

U.S. National Development Program

State Program FAQs

Overview and Purpose:

One of the main goals of the [U.S. National Development Program](#) (USNDP) is to expand, strengthen, and diversify the junior golf pipeline by creating critical development, competitive, and talent identification opportunities within each state for elite athletes ages 13-18. This goal includes establishing state junior programs across the United States, and Team Nevada will join the USNDP initiative in 2027.

Who will be on Team Nevada?

The Team Nevada Committee will name 8 boys and 8 girls to Team Nevada by the end of 2027 for the 2028 season. Athletes earn their way onto the team through outstanding competitive performance during the 2027 season. A combination of points races and committee picks will comprise the team.

Do you need to be a Nevada resident to be part of Team Nevada?

Yes. Only players who are Nevada residents and U.S. citizens are eligible for Team Nevada.

How old do you need to be to be part of Team Nevada?

Players must be 13 years old by January 1, 2028, have not reached their 19th birthday on or before the completion of the respective 2028 USGA Junior Amateur Championship (U.S. Girls' Junior – July 15; U.S. Junior Amateur – July 22), and must not be enrolled in college for the 2027-2028 school year.

Are there any other requirements to be on Team Nevada?

Players must have an established Handicap Index® with Nevada Golf and enter all eligible scores to be eligible for Team Nevada. Read more about Handicap Index® [HERE](#). NNJGA and SNJGA Members are considered Nevada Golf members.

When will Team Nevada start?

Team Nevada will be named in late 2027. Team members will participate in Team Nevada programming and benefits in 2028. Players must earn their way onto the team each year.

If an athlete is part of Team Nevada, are they automatically a part of the U.S. National Development Program?

Yes! Once named to Team Nevada, athletes are a part of the U.S. National Development Program (USNDP) for the following calendar year. The USNDP will provide benefits and recognition to Team Nevada participants. These benefits may include recognition on the USGA/USNDP website and social media, streamlined USNDP grant applications, exemptions into local AJGA events, and access to the

official USNDP statistical platform and athlete development resources. Read more about the USNDP [HERE](#).

If an athlete is part of Team Nevada, are they automatically a part of the National Junior Team?

No. The National Junior Team is determined by the USGA and will be a relatively small number of athletes compared to the number of athletes on State Teams.

What are the benefits of being on Team Nevada?

Team Nevada athletes can expect to receive: Team gear, in the form of, but not limited to: Golf bag, clothing, golf balls, and golf accessories. As well as golf coaching, strength and conditioning coaching, nutrition coaching, access to golf facilities, and recognition on the website.