



## **SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

### **2020 PLAYER SUPPORT**

## **ALBERTA GOLF'S SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The 2020 Alberta Golf Sport Development Program places an emphasis on sustainable athlete development throughout the province by continuing on with a tiered support program to encourage participation by private members at their home clubs as well as by public players interested in developing their games.

At the entry level, greater awareness of the roadmap to success will be a focus in 2020, and a database of athletes is being developed through the relationships established with the Alberta Junior Tour, Maple Leaf Junior Tour and Canadian Junior Golf Association. Parents of all athletes entering the earliest stages of competition in our province will become more informed about the various development opportunities available to them during their anticipated progression in the sport.

Beyond the entry level, Alberta Golf's development and high-performance offering will be made available to those who wish to dedicate additional time and resources to training and competing. Based on individual skills and potential gaps, participants in the development and high-performance categories will be provided with an array of benefits and counsel, proven to be effective in preparing athletes as they continue to progress to heightened levels of achievement.

In the field, Alberta Golf will shift its attention towards onsite support at National events from a technical standpoint and assist all athletes representing the province at these championship events. Alberta Golf recognizes that every athlete has a different need for coaching at different stages of their development. The available support to be provided by Alberta Golf will become more flexible and responsive to athlete demands and will encourage athletes to seek out the most ideal coaching services in their area. By creating provincial hubs, students will be able to seek out an Alberta Golf approved coach in their area for advice, counsel and assistance with everything from schedule creation to tournament preparation.

Finally, one of the specific tactics identified as a role to be played by the provincial sport organization is the collection and re-distribution of best practices. As athletes continue on their trajectory toward eligibility on professional tours and perhaps more appropriately, the pathway to earn post-secondary scholarships, Alberta Golf's network of informational resources and contacts will be made available to athletes and parents.

As with all programs organized by Alberta Golf, the Sport Development program continues to be one that serves the best interests of all members of the organization. We have received great feedback, advice and counsel to continue to improve the program for 2020 and we look forward to seeing the program continue to serve our developing athletes.

Further support for the direction of this program can be found on our website [www.albertagolf.org](http://www.albertagolf.org) under Sport. Please reference the Long-Term Player Development guide (LTPD/LTAD), as well as the Alberta Sport Plan. In addition to these documents, in early 2020 Golf Canada will be releasing the updated version of the Junior Competitive Pathway as a

reference guide for all players to gain a better understanding of the steps required to achieve elite-level status in golf. When the program is released there will be a link on our website.

For any questions or to seek additional information, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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# 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 to play in the Alberta Novice/Bantam Championships.

### **Tier Criteria**

- Active at the club level

### **Resources**

- Club professionals & coordinators

### **Benefits**

- Introduction to competition

### **Recommended Events**

- Alberta Junior Tour (formerly McLennan Ross Junior Tour)
- Interclub Events in your local area
- Shaw Charity Classic – Drive, Chip and Putt events

## 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 Junior Championships.

#### **Tier Criteria**

- Please see appendix A for full criteria details (minimum of 3)
- Criteria at this level help determine players for any event opportunities within this Tier
  - o Top 5000 (boys) & 3000 (girls) on Junior Golf Scoreboard 2019
  - o Top 250 (boys) & 200 (girls) on Golf Canada Junior Order of Merit 2019
  - o Made the cut (boys) & Top 50% (girls) at Alberta Junior Championships 2019
  - o Top 50% Future Links Western 2019
  - o Top 50% Future Links Prairie 2019
  - o Played in PGA of Alberta Junior Masters 2019
  - o Top 50% Alberta Bantam Championships 2019
  - o Top 50% MJT Paradise Canyon 2019
  - o Top 50% CJGA Redtail Landing 2019
  - o Top 20 (boys) & Top 5 (girls) Alberta Junior Tour Championship 2019

#### **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)
- Regional Coaching Support
  - o Player will be able to access the Regional Coach in their area
  - o Regional coaches will be offering localized camps and activities at their discretion and based on demand.
  - o Regional Coaches will be responsible for reaching out to all players in their area, once they are registered with Alberta Golf.

#### **Recommended Events**

- Alberta Bantam/Novice Championships
- Alberta Junior Championships
- Future Links Western \*\*\*
- Future Links Prairie \*\*\*
- MJT & CJGA events
- City Junior events (CGA, CLGA, EGA, etc.)

\*\*\* In 2020, Golf Canada is changing the Future Links brand. We will release more information when it is available.

## 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. Players will receive a welcome package from Alberta Golf with further details regarding the structure of the program.

Players who meet these criteria will be contacted directly from Alberta Golf during October 2019 for further information and registration.

#### **Tier Criteria**

- Please see Appendix A for full criteria details
- Players in this Tier must play at least 1 Alberta Golf event to be considered, with concessions made for players in a Team Canada program.
- **U19 (minimum of 3)**
  - Top 100 (boys) & Top 50 (girls) Golf Canada Junior Order of Merit 2019
  - Top 2000 (boys) & Top 1500 (girls) Junior Golf Scoreboard 2019
  - Top 20 (boys) & Top 10 (girls) Alberta Mens/Womens AM Championships 2019
  - Top 9 (boys) & Top 6 (girls) Future Links Pacifics 2019
  - Top 8 (boys) & Top 4 (girls) Alberta Match Play 2019
  - Top 50% Junior America's Cup 2019
  - Made the cut Canadian Mens/Womens AM Championships 2019
  - Top 8 (boys) & Top 6 (girls) Future Links Western 2019
  - Top 10 (boys) & Top 5 (girls) Alberta Junior Championships 2019
  - Made the cut Canadian Junior Boys/Girls Championships 2019
- **19+ (minimum of 3)**
  - Top 50 Golf Canada Order of Merit 2019
  - Top 2000 WAGR 2019
  - Top 10 Alberta Mens/Womens Am Championships 2019
  - Top 20 Alberta Open (men) & Top 20% Sask Am (women) 2019
  - Top 8 (men) & Top 4 (women) Alberta Match Play 2019
  - Top 50% PAC Coast (men) & PPGA (women) 2019
  - Made the cut Canadian Mens/Womens Am Championship 2019
  - Qualified for US AM 2019
  - Top 20 Glencoe Inv. (men) & BC AM (women) 2019
  - Top 500 Golfweek Rankings 2019
  - Top 10 (boys) & Top 5 (girls) Alberta Junior Championships 2019

#### **Resources**

- Players can resource and professional of their choosing in the area they seek to improve

## **Benefits**

- Subsidized budget for player improvement support in 4 areas:
  - Coaching
  - Swing Instruction
  - Fitness/Nutrition
  - Sport Psychology
- Player will be invited to submit their anticipated expenses for 2020 in these 4 areas. A weighted scoring key is used to determine the amount of funding a player will received. Areas of consideration are:
  - Performance results in 2019
  - Participation in Alberta Golf events in 2019 (not including tournament play)
  - Financial investment/need
- Feature articles and promotion on website and social media throughout the season

# 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.

### **Tier Criteria**

- Please see appendix A for full criteria details
  - Top 10 Golf Canada Order of Merit 2019
  - Top 500 WAGR 2019
  - Top 3 Alberta Mens/Womens AM Championship 2019
  - Top 5 Alberta Open (mens) & Top 3 Sask AM (womens) 2019
  - Top 2 (mens) & Winner (womens) Alberta Match Play 2019
  - Top 25% Pac Coast (mens) & Top 25% PNGA (womens) 2019
  - Top 25 Canadian Mens/Womens AM Championship 2019
  - Round of 64 US Amateur 2019
  - Top 5 Glencoe Inv. (mens) & Top 5 BC AM (womens) 2019
  - Top 250 Golfweek rankings 2019
  - Winner Alberta Junior Championship 2019

### **Resources**

- Players can resource any professional of their choosing in the area they seek to improve.

### **Benefits**

- Subsidized budget for player improvement support in 4 areas:
  - Coaching
  - Swing Instruction
  - Fitness/Nutrition
  - Sport Psychology
- Player will be invited to submit their anticipated expenses for 2020 in these 4 areas. A weighted scoring key is used to determine the amount of funding a player will received. Areas of consideration are:
  - Performance results in 2019
  - Participation in Alberta Golf events in 2019 (not including tournament play)
  - Financial investment/need
- Feature articles and promotion on website and social media throughout the season

### **Recommended Events**

- WAGR ranking events

## **ALBERTA GOLF EVENT SUPPORT 2020**

Alberta Golf will be sending technical representatives and/or coaches to support players at the following events:

Alberta Bantam  
Future Links Pacific  
Future Links Western  
Canadian Junior Boys  
Canadian Junior Girls  
Canadian Womens Amateur  
Canadian Mens Amateur  
Alberta/Montana Ryder Cup  
Western Canada Summer Games (2023)  
Canada Summer Games (2021)

Coaches will be responsible for social events at the Alberta Junior Championship & the Alberta Bantam Championship.

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.

For National level events, the coach will be responsible for arranging practice rounds, on course observation, post round analysis, group meals, etc. for any Alberta players in the field. This is optional for the players but the support will be there if they wish to use it

## TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA 2020

- **Interprovincial Teams (3 players)**
  - Performance based selection model
  - Top 3 finishers in 2020 Provincial Championship
  - Eligible for Athlete Assistance
  
- **Pacific Coast Amateur (3 male players)**
  - Performance based selection model
  - Winner of 2019 Alberta Match Play, 2019 Alberta Open & 2019 Alberta Men's Amateur
  - Eligible for Athlete Assistance
  
- **Junior America's Cup**
  - CJGA determined criteria
  
- **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 subsidized by players
  - Apparel package included
  
- **Western Canada Summer Games (2023, 2027) – 5 boys & 5 girls**
  - Performance based selection model
  - Age restrictions (U17)
  - Cost subsidized by ASC
  - Apparel package included
  
- **Canada Summer Games (2021, 2025)**
  - Performance based selection model
  - Age restrictions (U19)
  - Cost subsidized by ASC
  - Apparel package included