



GOLF WELLINGTON

Korowhā Te Whanganui-a-Tara

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2023 Talent Development Programme (TDP) Coaches and Groups Announced

Golf Wellington are pleased to announce their Talent Development Programme (TDP) Coaches and Groups for 2023. With the key funding and resource support of Pelorus Trust, Golf Wellington is able to continue its successful programme (formerly named Junior Academy).

Tier 1, for up to 12 players in 2023, has a focus on course management, game craft, course mapping and tournament preparation, physiotherapy, strength and conditioning, injury prevention and treatment protocols, and nutrition modules. This group will attend two 4-day camps, the second based around the GNZ Age Grade Championships.

The Tier 2 Group, for up to 12 players, are those who are developing strongly, but still relatively new to competitive golf at interclub and representative level. These players will be developing their skills, putting, short game and course management, along with introductions to strength and conditioning, nutrition and event preparation. Members of this group will have the opportunity to press their case for inclusion into Tier 1 as the year progresses.

The Tier 3 group, again for up to 12 players, sees those who are beginning to practice and take lessons to bed in their core fundamentals, and are starting to compete in age grade events. These players will also be developing their skills, putting, short game and course management, along with introductions to strength and conditioning, nutrition and event preparation.

The coaches appointed are Alastair Sidford, Matthew Lane and Joel Macklin, who have been re-appointed for the 2023 programme.

Alastair and Matthew, with their extensive pro tour and elite amateur playing experience and knowledge, will be primarily focused around the Tier 1 group. Joel with support from Matthew and Alastair will lead the modules for the Tier 2 and 3 groups.



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2023 TDP Tier 1

Sameer Govind, Riley Moy, Caleb Taitua, Tane Falconer, Layton Prince,
Luke Weir-Smith, Luke Lange, Apirana Ngarimu, Hugo Sidford, Teisa-mania Vaka,
Peta Time, Lonasei Lolo, Toaiva Faafia

2023 TDP Tier 2

Elise Barber, Mutu Ngarimu, Ian Ku, Sam Jiang, John Son, Levi Agraba, L
Luca Zheng, Brooklyn Wratt, Patrick Wellbrook, George Wang, Sam Wood,
Christian Wala

2023 TDP Tier 3

Chitten Madden, Justin Feng, Robbie Wana, Ru Olsen, Lucas Banner, Oscar Feng
Minnie St Helens, Mia Kawhai-Puha, Gia Bishop, Amy Yu, Kathleen Shao
Mataniu Lolo, Arasi Faatau