



Golf Queensland

How do I get selected for Talented Development Programs

Golf Queensland is regularly asked how players may get to participate in our Talented Development Programs and this document has been created to give those young players and parents aspiring to represent their State, an understanding of how the GQ selects its players for the development programs, the State Squads and subsequently State Teams.

The Golf Queensland High Performance Program has some key aspects which make up the current model of the Talented Development Programs, such as:

- All squads (male and female) will be in training under the one program
- The Program will have talented players in training year round.
- The emphasis of the Program is on the development of the players' golf skills with a special emphasis on the short game and on personal development.
- Coaching sessions will be delivered by a panel of coaches, with specialist skills, who will liaise with the player's primary coaches
- Specialist support staff will also work with the Squads
- Playing programs will be set by the GQ Program Managers and High Performance committee members

The development squads are picked using the following criteria:

- Angus Buchanan (AB), Bill Kennedy (WK), Anne Bongers and Val Johnston averages are a primary (but not sole) consideration. You should make sure you are entered – a copy of the entry form is available from the GQ office and website.
- GQ has managers and coaches and Selectors at events to look at players in action under tournament conditions. Players should try to at least contest GQ events such as the Gary Player Classic, Queensland Junior Championship, Queensland Schoolboys Championship and as many other major events that they can.
- The new junior development squad members typically must have at least 2 years left as a junior in April the following year.
- Some younger players i.e. 13-14 years olds are given special consideration if the committee or selectors believe they have exceptional potential to become talented players.
- Players may move in and out of the squads as the committee, coaches and selectors determine what is best for the player and the program.
- Players may be selected in the older squad without having participated in the Under 18 program.
- Please note that all players must be Australian citizens to be eligible for selection

If you have any questions or requests for further information you may contact Golf Queensland's Head Coach Tony Meyer 0424 994 933 or Golf Operations Officer Chris Evans in the GQ office (07) 32528155 or email chris@golfqueensland.org.au.