

TEAM NEBRASKA

Athlete Eligibility & Selection Criteria

USNDP State Junior Team Program

Team Nebraska is part of the USGA U.S. National Development Program State Junior Team Program. The program is designed to identify, support and develop Nebraska's top junior golfers while providing meaningful competitive and developmental opportunities.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- **U.S. Citizenship & Nebraska Residency:** Athletes must be U.S. citizens. A parent or legal guardian must file personal taxes in Nebraska, consistent with USGA State Team residency requirements. An athlete may represent only one state. Dual citizens must represent the United States and may not represent, receive funding from, or participate in a development program for another country.
- **Age Requirement:** Athletes must be at least 13 years old when Team Nebraska is officially named and must not have reached their 19th birthday on or before July 15 of the year they will serve on Team Nebraska.
- **Grade Requirement:** Athletes must be in 11th grade (High School Junior) or younger during the spring semester of the year they will serve on Team Nebraska. Athletes who are high school seniors during that spring semester are not eligible.
- **College Enrollment:** Athletes enrolled in college during the Team Nebraska program year are not eligible.
- **Nebraska GHIN & Handicap Index:** Athletes must have an active Nebraska GHIN number and a valid USGA Handicap Index and must maintain an appropriate scoring record in accordance with USGA requirements.
- **Nebraska Junior Golf Membership:** Athletes must be active Nebraska Junior Golf (NJG) members.
- **Nebraska Competition Requirement:** Athletes must compete in at least two (2) **Nebraska** events that count toward the NebGolf Junior Point System during the applicable selection period.
- **Good Standing & Conduct:** Athletes must remain in good standing with NebGolf, NJG and applicable junior golf organizations, and must comply with the USNDP Code of Conduct, Rules of Amateur Status, USGA Safeguarding Policy and other applicable USGA policies.
- **USNDP National Junior Team:** Athletes who are members of the USNDP National Junior Team are not eligible for Team Nebraska.



TEAM COMPOSITION & SELECTION

Team Nebraska will consist of eight (8) athletes: Four (4) Boys and Four (4) Girls. Selection will combine objective results from the NebGolf Junior Point System with discretionary selections by the Team Nebraska Committee.

- **Automatic Selections:** The two highest-ranked **eligible** Boys and the two highest-ranked **eligible** Girls in the final NebGolf Junior Point Standings will earn automatic selection to Team Nebraska.
- **Committee Selections:** The Team Nebraska Committee will select the remaining two boys and two girls from the pool of eligible athletes.
- **Committee Evaluation:** In making discretionary selections, the Team Nebraska Committee will consider each athlete's overall competitive performance and development potential. Factors may include past participation in the program; NebGolf Junior Point Standings; performance in state, regional and national competition; scoring performance and consistency; applicable junior and amateur rankings; head-to-head results; recent performance and progression; sportsmanship; character; coachability; work ethic; and the ability and willingness to represent Team Nebraska as a positive teammate.

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

All athletes must satisfy both Team Nebraska and applicable USGA State Junior Team Program eligibility requirements. The Team Nebraska Committee is responsible for verifying eligibility and making discretionary selections. The Committee reserves the right to determine an athlete ineligible or remove an athlete from the team for conduct or circumstances inconsistent with Team Nebraska or USNDP requirements.

2028 TEAM EXAMPLE

For the 2028 Team Nebraska, an athlete must be in 11th grade or younger during the Spring in 2028. A student who is a high school senior during the Spring of 2028 is not eligible. The athlete must also be at least 13 years old when the team is officially named and must not have reached their 19th birthday on or before July 15th, 2028.

