local Club Events

- Junior Days
- Junior Interclub
- Golf with Friends
- Skill Challenges



LTPD Stage: Learn to Golf

**2**

## Competitive Onboarding

- McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour
- Maple Leaf Junior Tour Mini Tour
- Canadian Junior Golf Association Linksters Tour



LTPD Stage: Introduction to Competition

**3**

## Competing Locally and Provincially

- Maple Leaf Junior Tour
- Canadian Junior Golf Association
- City Golf Associations
- Alberta U13 & U15 Championship



LTPD Stage: Learn to Compete

**4**

## Competing Provincially and Nationally

- AB U17 & U19 Championships
- AB Men's Amateur
- AB Women's Amateur
- NextGen Championships
- Golf Canada U15 Championship



LTPD Stage: Train to Compete

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## Competing Nationally and Internationally

- Golf Canada Junior Boys Championship
- Golf Canada Junior Girls Championship
- Golf Canada Men's Amateur
- Golf Canada Women's Amateur
- International Competitions



LTPD Stage: Compete to Win



# Junior Golfer

## DEVELOPMENTAL ROADMAP

Providing Developmental  
Guidance to all Junior Golfers

### LTPD STAGE

### STAGE OBJECTIVES & KEY CONCEPTS

#### ACTIVE START

Male 0 - 6 years old  
Female 0 - 6 years old

##### OBJECTIVE

Building agility, balance and coordination along with building comfort and awareness of golf course and facilities.

**Key concepts:** children should learn the fundamental movements and link them together. Enjoyment and unstructured play are critical at this stage

**Resources:** **practice facility, family & friends**

#### FUNDAMENTALS

Male 6 - 9 years old  
Female 6 - 8 years old

##### OBJECTIVE

Learn fundamental movement skills and build overall motor skills. Using games to develop strength, endurance and flexibility is critical along with ensuring golf clubs fit junior properly.

**Key concepts:** putting, chipping & full swing

**Resources:** **practice facility, club junior program, par 3 course**

#### LEARN TO GOLF

Male 9 - 11 years old  
Female 8 - 11 years old

##### OBJECTIVE

Continue to develop fundamental movements and golf fundamental movement skills. Encouraging children to play many sports is key which enhances their movement skills.

**Key concepts:** putting, chipping, full swing & greenside bunker

**Resources:** **par 3 course, 9-hole course, club junior program**

#### INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION

Male 11 - 14 years old  
Female 11 - 13 years old

##### OBJECTIVE

Continue to build golf fundamental movement skills and seek guidance from a PGA of Canada member. Providing competitive experiences where winning and results are not the top priority is key in this stage.

**Key concepts:** putting, chipping, full swing, green reading & club selection

**Resources:** **practice facility, 18-hole course, PGA private lessons**

#### LEARN TO COMPETE

Male 14 - 17 years old  
Female 13 - 16 years old

##### OBJECTIVE

Implementing technical, tactical and supporting ancillary skills to meet future expectations. This stage is where juniors measure skills against peers in competition.

**Key concepts:** developing a resilient mindset & refining technical & tactical skills

**Resources:** **18-hole course, support professionals, PGA coaching**

#### TRAIN TO COMPETE

Male 17 - 22 years old  
Female 16 - 19 years old

##### OBJECTIVE

Reinforce, refine and optimize technical, tactical and ancillary skills to perform at desired level. Focus on optimizing golf skills in relation to competitive expectations.

**Key concepts:** players must learn to compete in all conditions and circumstances

**Resources:** **18-hole course, support professionals, PGA coaching**



## Alberta Golf High Performance Program

### Player Support - Performance Criteria

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#### Tier 3 - Provincial Performance Criteria - Male

Players must meet **two** of the following performance criteria to be designated as Tier 3 identified athletes.

*Achieved criteria applies to 2027 identification*

##### Provincial Championships

Alberta Open, Men's	Qualified
Alberta Men's Amateur	Made cut
Alberta U19 Championship	Made cut
Alberta U17 Championship	Top 50%
Alberta U15 Championship	Top 20
Alberta U13 Championship	Top 15
Provincial U19's	Top 50%
Provincial Men's Amateur	Top 50%

##### National & International Events

Canadian Junior Boys	Qualified
Canadian Men's Amateur	Qualified
NextGen Championships (all)	Top 50%
FCG Callaway World Championship	Qualified
Uswing Mojing Junior Worlds	Qualified
Pacific Coast Amateur	Qualified
Glencoe Invitational	Qualified
Mickelson National Invitational	Qualified
Alberta High School Provincials	Top 20
Maple Leaf Junior Tour	Top 50%
National Championship	

##### Junior Order of Merit

Maple Leaf Junior Tour	Top 10
*in each age division	
Junior Players Tour	Top 10
*in each age division	
McLennan Ross Alberta Junior Tour	Top 10
*Season point standings, each age division	

##### Player Rankings

World Amateur Golf Ranking	Top 5000
Junior Golf Scoreboard	Top 5000
American Junior Golf Association	Top 5000

*\*Players who achieve two Tier 2 criteria and three or more Tier 3 criteria will be promoted to Tier 2 status. .*



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#### Tier 3 - Provincial Performance Criteria - Female

Players must meet **two** of the following performance criteria to be designated as Tier 3 identified athletes.

*Achieved criteria applies to 2027 identification*

##### Provincial Championships

Alberta U19 Championship	Top 50%
Alberta Women's Amateur	Top 50%
Alberta Open, Women's	Top 50%
Alberta U17 Championship	Top 20
Alberta U15 Championship	Top 15
Alberta U13 Championship	Top 10
Provincial U19's	Top 50%
Provincial Women's Amateur	Top 50%

##### National & International Events

Canadian Junior Girls	Qualified
Canadian Women's Amateur	Qualified
NextGen Championships (all)	Top 50%
Pacific Northwest Women's Amateur	Qualified
Uswing Mojing Junior Worlds	Top 50%
FCG Callaway World Championship	Top 50%
Glencoe Invitational	Top 50%
Maple Leaf Junior Tour	Top 50%
National Championship	Top 50%
Alberta High School Provincials	Top 20

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### Tier 2 - National

#### Performance Criteria - Male

Players must meet **three** of the following performance criteria to be designated as Tier 2 identified athletes.

*Achieved criteria applies to 2027 identification*

#### Provincial Championships

Alberta Open, Men's	Top 25
Alberta Men's Amateur	Top 20
Alberta U19 Championship	Top 20
Alberta U17 Championship	Top 15
Alberta U15 Championship	Top 5
Ontario U19	Top 22
British Columbia and Quebec QC U19	Top 20
Saskatchewan and Manitoba U19	Top 10
Maritimes U19	Top 5
British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec Men's Amateur	Top 23
Manitoba Men's Amateur	Top 18
Saskatchewan Men's Amateur	Top 17
Maritimes Men's Amateur	Top 10

#### National Events

Canadian Junior Boys	Made cut
Canadian Men's Amateur	Made cut
Western NextGen	Top 20
Pacific, Ontario and Quebec NextGen	Top 17
Atlantic NextGen	Top 14
Prairie NextGen	Top 13
Canadian Collegiate Invitational	Top 20
Canadian University & College Championship	Top 15
USGA Junior Boys	Round of 64
USGA Men's Amateur	Round of 64

#### Additional Championships

Uswing Mojing Junior Worlds	Top 30
FCG Callaway World Championship	Top 25
Glencoe Invitational	Top 15
Mickelson National Invitational	Top 15
Pacific Coast Amateur	Made cut
Championship	
PGA Tour event	Qualify

#### Player Rankings

World Amateur Golf Ranking	Top 2500
Junior Golf Scoreboard	Top 2000
American Junior Golf Association	Top 2000
NCAA	
Division I	Top 450
Division II	Top 350
Division III	Top 350
NAIA	Top 100



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### Tier 2 - National

#### Performance Criteria - Female

Players must meet **three** of the following performance criteria to be designated as Tier 2 identified athletes.

*Achieved criteria applies to 2027 identification*

#### Provincial Championships

Alberta Women's Amateur	Top 21
Alberta U19 Championship	Top 10
Alberta U17 Championship	Top 10
Alberta Open, Women's	Top 10
Alberta U15	Top 5
Ontario U19	Top 23
British Columbia and Quebec U19	Top 11
Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Maritimes U19	Top 5
Ontario and British Columbia Women's Amateur	Top 25
Quebec Women's Amateur	Top 10
Manitoba Women's Amateur	Top 6
Saskatchewan & Maritimes Women's Amateur	Top 5

#### National Events

Canadian Junior Girls	Made cut
Canadian Women's Amateur	Made cut
Pacific and Ontario NextGen	Top 25
Quebec NextGen	Top 16
Western NextGen	Top 15
Prairie NextGen	Top 10
Atlantic NextGen	Top 8
Canadian Collegiate Invitational	Top 20
Canadian University & College Championship	Top 16
USGA Junior Girls	Qualified
USGA Women's Amateur	Qualified

#### Additional Championships

Uswing Mojing Junior WorldsFCG	Top 50
Callaway World Championship	Top 32
Pacific Northwest Golf Association Women's Amateur	Top 20
Glencoe Invitational	Top 15
LPGA Tour event	Qualify

#### Player Rankings

World Amateur Golf Ranking	Top 2500
Junior Golf Scoreboard	Top 2000
American Junior Golf Association	Top 2000
NCAA	
Division I	Top 450
Division II	Top 350
Division III	Top 350
NAIA	Top 100





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#### Tier 1 - International

##### Performance Criteria - Male

Players must meet **three** of the following performance criteria to be designated as Tier 1 identified athletes.

*Achieved criteria applies to 2027 identification*

##### Provincial Championships

Alberta U19 Championship	WIN
Alberta U17 Championship	WIN
Alberta Men's Amateur	WIN
Alberta Open, Men's	WIN
Canadian Provincial Championships	
Provincial U19	WIN
Provincial Men's Amateur	WIN

##### National Events

Canadian Men's Amateur	Top 3
Canadian Junior Boys	WIN
NextGen Championships (all)	WIN
Canadian Collegiate Invitational	WIN
Canadian University & College Championship	WIN
USGA Junior Boys	Round of 64
USGA Men's Amateur	Round of 64

##### Additional Championships

Uswing Mojing Junior Worlds FCG	Top 3
Pacific Coast Amateur	Top 3
Championship	
FCG Callaway World Championship	WIN
Glencoe Invitational	WIN
Mickelson National Invitational	WIN
PGA Tour event	Qualify

##### Player Rankings

World Amateur Golf Ranking	Top 500
Junior Golf Scoreboard	Top 75
American Junior Golf Association	Top 65
NCAA	
Division I	Top 50
Division II	Top 50





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### Tier 1 - International

#### Performance Criteria - Female

Players must meet **three** of the following performance criteria to be designated as Tier 1 identified athletes.

*Achieved criteria applies to 2027 identification*

#### Provincial Championships

Alberta U19 Championship	WIN
Alberta U17 Championship	WIN
Alberta Women's Amateur	WIN
Alberta Open, Women's	WIN

#### Canadian Provincial Championships

Provincial U19: BC, ON, and QC	WIN
Provincial Women's Amateur's: BC, ON, and QC	WIN

#### National Events

Canadian Junior Girls	Top 3
Canadian Women's Amateur	Top 3
NextGen Championships (all)	WIN
Canadian Collegiate Invitational	WIN
Canadian University & College Championship	WIN
USGA Junior Girls	Round of 64
USGA Women's Amateur	Round of 64

#### Additional Championships

Uswing Mojing Junior WorldsFCG	Top 3
FCG Callaway World Championship	WIN
Glencoe Invitational	WIN
Pacific Northwest Golf Association Women's Amateur	WIN
LPGA Tour event	Qualify

#### Player Rankings

World Amateur Golf Ranking	Top 400
Junior Golf Scoreboard	Top 60
American Junior Golf Association	Top 50
NCAA	
Division I	Top 50
Division II	Top 50





## ALBERTA GOLF CONTACT INFORMATION

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