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SAUDI GOLF FEDERATION

‘How to Play for Team Saudi – Golf Edition’

Your path to join Saudi Arabia’s National Golf Team

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1. Introduction

How can I play golf for Saudi Arabia?

The Saudi Golf Federation is committed to elevate the standards of golf across Saudi Arabia by supporting its athletes with resources, guidance and development opportunities. We aim to discover and foster golf talent in the country and provide opportunities on both the national and international stage through **Go Golf**, the **National Academy Program** and the **High-Performance Program (National Team),** aligning with our mission to produce world-class athletes.

1 Go Golf	Beginner-friendly, free training sessions aimed at engaging Saudi Nationals in the game through a fun and professionally guided approach
2 National Academy Program	Training program designed to develop Saudi junior golfers (e.g., high-potential golfers that completed Go Golf), enabling progression to the High-Performance Program (National Team)
3 High-Performance Program (National Team)	The ultimate goal: long-term development program for Saudi golfers, offering comprehensive support to three squads: NextGen, Amateur and Professionals

The federation is dedicated to empowering Saudi golf talent through top-tier coaching and continuous guidance along the talent pathway, nurturing the next generation of Saudi champions.

Note: For further details on the Go Golf program, please visit the SGF website. The remainder of this document will outline the details of the National Academy Program and the High-Performance Program (National Team)



2. National Academy Program

As a junior aspiring to represent the Kingdom, the National Academy Program is the stepping stone that prepares you for the High-Performance Program (National Team)

Program structure and curriculum

Four Stages of Learning
Fundamentals, Learn to Play, Intro to Competition, and Learn to Compete.

Content ranges from play-based movement and first contact with golf, through to core skills, simple rules, routines and friendly events, to finally individual practice, tactics and preparing for competitions.

Player benefits

- Course access and dedicated training exposure
- Equipment and apparel
- Competition and event access

Eligibility criteria

- **Nationality:** Applicants must hold KSA nationality or be the child of a Saudi female citizen
- **Age:** 8- to 16-year-olds
- **Golfing experience:** Basic golf experience preferred. Players will be assessed on entry for suitable placement within the program.

Entry pathways[2]

- **Nominated Go Golf graduates:** Go Golf Coaches can nominate candidates in recognition of their progress and commitment in the Go Golf program
- **Open applicants:** Any golfer with previous golf experience that is interested to join the SGF National Academy Program
- **Re-assigned HP National Team golfers:** U17 golfers who are part of the current National Team but are not selected for the following year's team



3. High-Performance Program (National Team)

The pinnacle for Saudi golfers, representing the Kingdom nationally and internationally

The upcoming pages outline the process to join the High-Performance Program (National Team), and progress from NextGen (Junior) to Amateur to Professional squads.

The High-Performance Program (National Team) consists of three squads:

NextGen
(Under 19)

Amateur
(19+)

Professional
(19+)

Defining elements of the HP Program (National Team):

Structured and merit-based entry
Single annual selection window with clearly defined requirements across selection criteria to ensure fairness and consistency

Development oriented monitoring
Performance monitored through formal reviews using technical, athletic, psychological, and tournament standards

Transparent advancement pathways
Progression and exit are governed by clear, performance-based criteria, with no automatic promotion by age or tenure

Note: Details of the NextGen and Amateur squads are provided in this brochure - Professional squad members typically advance from the Amateur squad, with entry determined on a case-by-case basis



3a. Player benefits

Every golfer in the HP Program (National Team) receives comprehensive support, from expert coaching to international competition access, providing the tools to reach their full potential

Players in the High-Performance Program (National Team) will receive the following benefits (non-exhaustive):

Unrivalled coaching access
Receive year-round guidance from accredited coaches, with individual programs tailored to your development needs

Performance analytics
Utilize data-driven insights from tools such as Trackman, to measure progress and refine every aspect of your game

Competition access
Gain structured entry into top domestic and international tournaments, ensuring exposure to valuable ranking opportunities

Training camps
Join training environments throughout the year that combine technical coaching, fitness and mental performance preparation

Access to equipment
Benefit from program-supported access to leading golf equipment and technology

Accelerated opportunities
Enroll in accelerated pathways offered by SGF for high-potential junior National Team golfers, such as international scholarships



3b. NextGen squad entry

The NextGen squad supports junior golfers in developing tournament performance, improving their competitive experience and progress towards national and international standards through structured coaching and competition opportunities.

Eligibility criteria[1]

- **Nationality:** Applicants must hold KSA nationality or be the child of a Saudi female citizen.
- **Age:** Applicants must not have reached their 19th birthday by January 1, 2027.
- **Amateur status:** Applicants must hold amateur status under the Rules of Amateur Status at the time of application.

Entry pathways

- **Eligible National Academy golfers:** Current or previous National Academy participants may apply, with relevant coach input.
- **Open applicants:** Any eligible junior golfer with prior playing experience may apply.

Selection approach

- **Automatic selection:** Applicants who meet the published automatic selection criteria will qualify for the NextGen Team, subject to verification of eligibility and results.
- **Selection camp:** Eligible applicants who do not qualify through automatic selection may be invited to the selection camp. The camp is one component of the annual assessment and does not, by itself, determine selection.

Indicative player journey:

A junior golfer may progress from the National Academy

Or an open application to consideration for NextGen

Once selected, the athlete participates in the program and receives ongoing performance monitoring

Progression and future selection are assessed through the annual selection process; neither age nor tenure alone guarantees

Note: [1] Applicants must not be subject to an applicable SGF disciplinary sanction and must comply with relevant anti-doping requirements. Refer to the current SGF policies for full details.



3c. Amateur squad entry

The Amateur squads support adult amateur golfers in improving competitive performance and rankings, with the aim of representing the Kingdom nationally and internationally and, where appropriate, progressing to professional golf.

Eligibility criteria[1]

- **Nationality:** Applicants must hold KSA nationality or be the child of a Saudi female citizen.
- **Age:** Applicants must be aged 19 or over on January 1, 2027.
- Amateur status: Applicants must hold amateur status under the Rules of Amateur Status at the time of application.

Entry pathways

- **Eligible NextGen golfers:** Individuals who were enrolled in the NextGen Program during the previous cycle and were highlighted for promotion to the Amateur Squad
- **Open applicants:** Any eligible golfer with prior playing experience who wishes to be considered for the Amateur squad

Selection approach

- **Automatic selection:** Applicants who meet the published automatic selection criteria will qualify for the Amateur Squad, subject to verification of eligibility and results.
- **Selection camp:** Eligible applicants who do not qualify through automatic selection may be invited to the selection camp. Camp performance contributes to, but does not independently determine, the annual selection decision.

Indicative player journey:

Khaled turns 19 and meets automatic selection criteria for the Amateur Squad

Khaled spends a year in the Amateur squad, with quarterly performance reviews

Khaled excels in year-end evaluations, earning automatic selection for next year's Amateur squad

Khaled remains in the Amateur squad until the next selection cycle, or until application to the Professional squad

Note: [1] Applicants must not be subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of the Saudi Golf Federation, and must be in compliance with the SAADC (Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee); [2] Selection criteria and selection camp details in High-Performance Program (National Team) appendix



4. Player expectations

These expectations support athletes to develop the professionalism, discipline and mindset required to perform at a high level and represent Saudi Arabia with pride.

Discipline and dedication
Demonstrate commitment to the program through consistent participation in agreed training and competition activities.

Respect and representation
Show respect to fellow athletes, coaches, officials and others, and represent the Kingdom and SGF positively.

Integrity
Compete honestly and fairly, respect the rules of golf and demonstrate integrity in all program activities.

Voice and communication
Communicate openly with coaches and teammates, raise challenges early and contribute positively to the squad environment.

Excellence in performance
Strive for continuous improvement and measurable progress against performance goals established with the coaching team.

By joining the High-Performance Program, athletes and, where applicable, their parents or guardians acknowledge and accept these expectations.



5. Key application information

Applications for the 2027 program year follow the annual schedule below. Applications are assessed against the published eligibility and selection criteria.

1	November 22, 2026	Applications open
2	December 10, 2026	Applications close
3	December 13, 2026	Applicant eligibility review and shortlisting
4	December 17, 2026	Automatic selections notified; selection-camp invitations issued
5	January 15–16, 2027	Selection camp conducted
6	January 21, 2027	Final team members identified, subject to committee approval; announcements made
7	February 1, 2027	2027 National Team programming begins

Step-by-step application breakdown:

Check eligibility

Applicants review the eligibility requirements for the High-Performance Program.

Provide documentation

Applicants provide the required documents and relevant performance information through the application form.

Submit application form

Applicants check that all information is accurate and submit the completed application before the deadline.

Note: The selection-camp venue, format and any additional camp components will be confirmed by SGF and communicated to invited applicants.



6. FAQs

Who manages the programs?
Saudi Golf Federation in partnership with Golf Saudi and accredited coaches

Who can apply?
Any golfer who meets the eligibility criteria for the High-Performance Program, as applicable.

How do I apply?
To apply for the National Academy Program (click here)
To apply for the High-Performance Program (National Team) (click here)

Can I edit my application after submission?
Applicants may request changes during the application window by contacting the program team at Players@saudigolffederation.sa

When will I know the result?
Automatic selections and selection-camp invitations are scheduled to be communicated on December 17, 2026. Final team selections will be announced on January 21, 2027, following the selection process and Selection Committee approval. Dates are subject to confirmation.

If I join the National Academy Program, am I part of the SGF National Team?
No. The National Academy Program and High-Performance Program (National Team) are separate programs. The Academy provides a development pathway towards potential consideration for the National Team.

Is there an application fee?
There is no fee to apply.

Can I balance school or university with the programs?
Program schedules are intended to support athletes in balancing education with training and competition. Athletes should discuss individual scheduling requirements with the program team.

Who can I contact with questions?
Players@saudigolffederation.sa | +966 558474529



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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Annual application process breakdown

NextGen squad annual application process

Application window | Golfers' selection

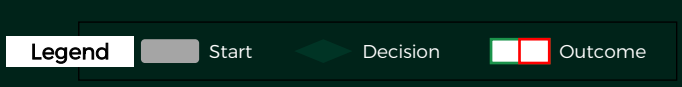


Amateur squad annual application process

Application window | Golfers' selection



Note: NextGen applicants under 17 who are not selected may be considered for the National Academy Program, subject to eligibility requirements.





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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Documentation requirements

Documentation required for applications:

- National ID.
- Saudi mother's National ID, where relevant to the applicant's eligibility route.
- Signed parent/guardian consent for applicants under 18.
- Medical clearance documentation, where required by SGF.
- Athlete video statement including a personal introduction, goals and motivation for applying, and expected development outcomes.

If applicable:

- *Recent national and/or international tournament results and rankings.*
- *Evidence of previous golf experience, including coaching history and coach details.*
- *GHIN handicap information, if available, for background information only and not as a selection-camp eligibility requirement.*

Applicants should provide accurate and complete information. SGF may request supporting evidence to verify tournament results, rankings or eligibility.



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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Selection Camp deep-dive

The High-Performance Selection Camp is one component of the annual National Team assessment process. It provides additional opportunities to evaluate eligible applicants alongside their competitive performance during the 2026 season.

What is it?

The selection camp is an annual assessment environment for eligible NextGen and Amateur applicants. Depending on the final camp format, it may include tournament competition and technical, psychological and/or athletic assessments. The venue, duration and assessment components will be confirmed by SGF.

How does the camp contribute to selection?

Camp performance is considered alongside the athlete's full 2026 performance record. It is not the sole or primary basis for National Team selection, and winning a camp competition does not automatically guarantee selection.

The overall selection assessment will consider (in priority order):

- 2026 tournament results and scoring averages.
- Strength and standard of events, including relevant WAGR event-strength information where applicable.
- National and international ranking positions.
- Selection-camp tournament performance.
- Technical assessment and skills testing, where included.
- Athletic and physical assessment, where included.
- Evaluation and recommendations from the High Performance coaching staff.

Outcome and next steps

The High Performance Department will consider the available evidence and make selection recommendations. Final team membership is subject to Selection Committee approval. Applicants will be notified in accordance with the published selection timeline.



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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Automatic selection criteria – NextGen (Boys & Girls)

Boys – NextGen Squad

- Achieve a local/regional tournament scoring average of under 80, based on a minimum of 15 eligible tournament rounds.
- Individual winner of the 2026 Saudi Junior Amateur Championship.
- Individual winner of the 2026 Saudi Golf Rankings (Junior).
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Junior GCC Championship.
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Pan-Arab Junior Championship.
- Ranked inside the Top 2,000 on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Qualify for the 2026 US Junior Amateur or 2026 British Boys Amateur Championships.

Girls - NextGen Squad

- Achieve a local/regional tournament scoring average of under 85, based on a minimum of 15 eligible tournament rounds.
- Individual winner of the 2026 Saudi Junior Amateur Championship.
- Individual winner of the 2026 Saudi Golf Rankings (Junior).
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Junior GCC Championship.
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Pan-Arab Junior Championship.
- Ranked inside the Top 2,000 on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Qualify for the 2026 US Junior Girls or 2026 British Girls Amateur Championships.

An eligible athlete who meets at least two of the automatic selection criteria listed within qualifies for the NextGen Team – subject to verification.

Note: Note: Selection criteria are reviewed and updated annually. Competition names and ranking reference dates must be checked against the official 2026 calendar and ranking records before publication.



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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Selection camp criteria – NextGen (Boys and Girls)

Selection camp invitation[1] criteria

- Current members of the 2026 Team Saudi – NextGen squad who meet the age requirements for the 2027 program.
- Junior athletes listed on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Boys: Tournament scoring average of under 90, based on a minimum of 10 completed eligible tournament rounds. Where an athlete has completed more than 10 rounds, only their 10 lowest scores will be used to calculate their scoring average.
- Girls: Tournament scoring average of under 99, based on a minimum of 10 completed eligible tournament rounds. Where an athlete has completed more than 10 rounds, only their 10 lowest scores will be used to calculate their scoring average.

How camp information contributes to selection

Selection decisions will consider the athlete's overall 2026 performance and development record, including:

- 2026 tournament results, scoring averages and number of eligible rounds.
- Strength of competition and event quality, including WAGR Power Number information where available and appropriate.
- Relevant national and international rankings.
- Performance in the selection-camp tournament, if included in the camp format.
- Technical and skills assessments conducted at camp, if included.
- Athletic assessment, if included in the camp format.
- Evaluation by Team Saudi coaches and High Performance staff.

Winning the selection-camp competition does not automatically secure a place on Team Saudi – NextGen. The camp is one component of the broader annual assessment. Final recommendations are made by the High Performance Department and are subject to Selection Committee approval.

Note: [1] Recommended standards, represent guidelines only and do not guarantee selection camp invitation– final decisions may include athletes who exceed or fall short of these standards based on the overall talent pipeline



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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Automatic selection criteria – Amateur (Men & Women)

Men - Amateur Squad

- Achieve a scoring average of under 75 (best 20 tournament rounds).
- Individual winner of the 2026 Saudi Amateur Championship.
- Individual winner of the 2026 Saudi Golf Rankings.
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 GCC Championship.
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Pan-Arab Amateur Tournament.
- Ranked inside the Top 1,500 on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Make a cut in an OWGR-accredited professional tour event.

Women - Amateur Squad

- Achieve a scoring average of under 82 (best 20 tournament rounds).
- Individual winner of the 2026 Women's Saudi Amateur Championship.
- Individual winner of the 2026 Women's Saudi Golf Rankings.
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Women's GCC Championship.
- Individual Top 5 at the 2026 Women's Pan-Arab Championship.
- Ranked inside the Top 2,000 on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Make a cut in an LET or LET Access event, excluding team events.

An eligible athlete who meets at least two of the automatic selection criteria qualifies for the National Amateur Team – subject to verification.

Note: Selection criteria will be updated on an annual basis



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a. High-Performance Program (National Team) – Selection camp criteria – Amateur (Men and Ladies)

Men – Invitation Criteria[1]

- Eligible members of the 2026 Team Saudi – Men's Amateur Team.
- Players listed on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Tournament scoring average of under 85, based on a minimum of 15 completed eligible tournament rounds. Where an athlete has completed more than 15 rounds, their 15 lowest scores will be used to calculate their scoring average.

Women – invitation criteria[1]

- Eligible members of the 2026 Team Saudi – Women's Amateur Team.
- Players listed on WAGR as of January 1, 2027.
- Tournament scoring average of under 95, based on a minimum of 15 completed eligible tournament rounds. Where an athlete has completed more than 15 rounds, their 15 lowest scores will be used to calculate their scoring average.

How camp information contributes to selection

Selection decisions will consider the athlete's overall 2026 performance and development record, including:

- 2026 tournament results, scoring averages and number of eligible rounds.
- Strength of competition and event quality, including WAGR Power Number information where available and appropriate.
- Relevant national and international rankings.
- Performance in the selection-camp tournament, if included in the camp format.
- Technical and skills assessments conducted at camp, if included.
- Athletic assessment, if included in the camp format.
- Evaluation by Team Saudi coaches and High Performance staff.

Winning the selection-camp competition does not automatically secure a place on Team Saudi – NextGen. The camp is one component of the broader annual assessment. Final recommendations are made by the High Performance Department and are subject to Selection Committee approval.

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b. Glossary of terms

- **Average of Best 15 Tournament Rounds** — The arithmetic average of an athlete's 15 lowest eligible tournament-round scores recorded during the defined assessment period. The athlete must have at least 15 eligible rounds for this measure to be calculated.
- **Average of Best 20 Tournament Rounds** — The arithmetic average of an athlete's 20 lowest eligible tournament-round scores recorded during the defined assessment period. The athlete must have at least 20 eligible rounds for this measure to be calculated.
- **Eligible tournament round** — A completed round from a tournament accepted by SGF for inclusion in the Saudi Golf Rankings for the relevant selection assessment.
- **GHIN (Golf Handicap & Information Network)** — A digital platform managed by the USGA that maintains golf handicap and scoring records for participating golfers.
- **Golfing season** — The annual competition and training period for Saudi golfers, typically January to December.
- **Handicap Index** — A numerical measure of a golfer's demonstrated playing ability under the World Handicap System. Where requested for background information, it does not replace tournament-performance criteria.
- LET (Ladies European Tour) — A professional women's golf tour featuring elite female golfers from around the world.
- **Performance review** — A formal assessment used to monitor an athlete's performance, progress and development.
- **Program year** — The annual cycle of camps, competitions and reviews that structures participation in the High-Performance Program.
- **Saudi Golf Rankings (SGR)** — The Saudi Golf Federation's ranking system for eligible golfers.
- **Saudi Swing** — A series of SGF-organized amateur tournaments hosted across Saudi Arabia.
- **Selection committee** — The authorized group or panel responsible for reviewing selection recommendations and decisions in accordance with SGF governance and approval processes.
- **WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking)** — The world ranking system for eligible amateur golfers, administered by The R&A and USGA.
- **WAGR Power Number** — A measure used to indicate the strength of a tournament field for ranking purposes.



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c. Data usage disclaimer

By submitting an application through the relevant program link, you consent to the collection and processing of your personal data by the Saudi Golf Federation (SGF) for the purposes of assessing eligibility, evaluating applications, communicating with applicants and managing participation in the program.

Personal data will be stored and handled in accordance with applicable data protection laws and requirements in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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