

# Team New York Overview



New York is launching a State Junior Team that will expand the pipeline for elite New York junior golfers into the U.S. National Development Program (USNDP) launched by the USGA in 2023.

Team New York is a collaborative effort managed by the New York State Golf Association (NYSGA), Metropolitan Golf Association (MGA), the Rochester District Golf Association (RDGA), and New York's four PGA sections (Western, Central, Northeastern, and Metropolitan).

The USNDP is designed to ensure that American golf remains the global leader in the game by focusing on six key pillars: talent identification, access to competition, national teams, athlete resources, player development and relations, and athlete financial support. Team New York establishes a developmentally appropriate, aspirational pathway for athletes in the State to compete at higher levels of the game.

## Team New York Mission Statement

The mission of Team New York is to identify, develop, support, and fund New York's most promising junior golfers.

## Team Composition

Team New York will be composed of 12 boys and 12 girls. Team members will participate in programming and will receive select benefits in 2026. Team selection is conducted on an annual basis; players must earn their spot each year.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for Team New York in 2026, a player must:

1. Be a U.S. Citizen,
2. Be a New York State resident (see below),
3. Be at least 13 years old on January 1, 2026 and younger than 19 years old on July 19, 2026,
4. Not be enrolled in college for the 2025-2026 academic year, and
5. Hold a USGA Handicap Index® through the NYSGA, MGA, or RDGA and post eligible scores.

## New York State Residency Requirements

A player is considered a resident of New York State if their parent(s) who claims them as a dependent on their most recent federal tax return and filed their most recent state tax return in New York.

## The Points List and Counting Events

The Team New York Points List ([LINK](#)) includes eligible junior and adult competitions in New York State and nationwide.

1. The 2025 Points Cycle is April 1 - November 1. The 2026 Points Cycle is November 2, 2025 - November 1, 2026.
2. A player's total is calculated using their best five (5) finishes during the points cycle.
3. To be eligible for inclusion on the Team New York Points List, a junior "counting event" must:
  - a. Be ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard, and
  - b. Have a significant portion of its field represented by juniors from New York.

If an event fails to meet Junior Golf Scoreboard criteria, including insufficient field size, it will not be counted.

4. The AJGA is the only national/international junior tour included on the Points List.
5. Results from counting events held out-of-state should be emailed to Team New York (email) to ensure that they are counted.

## Selection Criteria

1. Points List Deadline: 2026 Team New York will be selected after the Points List deadline of November 1, 2025.
2. Regional Selections: The top-ranked Boy and Girl from each New York State PGA Section territory - Western, Central, Northeast, Metropolitan - will earn automatic spots (4 Boys, 4 Girls).
3. Points List Selections: The next six (6) highest-ranked Boys and Girls on the Points List will be selected (6 Boys, 6 Girls).
4. Committee Picks: The Team New York Committee reserves the right to select up to two (2) Boys and two (2) Girls as Captains' Picks. If the Committee declines to make a discretionary pick, the next highest ranked players on the Points List will be selected instead.

5. Ties: Any ties will be broken by comparing their next highest point total from a Counting Event.

## **Amendments**

The Team New York Committee reserves the right to amend the terms at any time for any reason.

## **Team New York Contact Information**

Inquiries about Team New York, including Points List submissions and eligibility questions, can be directed to:

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