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2018 MEN'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA

Introduction:

1. The selection criteria will serve as the basis on which all players are selected to the Golf Canada Men's National Development Squad (MNDS).
2. Following selection to the Men's National Development Squad and prior to the start of the competitive season, the coaching staff of the Golf Canada Men's National Development Squad will establish, in consultation with the players named to the Golf Canada Men's National Development Squad, the players annual performance goals including the level of competition at which such goals are expected to be met.
3. Golf Canada's Sport Development Committee will review the Selection Criteria for the Squad on a yearly basis.

Goals of Selection Criteria:

1. To identify Canada's best developing male players aged 19 or younger who have achieved significant results in the events outlined in section 3.1.1 and also have the potential to improve Canada's performance at the international level.

Objectives of the MNDS Program

1. To provide the selected MNDS members with a year round program and access to staff and resources that will maximize their potential.
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Prerequisites to Selection:

1. Must be a Canadian Citizen and hold a Canadian Passport.
2. Must have an active Golf Canada Membership and unquestioned status as an amateur golfer.
3. Must be a member in good standing with Golf Canada and not subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of the Association.
4. Must have participated in the Golf Canada Junior Boys Championship or the Golf Canada Men's Amateur Championship and in one Provincial Championship in the year prior to selection. Valid extenuating circumstances may be considered should a player be unable to participate in, or have to withdraw from these Championships. Injury, illness or the player competing in an event that yields higher WAGR ranking points would be considered as an extenuating circumstance (any questions should be directed to the Golf Canada Manager of Sport Development).
5. Must have a WAGR ranking inside the Top 2500 players by August 31, 2017 and be recognized on the Golf Canada National Junior Boys Order of Merit or the Golf Canada National Men's Amateur Order of Merit as this is used as a tool to recognize performance. The selection committee reserves the right to consider players outside the Top 2500 if the committee feels that such a player warrants consideration for selection.
6. Must comply with the Golf Canada Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP).

Section 1.0 – Definitions

- 1.1 Golf Canada-MNDS– refers to the Golf Canada - Men's National Development Squad.
 - 1.2 Staff – refers to the coach(s) and Sport Consultants of the Golf Canada-MNDS to which are integrally involved and responsible for the continuing development of the player.
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- 1.3 Squad Member Agreement – refers to the annual agreement entered into by each player and Golf Canada for each season.
- 1.4 SDC – Sport Development Committee of Golf Canada.
- 1.5 Selection Committee – Shall be comprised of: the Golf Canada Chief Sport Officer, and Golf Canada Director, Sport Programs who will be non-voting members. In addition, two delegates of the Sport Development Committee, the Golf Canada Men’s National Head Coach, Men’s Development Squad Head Coach, the Golf Canada Next-Gen Director and up to two representatives with expertise in junior golf who will be voting members. The Chief Sport Officer shall be the Chair of the Selection Committee and ensure that due process is followed. The Golf Canada Chief Sport Officer will attend the appeals sessions to the extent that the appeal panel holds.
- 1.6 NJBOOM – refers to the National Junior Boys Order of Merit.
- 1.7 NMAOOM – refers to the National Men’s Amateur Order of Merit
- 1.8 WAGR – refers to the Men’s World Amateur Golf Ranking as conducted by R&A and USGA

Section 2.0 – Objective Selection Criteria for Golf Canada-MNDS

- 2.1 The Objective Selection Criteria set forth herein has been established to identify up to eight (8) Canadian golfers (under the age of 19 as of August 31, 2017) who should be considered for selection to the Golf Canada-MNDS. Subject to certain exceptions set out in Section 4, a player must meet the objective criteria in order to be named to the Golf Canada-MNDS, but meeting these criteria does not mean that a player will automatically be selected to the Golf Canada-MNDS.
 - a. The top player on the NJBOOM **at August 31, 2017** will be automatically selected to the Golf Canada-MNDS.
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- b. The top ranked U19 player inside the Top 1000 on the WAGR **as of August 31, 2017** will be automatically selected to the Golf Canada – MNDS. If this player is the same as the one selected in 2.1.a., the next highest player will be selected, provided they are ranked within the Top 1000 on the WAGR.
- c. The Selection Committee will then make selections for the remaining players using the subjective selection criteria as identified in section 3.0.
- d. The Selection Committee must select a minimum of (2) two junior aged player (U18 at the time of selection).
- e. NJBOOM counting results will be from the time period of Sept 1, 2016 – Aug. 31, 2017.

Section 3.0 – Subjective Selection Criteria

When applying the Subjective Selection criteria, the Selection Committee will review the following performance factors:

- 3.1.1. Head to head results at national championships and other Significant Tournaments in the following order of importance:
 - USGA Championships, British Amateur Championship
 - Category E ranked events or better as identified by the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR)
 - Canadian National Championships
 - Future Links Championships, AJGA Invitational events
 - Provincial Championships
 - 3.1.2. Golf Canada MAY, if it deems necessary and appropriate to assist in selection, hold an “Assessment Training Camp” to assist with making final selections for the Development Squad
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3.1.3 Analysis of the golf rankings identified below in the following order of importance:

- 1) WAGR
- 2) NJBOOM
- 3) NMAOOM

3.1.4. Injury or Illness and the ability to be released on a reasonable basis from NCAA programs.

3.1.5. Golf Canada tracking, monitoring, evaluation and ranking of players.

3.1.6. If there is insufficient information on a particular player, additional information will be collected through the use of a template provided by Golf Canada from sources such as the Provincial Golf Associations and personal coaches.

3.1.7. Ability to achieve LTPD and high performance benchmarks such as (but not limited to):

- Tournament handicap
 - Stroke Average at the events outlined in 3.1.1
 - Launch monitor characteristics such as ball and swing speed
 - World Ranking (WAGR) progression relative to the athlete's age and stage of development
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Section 4.0 – Selection Process

- 4.1 A selection meeting will take place via conference call prior to September 30th.
 - 4.2 The Golf Canada Chief Sport Officer will chair the selection meeting.
 - 4.3 Discussion will take place at the Selection meeting surrounding all players meeting the objective criteria outlined in 2.0.
 - 4.4 In selecting the members of the Golf Canada-MNDS, the Selection Committee shall consider the objective Selection Criteria, and if necessary and as set out in section 3.0, the subjective Selection Criteria for each player.
 - 4.5 If a player who has been a member of the Golf Canada-MNDS has been injured or ill for all or any part of the golf season preceding the selection meeting in considering such a player's re-selection to the Golf Canada-MNDS, the Selection Committee shall take in to account:
 - 4.5.1 The players results for the season up to and following the date of injury or illness;
 - 4.5.2 The type, severity, duration and prognosis of the injury or illness;
 - 4.5.3 Any doctor's report which may have been submitted;
 - 4.6 Final Selection of the Golf Canada-MNDS will be based on a unanimous decision by the Selection Committee.
 - 4.7 The Selection Committee will rank the squad in order of selection
 - 4.8 The SDC will ratify selection of the Golf Canada-MNDS prior to September 30th.
 - 4.9 The Selection Committee must be available by phone or in person for a period of one week from the selection meeting
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date in order to deal with any issues that may arise as a result of the selection process.

- 4.10 The Golf Canada Chief Sport Officer will notify all selected players in writing of their selection no later than October 5th.
- 4.11 The Squad Member Agreement will be forwarded to all players selected to the Golf Canada-MNDS that will outline both the requirements that Golf Canada will place on the player and what Golf Canada will provide to the player.
- 4.12 All players named to the Golf Canada-MNDS will have **5 working days from receipt of the selection letter** to respond to the selection by each player signing the Squad Member Agreement and forwarding it to the Golf Canada Manager, Youth Performance.
- 4.13 In the absence of a signed Team Member Agreement within the time provided herein, the Golf Canada MNDS program no longer has an obligation to place the player on the team.
- 4.14 Sport Canada funding (eg. Athlete Assistance Program) will be awarded based on priority of nomination (the order the athletes were selected to the squad). It is not guaranteed that all athletes selected will receive AAP support. The amount of AAP funding available to the National Team program will vary each year.

Section 5.0 – Appeal Procedure

The Dispute, Resolutions and Appeal Policy can be viewed or downloaded from the Golf Canada website:



<http://www.golfcanada.ca/app/uploads/2013/10/Dispute-Resolution-and-Appeal-Policy.pdf>

Section 6.0 – Financial Constraints

The financial capacity of Golf Canada, notwithstanding the results of the Selection Guidelines, may limit the number of selected players that receive funding from Golf Canada. Section 7.0 – Semi-Centralized Training TBD

Section 7.0 – Centralized Training Program at Bear Mountain

Golf Canada's Men's National Development Squad program contains a centralized, residential training component located at Golf Canada's National Training Centre at Bear Mountain in Victoria, BC. All players named to the NDS will be required to participate fully in this aspect of the program from the beginning of February 2018 through to the end of May 2018. All athletes committing to the 2018 National Development Squad program are required to attend all training camps, the entirety of the centralized training program at Golf Canada's National Training Centre in Victoria, BC, and all competitions as outlined in the Athlete Agreement.
