

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR THE RELÈVE 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 Relève level is six (6) female athletes and six (6) 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 competitions
5. 18 years of age or younger as of August 1, 2026

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The six (6) best girls and six (6) best boys are identified as follows:

1. Uncarded athletes appointed to the national development team (NextGen), if the Elite level quota is full, preventing you from joining that level.

Female Athletes

1. Top 8 in the specific order of merit of the *federated ranking* (aged 18 and under as of August 1, 2026)
2. Top 10 in the specific order of merit of the *federated ranking* (17 years old and under as of August 1, 2026)
3. 1st in the *bantam order of merit*
4. Return to the specific order of merit of the federated ranking to complete the quota (17 years old and under as of August 1, 2026)

Male Athletes

1. Top position in the *federated ranking* (18 years old or younger as of August 1, 2026)

List of competitions that award points for the *federated ranking*:

- 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 Relève, 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, preferably, should be 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, and mental performance.
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 Relève 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.