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Canada's leading junior tour adds Dubai and Spain to international opportunities *MJT to qualify for Junior Dubai Desert Classic and Sergio Garcia Junior Championship*

Vancouver, BC — [May 7, 2025] — Canada's number one-played junior golf tour, the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour (MJT), is excited to announce two outstanding additions to its growing list of international qualifying opportunities for elite Canadian juniors. MJT players will now have the chance to qualify for the prestigious 2026 Junior Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai, UAE, and the 2025 Sergio Garcia Junior Championship in Borriol, Spain, both first-class experiences for aspiring young golfers.

As the leader in junior golf development across Canada, MJT continues to expand international pathways for top-performing athletes, offering high-performance players the opportunity to compete on the global stage. With by far the largest competitive field sizes and 27 years of junior golf excellence, MJT continues to set the standard for junior competition and exposure.

2026 Junior Dubai Desert Classic Qualifiers (January 8–11, 2026 | Emirates Golf Club, Dubai)

Now recognized with World Amateur Golf Ranking® (WAGR®) status and featuring an elevated 54-hole format, the Junior Dubai Desert Classic offers an unmatched, professional-style experience for junior players from around the world.

Players will take on the Faldo Course in a unique two-round challenge — one under the lights on Friday night and one under the sun on Saturday — before the cut leads to a high-stakes final round on the iconic Majlis Course, home to the DP World Tour's Hero Dubai Desert Classic.

Four Canadian boys aged 15–17 will earn qualifying spots through the MJT:

- MJT Odlum Brown Classic, August 5–7, 2025 at Hazelmere Golf Club, Surrey, BC
- MJT National Team Challenge, September 12–14, 2025 at Sawmill Golf Club, Fenwick, ON
- Top two boys on the MJT Player of the Year rankings at the end of the 2025 season

2025 Sergio Garcia Junior Championship Qualifiers (October 3–5, 2025 | Mediterráneo Golf Club, Spain)

Hosted at Mediterráneo Golf Club, home course of major champion Sergio Garcia in Borriol, Castellón, Spain, this international event brings together top junior golfers from around the world for a highly competitive, professionally run experience. With World Amateur Golf Ranking® (WAGR®) recognition, the Sergio Garcia Junior Championship offers an incredible opportunity for young athletes to compete on a global stage, gain international exposure, and test their skills against elite peers in a world-class environment.

The MJT has received sanction from Hector Del Castillo, key coordinator for the international players, to qualify four players (two boys and two girls aged 15–18) from the following shortlist of designated qualifiers across the country:

- MJT Sergio Garcia Qualifier at Tangle Creek Golf and Country Club, Thornton, ON, June 21-22, 2025
- MJT Ford Series at Tor Hill Golf Club, Regina, SK, June 28-29, 2025
- MJT Zeal Series at Okanagan Golf Club, Kelowna, BC, July 17-18, 2015
- MJT Sergio Garcia Qualifier at Pine Hills Golf Course, Rocky Mountain House, AB, July 21-22, 2025
- MJT East Coast Junior Championship at Mountain Woods Golf Course, Moncton, NB, July 21-22, 2025
- MJT Maui Jim Series at Moon Lake Golf and Country Club, Saskatoon, SK, July 28-29, 2025

These exciting new pathways build on MJT's mission to provide elite exposure and unparalleled competitive opportunities for young Canadian golfers. They also complement MJT's already extensive lineup of international events, offering juniors the chance to gain world-class competitive and cultural experiences on a global stage. To view the full list of MJT's international partnerships and qualifying opportunities, visit: maplejt.com/int-events.php.

For more information on the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, please visit www.maplejt.com.

About the MJT: The non-profit Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour is Canada's number one Junior Golf Tour as well as the only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the 'Road to College Golf' in Canada. The organization is supported by valued Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Partners. The MJT hosts over 100 events across Canada, including free Ford Go Golf Junior Clinics, the MJT Mini Tour for 12U, and multi-day events for competitive players aged 11-19 which also offer qualifiers for international tournaments. The program has annual awards, scholarships and incentives to help reward performance and participation throughout each season. MJT alumni include many Professional Tour players and PGA of Canada Professionals, as well as Canadian Amateur, National and Provincial Junior Champions. The MJT aims to develop champions, in golf and in life, promoting the game from grassroots through to the provincial, national, university and professional levels.

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