



GOLF WELLINGTON

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2024 Talent Development Programme (TDP) Groups Announced

Golf Wellington is pleased to announce their Talent Development Programme (TDP) Groups for 2024.

Tier 1, in 2024, 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. Selection is based on results on course, practice and training commitment, demonstrated behaviour, and recommendations from club and representative team managers.

The Tier 2 Group 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 this year has been expanded to contain two subgroups, accommodating the growth in junior players courtesy of Junior Interclub and the Futures series of events.

This wider group is 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 re-appointed are Alastair Sidford, Matthew Lane, and Joel Macklin.

Alastair and Matthew, with their extensive pro tour and elite amateur playing experience and knowledge, will be primarily focused on 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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2024 TDP Tier 1

Luke Weir-Smith, Ned Butler, Riley Kennedy, Levi Agraba, Apirana Ngarimu, Hugo Sidford, Sam Jiang, Mutu Ngarimu, Danika Lee, Teisa-mania Vaka, Toaiva Faafia, Elise Barber

2024 TDP Tier 2

Ayrton Young, John Son, Robbie Wana, Luca Zheng, Brooklyn Wratt, Sam Wood, Christian Wala, Nico Ashton, Amy Yu, Olivia Lu, Minnie St Helens, Mia Kaiwai-Puha

2024 TDP Tier 3

Group 1

Madden Chittenden, Ru Olsen, Lucas Banner, Kawhia Scirkovich, Jimmy Gilbert, Charlie Cornish, Jehvei Kiriona, Preston Sidford, Jack Love, Manaakitanga Moore, Caydan Beban

Group 2

Mataniu Lolo, Arasi Faatau, Janiva Faafia, Nyla Daud, Alayna Tuisamoa-simanu, Jina Joon, Ally Yu, Olivia Edge