



### **Team California (Southern California) Coaching Application Form**

Thank you for your interest in applying for Team California's Coaching position. You will help us create athletes that THRIVE with the 10 boys and 10 girls we name to represent Team California (Southern California) for 2026-2027!

One of the main goals of the U.S. National Development Program (USNDP) is to expand and strengthen the junior golf pipeline by creating critical development, competitive and talent identification opportunities within the state for elite players ages 13-18. The USNDP endeavors to establish state programs across the United States with the long-term goal that will serve the following purposes:

- Create a developmentally appropriate, aspirational pathway for athletes to play at higher levels (state, regional, national, professional, Olympics).
- Incentivize athletes to compete in-state.
- Strengthen the junior golf programming within each state.
- Provide more opportunities for a diverse population of athletes resulting in increased talent at the highest levels.
- Establish a team culture and a mindset of "competing with" to increase the level of performance for all athletes.
- Serve as a critical part of the talent identification pathway for the USNDP
- Coordinate the junior golf ecosystem within each state across Allied Golf Associations, PGA of America Sections and other junior golf organizations and leaders.

#### **What's expected of you:**

As a Coach in these early years of the program, we will ask you to work closely with the Team California (Southern California) Committee, Captain(s), and fellow Coach(es). All stakeholders will be asked to collaborate in scheduling and creating team camps, team gatherings, and other initiatives that will promote the development of the players. You will be asked to follow requirements and guidelines that the USGA provides as far as developing athletes who THRIVE.

We are seeking an experienced and passionate individual to join our team as a Junior Athlete Performance Mentor. This role is designed for someone who can inspire and guide high-performing junior athletes, working in harmony with their existing coaches to enhance their development both on and off the field.

As a Coach, you will be an integral leader of our state team program and the programs and opportunities we provide for the team members focusing on coaching, player development and talent identification to further the mission of fostering future generations of American golf talent. You will lead collaboration and communication with the state team athletes' individual instructors to secure alignment around what is best for the athlete from a developmental and competitive

perspective. Mentor and coach the state team athletes on an individual and/or team basis at events when appropriate.

### **Additional Information**

This role is not intended to replace or overstep the existing coaching framework of the athletes. Instead, our goal is to enhance the athlete's journey through supportive guidance, making this mentorship an enriching and collaborative endeavor.

If this opportunity evolves into a long-term engagement, we welcome that possibility. However, our immediate focus is on providing valuable mentorship in partnership with the current coaching structure.

### **Coaching Requirements (Mandatory):**

- Must be a PGA Member, Associate, or LPGA (Class A, B, or Apprentice Member), LPGA/PGA Tour Member
- Have extensive experience in playing, coaching, and/or instructing golf at elite levels
- SafeSport and Background Check

### **Time commitment for Coaches will include (specifically for 2026):**

- 1 Year Commitment
- Attending and possibly lead in-person and virtual gatherings and meetings (committee and teams)
- Assist the committee in the planning of our 2.5-day Team Camp
  - Attend and possibly lead/oversee breakouts and/or activity sessions for our 2.5-day Camp (Dates are TBD, location will be Rolling Hills Country Club)
- Attend in-person USNDP THRIVE Training and earn their USNDP State Junior Team Coach Certificate (approximately 1.5 days + travel, USGA to cover training and travel expenses) - **Dates & Location TBD**
- Possible state team vs. state team competition
- USGA Rules 101 (online training) and/or other training (2-3 hours)
- Golf's ADM (online training) (2-3 hours)
- Accel or Upgame Training Demo (recorded video) (1-1.5 hours)
- Sport and Performance Psychology (recorded video) (1-1.5 hours)
- Virtual 1:1 sessions with each player through the calendar year
  - State Team Program Directors can help facilitate this
- Participate in the USGA webinars that are offered to all players

If you are interested in applying, please fill out the form below (you are able to type in each section) and send your resume to [teamsocal@scga.org](mailto:teamsocal@scga.org).



**Personal Information:**

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

**Coaching Experience:**

Current Position/Role:

Organization/Team:

Years of Coaching Experience:

**Coaching Qualifications:**

Certifications/Accreditations (Please list all):

Briefly describe your coaching philosophy:

What are your goals as a coach?

What do you hope to achieve with the team/athletes?

**Additional Information/Comments:**

**References:**

(Provide names and contact information for at least two references)