

## IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR THE ELITE LEVEL



*Based on the results of the 2026 season as of October 31, 2026.*

The level is assigned to the identified athlete for the period of the national certification cycle, i.e. from November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2027.

Our quota for the Elite level is four (4) female athletes and four (4) male athletes, in accordance with guidelines established by the Ministère de l'Éducation, who approves the identification criteria.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Resident of Québec
2. Member of Golf Québec/Golf Canada
3. Committed to developing their athletic talent in pursuit of the highest level of performance
4. Represents Golf Québec in national and international competitions
5. 23 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2026

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The eight (8) athletes (female and male) are identified as follows:

1. Uncarded athletes appointed to the national team or national development team (NextGen) for 2027. Priority will be based on the order of selection to the team according to Golf Canada's procedure.
2. Highest position in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR).
  - a) Top 1,500 female athletes
  - b) Top 2,000 male athletes
3. Based on the specific order of merit for identifying athletes according to the following targeted and **mandatory** competitions (**aged 18 or under on 1 August 2026**):
  - a) NextGen Québec Championship **or** NextGen Ontario Championship – the best result (in terms of points) will be retained to calculate the order of merit
  - b) Girls' and Boys' Provincial Junior Championships
  - c) Girls' and Boys' Canadian Junior Championships
  - d) Optimist Classic **or** Graham Cooke Junior Invitational – the best result (in terms of points) will be retained to calculate the order of merit

## **COMMITMENT CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFIED ATHLETES**

To be identified as Elite, athletes must demonstrate and maintain their commitment to developing their sporting talent to the highest levels.

The criteria demonstrating the athlete's commitment are as follows:

1. Be able to submit their annual training plan to Golf Québec upon request when the selected athletes are announced.
2. Annual planning must be prepared by a PGA of Canada member coach who is trained in the *Competition-Development* context of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

In their annual plan, it must be demonstrated that the athlete:

1. Trains year-round and is fully committed to developing their sporting talent.
2. Has a balanced plan that considers the ratios between training, competitions, and recovery periods, based on appropriate specialization.
3. Includes the development of the following areas in their planning: technical, tactical, physical preparation, psychological preparation, and overall well-being.
4. Plans to participate in provincial and national junior and amateur championships, according to their category and level of development.

*Note for the coach's certification:*

A coach who does not have the required certification may be recognized if he or she meets the following conditions:

1. Is a member of the PGA of Canada
2. Commits to completing the required multisport modules in the *Competition-Development* context of the NCCP within a reasonable time frame
3. Commits to taking the PGA of Canada *Coaches of Competitors in Development* training as soon as it becomes available

### **Cancellation of Elite Level Identification**

In the event of non-compliance with the eligibility criteria, the athlete's status may be revoked.

Except in exceptional circumstances, in the event of injury, athletes shall retain their status if they have a plan for returning to sport and undertake to follow the appropriate treatment prescribed by sports medicine specialists (sports medicine, physiotherapy, etc.).

### **Exceptional circumstances**

In the event of exceptional circumstances preventing an athlete identified during the previous season from participating in one or more of the activities outlined in this identification policy (tournament, training camp), that athlete may retain their status under certain parameters designed to verify that they remain committed to talent development.

In such cases, it is the responsibility of the athlete and his or her coach to complete the form to submit a request to Golf Québec. Official documents may be required by the Federation to review the request (e.g., medical note from the attending physician, rehabilitation plan). Subsequently, any change in the athlete's situation must be communicated in writing to Golf Québec. Ultimately, the decision made by the responsible committee within the Federation must be ratified by the Ministère de l'Éducation.