Who is on Team California (Southern)?

The Team California (Southern) Committee will name 10 boys and 10 girls to Team California (Southern) (Southern California). Athletes earn their way onto the team through outstanding competitive performance during the season.

Out of the 10 boys and 10 girls to be named to Team California (Southern), 3 boys and 3 girls will be selected by the Team California (Southern) Committee, in its discretion, and may be adjusted throughout the year. The 7 other boys and girls will be named based on point rankings. That along with points distribution information can be found here.

Any members of the National Junior Team will not be eligible to participate on Team California (Southern).

Team Selection Committee

The Committee selection athletes for Team California (Southern) will be evaluated and selected by the Team California (Southern) Committee. The Team California (Southern) consists of members of the PGA of America, Southern California PGA, Southern California Golf Association, and San Diego Junior Golf Association. The Committee will select and invite athletes to participate on Team California (Southern) in accordance with the eligibility criteria and evaluation processes set forth below, in its sole discretion.

Eligibility Criteria - Team California (Southern)

In order to be eligible for selection to Team California (Southern), an athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

- Nationality: An athlete must be a United States citizen. Athletes with dual citizenship must comply with the IGF Nationality Policy.
- Handicap Index: All players need to have an active handicap index and be members of the SCGA when they earn points in any ranking point event.

- Age: Athletes must be at least 13 years old at the time of the team announcement, have not reached their 19th birthday by July 19 and must not be enrolled in college for the school year during the year in which they are selected for the team.
- Amateur Status: An athlete must be an amateur under the current Rules of Amateur Status and there may be no current or pending matters that may impact their amateur status.
- Conduct: An athlete must not currently be under suspension or subject to other sanctions or disciplinary process from the USGA, an Allied Golf Association ("AGA") or any other golf organization or event organizers.
- Cannot be a member of the National Junior Team.

Team Selection Committee Evaluation Process

The Team California (Southern) Committee will evaluate eligible athletes who it may consider for the 3 selection spots on Team California (Southern) for each gender based on the following factors:

- Rankings – The Committee will consider the current and previous rankings (within the last 12-24 months) of athletes from various publicly available rankings, which may include, but is not limited to, Junior Golf Scoreboard, Rolex American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Rankings, World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR), and applicable state rankings and/or head-to-head rankings.
- Scoring – The Committee will consider factors related to the athlete's scoring ability and scoring history, which may include, but is not limited to, scoring average, scoring consistency, ability to post low scores, and hole-by-hole patterns.
- Results – The Committee will review the athlete's competitive play results, including, but not limited to, finish positions, difficulty of schedule, golf course length, and head-to-head results in any high-level competitions or events, including but not limited to AJGA Rolex and Invitational Events, Junior Americas Cup, Girls' Junior Americas Cup, Augusta National Women's Amateur, and the Pacific Coast Amateur Championship.
- Statistics – When available, the Committee will review the athlete's round statistics and other play metrics, such as ball speed and clubhead speed.
- Sportsmanship – The Committee will consider various factors relating to the athlete's sportsmanship, including, but not limited to, the athlete's work ethic, attitude, desire to be part of the State Team, coachability, ability to represent California, SCPGA, SCGA, and SDJGA and be a positive teammate.

To aid the Committee in these evaluations, information may be gathered from various sources, including, but not limited to AGAs, clubs, coaches and other similar entities or persons with knowledge of an athlete's performance and capabilities.