

# IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR ELITE LEVEL



*Based on the results of the 2024 season as of October 31, 2024.*

The level is assigned to the identified athlete for the period of the national carding cycle, from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025.

Our contingent is four (4) female and four (4) male athletes, it meets the guidelines established by the Ministry of Education which approves the identification criteria.

## Eligibility Criteria

1. Resident of Québec.
2. Member of Golf Québec/Golf Canada.
3. Committed to the development of his/her 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, 2024.

## Performance Criteria

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

1. Be selected to the National Team or the National Development Team (NextGen) without carding for 2025. Priority is based on the order of selection to the team as per Golf Canada procedures.
2. Was a member of one of the National Teams in 2024 and was not selected to be a member in 2025.
3. Best position in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR)
  - a) Top 1000 for female athletes.
  - b) Top 2000 for male athletes.
4. For athletes 18 years of age and under (August 1, 2024), best position on the order of merit specific to the identification of athletes in the Relève level based on the following targeted and **mandatory** competitions:
  - a) Québec NextGen Championship *or* Ontario NextGen Championship – see note below.
  - b) Provincial Junior Boys' and Girls' Championships.
  - c) National Junior Boys' and Girls' Championships.
  - d) Graham Cooke Junior Invitational.

*Note: The best result (by number of points) will be retained for calculating the order of merit.*

## **Commitment Criteria**

To be identified at the Elite level, the athlete must demonstrate and maintain his or her commitment to the development of his or her athletic talent towards the highest levels.

The criteria that demonstrate the athlete's commitment are:

1. Be able to submit his/her annual training plan to Golf Québec on request no later than November 15, 2024.
2. Annual planning must be prepared by a PGA of Canada member coach who is trained in the *Developing Competitor* context of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) in golf. The coach must mentor and monitor the athlete throughout the year - see note below for coach certification.
3. The athlete's annual plan must be approved by a Golf Québec provincial coach.

In his/her annual planning, it must be demonstrated that the athlete:

1. Trains year-round and is fully committed to the development of his/her athletic talent.
2. A balanced plan that considers the ratios between training, competition, and recovery periods, based on an appropriate specialization.
3. Includes in its planning the development of the following dimensions: technical, tactical, physical, and psychological preparation.
4. Plans to participate in provincial and national championships, junior and amateur, according to his/her category and level of development.

*Note for the coach's certification:*

A coach who does not have the required certification may be recognized if they meet the following conditions:

1. Be a member of the PGA of Canada.
2. Commit to completing the required multi-sport modules in the NCCP *Developing Competitor* context in a timely manner.
3. Commit to taking the PGA of Canada's *Developing Competitor* course as soon as it becomes available.

## **Revocation of an Athlete's Elite Level Identification**

Failure to meet the commitment criteria may result in the athlete's status being revoked.

With some exceptions, in the event of injury, the athlete maintains his or her status on the condition that he or she has a plan to return to sport and agrees to follow the appropriate treatment prescribed by sports medicine specialists (sports medicine, physiotherapy, etc.).

## **Exceptional Circumstances**

In the event of exceptional circumstances such that an athlete identified in the previous season is unable to take part in one or more of the activities provided for in the present identification policy (tournament, training camp), he or she may retain his or her status under certain parameters designed to verify that he or she remains committed to talent development.

In such a case, it is the responsibility of the athlete and his or her coach to complete the application form and submit it to Golf Québec. Official documents may be required by the Federation in order to analyze the request (e.g. medical bill from the attending physician, rehabilitation plan). Subsequently, any change in the athlete's situation must be forwarded to Golf Québec in writing. Ultimately, the decision taken by the committee responsible within the Federation must be ratified by the Ministry.