LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Dec. 17, 2025) - The United States Golf Association (USGA) today announced the roster for the 2026 U.S. National Junior Team, a pillar of the U.S. National Development Program (USNDP) that was established in 2023 to create a unified pathway designed to nurture the potential of America's top players. Building on last year's team of 22 athletes, the 2026 roster features 12 boys and 12 girls from 10 states representing the country's elite junior golf talent.

Fourteen of the 24 players were members of the 2025 team. Five of the 10 newcomers come from the USNDP's State Junior Team program, including Eliana Saga, Mia Clausen and Jaden Soong from Team Southern California.

Members of the team receive year-round support, including world-class coaching and analysis, sports psychology and nutritional guidance.

Last year's team members made 34 collective appearances in USGA championships, led by the U.S. Junior Amateur (9), U.S. Amateur (8) and U.S. Girls' Junior (7). The average World Amateur Golf Ranking® of team members rose 132 spots with a collective gain of 2,933.

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Four members of the 2026 U.S. National Junior Team are USNDP Grant recipients. Applications for 2026 closed in the fall. The new class of recipients will be announced early in 2026. In 2025, the USGA distributed more than $865,000 to 109 junior golfers and their families to assist with costs related to reaching the next stages of the competitive game, including tournament travel, coaching and equipment.

2026 U.S. National Junior Team Roster - Girls

Name	Age	Hometown	School/HS Grad Year	Year on NJT
Grace Carter	15	Jupiter, Fla.	2029	1st
Mia Clausen	15	Carlsbad, Calif.	2028	1st
Zoe Cusack	17	Potomac, Md.	Virginia (2026)	1st
Anna Fang	16	San Diego, Calif.	2027	2nd
Mia Hammond	17	New Albany, Ohio	Duke (2026)	3rd
Jude Lee	18	Walnut, Calif.	Stanford (2026)	2nd
Nikki Oh	18	Torrance, Calif.	Stanford (2026)	3rd
Eliana Saga	16	Stevenson Ranch, Calif.	2027	1st
Emerie Schartz	18	Wichita, Kansas	Texas A&M (2026)	3rd
Asterisk Talley	16	Chowchilla, Calif.	2027	3rd

Amelie Zalsman	17	St. Petersburg, Fla.	2027	2nd
Angela Zhang	16	Bellevue, Wash.	USC (2026)	3rd

2026 U.S. National Junior Team Roster - Boys

Name	Age	Hometown	School/HS Grad Year	Year on NJT
Ronin Banerjee	17	Irvine, Calif.	2027	2nd
Hamilton Coleman	17	Martinez, Ga.	Georgia (2026)	1st
Luke Colton	18	Frisco, Texas	Vanderbilt (2026)	2nd
Philip Dunham	18	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.	Alabama (2026)	3rd
Mason Howell	18	Thomasville, Ga.	Georgia (2026)	1st
Jessy Huebner	16	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	2027	2nd
Chase Hughes	15	Oklahoma City, Okla.	2028	1st
Tyler Mawhinney	18	Fleming Island, Fla.	Vanderbilt (2026)	3rd
Sohan Patel	17	Weston, Fla.	2027	1st
Jaden Soong	15	Burbank, Calif.	2028	1st
Giuseppe Puebla	17	Royal Palm Beach, Fla.	2027	1st
Tyler Watts	18	Huntsville, Ala.	Tennessee (2026)	3rd

Asterisk Talley, 2024 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball champion, will be a member for a third consecutive year. In 2025, she competed in the U.S. Women's Open Presented by Ally, earned co-medalist honors at the U.S. Women's Amateur, won the Girl's Junior PGA Championship, and was runner-up at the Augusta National Women's Amateur. She is currently the top-ranked junior in the WAGR at No. 11. Talley was the runner-up in the 2024 U.S. Women's Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior, and represented the USA in that year's Curtis Cup Match, defeating world No. 1 Lottie Woad, of England, in Sunday singles.

Hamilton Coleman and Mason Howell, have both signed to play golf at the University of Georgia next fall, are making their first U.S. National Junior Team appearances after being on the USNDP's Georgia State Team in 2025.

Coleman won the 2025 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Trinity Forest in July. He needed 25 holes to survive his Round-of-64 match, the longest U.S. Junior Amateur match in 23 years. The Martinez, Ga., native represented the United States at the Junior Ryder Cup and is a three-time AJGA Rolex Junior All-American.

Howell won the 2025 U.S. Amateur at The Olympic Club in August at just 18 years of age, becoming the third-youngest winner in championship history. The victory earned him a spot on the USA Walker Cup Team, where he went 2-0-1 for the victorious Americans at Cypress Point Club. He holed out for an eagle-2 to close out his Sunday foursomes match with partner Jacob Modleski. The Thomasville, Ga., native also was the medalist in the U.S. Junior Amateur at Trinity Forest but lost in the opening round to 2025 USNJT member Henry Guan.

About The USNDP

The mission of the U.S. National Development Program is to foster future generations of American golf talent. The USNDP provides a pathway to success in golf by delivering competitive opportunities, support, and training that develops American golf talent and mitigates financial burdens. With our key strategic partners, host venues, championships, and support from the golf community, we provide education, experiences, and mentorship that help athletes achieve success at each level. We are committed to fostering a positive and healthy pathway for American golfers to follow their dreams and reach the pinnacle of the sport.

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