



Team Washington Coach Application

Purpose

The Team Washington Committee is searching for a Coach to help us create athletes that THRIVE with the 12 boys and 12 girls we name to represent Team Washington for 2027!

One of the main goals of the U.S. National Development Program (USNDP) is to expand and strengthen the junior golf pipeline by creating critical development, competitive and talent identification opportunities within the state for elite players ages 13-18. The USNDP endeavors to establish state programs across the United States with the long-term goal that will serve the following purposes:

- Create a developmentally appropriate, aspirational pathway for athletes to play at higher levels (state, regional, national, professional, Olympics).
- Incentivize athletes to compete in-state.
- Strengthen the junior golf programming within each state.
- Provide more opportunities for a diverse population of athletes resulting in increased talent at the highest levels.
- Establish a team culture and a mindset of “competing with” to increase the level of performance for all athletes.
- Serve as a critical part of the talent identification pathway for the USNDP
- Coordinate the junior golf ecosystem within each state across Allied Golf Associations, PGA of America Sections and other junior golf organizations and leaders.

What is expected of a Coach?

- Have a clear understanding of the purpose of the State Junior Team Program.
- Possess extensive experience playing, coaching, and/or instructing golf at elite levels.
- Travel and attend USNDP THRIVE Coach Training and attend virtual continuing education calls.
- In cooperation with the Team Washington Captain, lead the delivery of in-person team camps and additional athlete development sessions, practices, etc.
- Work directly with Team Washington athletes in one or more THRIVE domains.
- Administer USNDP Combine (Line Test, Predictions, Randoms, and Sim. Putting); submit results to USNDP Regional Coach.
- Review Accel Golf statistics and provides feedback consistently between athlete development sessions.
- Serve as an ambassador for Team Washington and sit on the Team Washington Committee.

What are the minimum requirements?

- Possess extensive experience and knowledge of the game of golf at highly competitive level.
- Coaches must have LPGA/PGA certification completed or be a current or former LPGA/PGA Tour player.
- Complete U.S. Center for SafeSport Training and pass background check.
- Computer literate using Microsoft 365.

What is time commitment?

- Commitments are for one year beginning January 1, 2027.
- Attending and possibly lead in-person and virtual gatherings and meetings (committee and teams).
- Attend in-person USNDP THRIVE Training and earn their USNDP State Junior Team Coach Certificate (approximately 2.5 days + travel, USGA to cover training and travel expenses) – Dates & Location TBD.
- Assist the committee in the planning of Team Camp(s), minimum of two days required – Dates & Location TBD.
- Possible state team vs. state team competition
- Virtual 1:1 sessions with each player through the calendar year
- Participate in the USGA webinars that are offered to all players
- Virtual Training: Accel or UpGame Demo, USGA Rules 101, and/or other training.

What are the benefits/compensation?

- The Coach position is a volunteer role. Coaches are expected to contribute their time, knowledge, and leadership in support of the program and the development of participating athletes. While the role is largely non-compensated, a modest stipend or limited compensation may be provided at the program's discretion.
- Travel expenses incurred during in-person camps or other training will be covered by Washington Golf.
- Additional benefits include Team Washington apparel, networking with USNDP staff and coaches from other states, USNDP THRIVE Training State Junior Team Coach Certificate, and acknowledgement as "Washington State Team Captain/Coach"

This role is not intended to replace or overstep the existing coaching framework of the athletes. Instead, our goal is to enhance the athlete's journey through supportive guidance, making this mentorship an enriching and collaborative endeavor.

If you are interested in applying, please use the link below to fill out the online form and send your resume to nschroeder@wagolf.org.

[TEAM WASHINGTON COACH APPLICATION FORM](#)

