# Team West Virginia Announces 2027 Roster

Charleston, WV (November 4, 2026) – The Team West Virginia Committee today announced the 4 boys and 4 girls who were named to the 2027 Team West Virginia roster as part of the USGA's U.S. National Development Program (USNDP).

"All 8 athletes selected to represent 2027 Team West Virginia have proven their place among the best junior golfers in the state" said Captain Lucas Ware of the West Virginia Golf Association. He went on to add, "The resources that will be provided to these players via the WVGA, USGA, and PGA of America will strengthen their games and help them reach their full potential."

The roster was selected by the Team West Virginia committee based on players' performances throughout the 2026 season. The Team West Virginia committee includes representatives from the West Virginia Golf Association and Tri-State Section PGA

Team West Virginia is one of 50 states in the USNDP's State Junior Team program – designed to expand, strengthen and diversify the American junior golf pipeline. The USGA announced that all 50 states joined the program in October of 2026. An asterisk (*) denotes a returning member from 2026 Team West Virginia.

**2027 Team West Virginia – Boys Roster**

Isaac Hayes*, Hurricane, 2028

Alexander Randolph, Bridgeport, 2029

Bentley Shirkey, Barboursville, 2030

Parker O'Dell, Hurricane, 2028

**2027 Team West Virginia – Girls Roster**

Ellie West, Wheeling, 2030

Chastyn Viars*, South Charleston, 2029

Angela Yao, Morgantown, 2028

Jadyn Snodgrass, South Charleston, 2028

All athletes named to a state team will receive at least two days of in-person athlete development per year, access to webinars led by the USNDP's coaching and athlete development team, consideration for USNDP sponsored tournament exemptions and a streamlined grant application process for families demonstrating financial need, among other benefits.

Announced in 2023, the USNDP is designed to ensure that American golf is the global leader in the game by focusing on six key pillars: talent identification, access to competition, national teams, athlete resources, player development and relations, and financial support.

The State Junior Team Program focuses on creating a developmentally appropriate, aspirational pathway for athletes within each state to compete at higher levels of the game. The U.S. National Development Program is supported by philanthropic giving and secured resources to fulfill the USGA's commitment to providing pathways to elite levels of the game, regardless of financial situations.

To be eligible, a player must be a U.S. citizen, cannot be enrolled in college, must be 13 years old by Jan. 1 and not reach his/her 19th birthday by July 19 of the year in which they would compete on a State Junior Team.

**About the West Virginia Golf Association**

The West Virginia Golf Association is dedicated to promoting and preserving the game of golf in West Virginia. Established in 1913 as the West Virginia District Golf Association, the WVGA represents 85 Member Clubs and 11,000+ golfers statewide. As a central information hub, we administer the World Handicap System™, Course Ratings™ and Slope Ratings™, qualifying rounds, and manage amateur status. We oversee First Tee – West Virginia, organize one-day events, and preserve golf history through the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame. For more info, visit wvga.org.

**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, and champions, 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. For more info, visit usga.org.