



## GOLF - BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR NOMINATING ATHLETES

**The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS)** is a non-profit organisation that assists young athletes to achieve sporting excellence. WRAS supports athlete development in a holistic manner and recognises the value of education. WRAS expects athletes to be attending school or tertiary education, meaningfully employed or undertaking other educational or training opportunities.

The WRAS golf program is endorsed by Jack Newton Junior Golf as the first step in the elite athlete pathway. The program sits between local representative golf and high order representation such as NSW state team selection.

### Who can nominate for the WRAS 2023 golf program?

- Golfers must be turning 12 to 17 years of age in 2023
- Golfers must reside or attend school in the WRAS catchment area.
- Golfers must be a current registered member of Golf NSW and their local golf club.
- Handicap criteria - boys 18 and under\*, girls 27 and under\*

\*if you fall outside this handicap range you may still be considered for selection.

### Proposed Program of Events– guide only

The WRAS golf program will run from October 2022 to July 2023 with presentation in August 2023.

- October– online induction for new WRAS athletes
- 12-13 November 2022 – orientation (Bathurst)
- February 2023 – Wagga Wagga Junior Masters
- March 2023 – Peter O’Malley Junior Masters (Bathurst)
- 21,22,23 April 2023 – Academy Games in Wagga Wagga
- Late May 2023– North vs South cup for selected athletes only
- May/June 2023 – Sydney camp similar to these years
- 8 to 9 squad training days held between Orientation and the NSW Junior or State Age Championships in July 2023
- Strength and conditioning training program between Orientation and the Academy Games
- July 2023– Junior or State Age Championship – Location TBC
- August 2023 – WRAS presentation evening
- Events on the JNIG calendar as nominated by the WRAS head coach

### How are selections made?

- Golfers wishing to be considered for the WRAS squad must complete the WRAS nomination form before the closing date/time.
- New Athletes MUST attend the Talent ID day is on Sunday the 21st August at Duntryleague Golf Club from 9am-2pm - please note the Talent ID day is not compulsory for returning athletes
- Being part of a previous WRAS squad does not guarantee selection.
- Athletes will be selected based on their individual applications including performance and results at specific events. WRAS may contact relevant sports associations to verify sporting results.
- A list of selected athletes is placed on the WRAS website and athletes are advised by email.
- Offers must be accepted by the due date or it may be withdrawn and offered to another athlete.

### What is expected of an athlete?

- If selected in a squad WRAS expects that this is the athlete’s primary sport of participation.
- Attendance at ALL activities in the WRAS program (including presentation evening). WRAS avoids clashes with higher level events run by the State Sporting Organisation. In certain circumstances exemptions can be applied for.
- Athletes are expected to adhere to the WRAS Code of Behaviour policy, participate to the best of their ability, display exemplary behaviour, show enthusiasm and maintain high dress standards.
- WRAS athletes are expected to commit to improving their physical profile and should be aware that this includes undertaking physical activities and testing. Squad athletes are also expected to undertake a strength and conditioning training program.

### What does the WRAS program cost?

NEW squad athlete compulsory uniform cost (WRAS dress polo, playing polo, training singlet, training short, socks, hoodie)	\$239
All athletes will receive a WRAS uniform subsidy – to be used for uniform costs only	-\$34
Squad athlete levy	\$130
<b>Total cost for RETURNING squad athlete</b>	<b>\$130</b>
<b>Total cost for NEW squad athlete</b> (athlete levy and uniform with \$33 subsidy)	<b>\$369</b>

**All selected athletes will be able to apply for financial assistance from funding received from some of the Central West ClubsNSW member clubs. All athletes will be advised how they can offset their WRAS program costs by seeking personal sponsorships through the ‘Friends of the Academy’ program.**