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Next Generation*

American Junior Golf Association

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About the AJGA

- The American Junior Golf Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf. The AJGA provides valuable exposure for college golf scholarships, and has an annual junior membership (boys and girls, ages 12-19) of more than 7,000 junior golfers from 50 states and 60 foreign countries.
- To ensure scholarship opportunities for all junior golfers who have the skill, the AJGA created the Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) Grant program to provide financial assistance to young players in need. Since 2003, more than \$3.9 million has been reimbursed to program participants, who have, in turn, earned more than \$14.8 million in college scholarships.
- Since 2009, junior golfers have raised more than \$2.5 million for charities through the Leadership Links program. Jack Nicklaus and Rickie Fowler were involved in 2018, and the USGA matches funds raised for junior golf charities.
- Led by Executive Director Stephen Hamblin, approximately 63 full-time staff members perform the day-to-day operations of the AJGA from its National Headquarters in Braselton, Georgia. The Association is served by an elected Board of Directors, headed by Chairman of the Board J.R. "Digger" Smith.
- In 2019, the AJGA will conduct more than 120 tournaments in 32 states, the Dominican Republic, Australia and Scotland. AJGA tournaments are typically 36- or 54-hole stroke play events featuring boys and girls divisions. AJGA Open and Junior All-Star events are typically preceded by a Qualifier to help local or less-experienced juniors "play their way in" to AJGA tournaments.
- The AJGA provides exceptional junior golfers the opportunity to develop and showcase their competitive skills and has built a reputation of providing the best exposure vehicle for college golf scholarships. Hundreds of college coaches receive results from AJGA tournaments and Qualifiers. Nearly all AJGA participants enter college and most play college golf with financial aid.

History and Support of the AJGA

- The AJGA conducted its first national junior tournaments, the Rolex Tournament of Champions and the Polo Golf Junior Classic, in 1978, after which the first Rolex Junior All-America Team also was named.
- TaylorMade and adidas are the AJGA's Nationals Sponsors, supporting the AJGA for more than 25 years.
- Rolex, in its fourth decade of sponsorship, became a Premier Partner in 2004.
- TaylorMade has served as the Official Ball of the AJGA since 2016. adidas has been the Official Apparel and Footwear of the AJGA since 2017.
- More than 150 corporate sponsors currently support the AJGA. Nearly 60 percent of the Association's operating budget comes from corporate sponsorship and individual donations.

About AJGA Players

- The AJGA annually recognizes outstanding golf achievement through the selection of Rolex Junior All-Americans.
- Each year, 24 male and female junior golfers are honored as Scholastic Junior All-Americans for outstanding achievements in the classroom and on the golf course, as well as community service.
- AJGA alumni have risen to the top of amateur, collegiate and professional golf:

In NCAA Division I, 22 of the past 30 men's champions and 23 of the past 30 women's champions are AJGA alumni.

Former AJGA juniors have compiled more than 910 victories on the PGA and LPGA Tours.

Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler, Bubba Watson, Webb Simpson, Sergio Garcia, Hunter Mahan, Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Zach Johnson, Justin Thomas, Stacy Lewis, Ariya Jutanugarn, Alison Lee, Lexi Thompson, Inbee Park, Paula Creamer, Brittany Lincicome, Cristie Kerr and Morgan Pressel.