



# Indian River Golf Foundation

*Announces.....*



*.....a unique youth golf school that's dedicated to excellence.*

The **E**lite **C**ollegiate **P**rep Program  
(**ECP**), *created by John Wilkinson*

*"Tomorrow's Champions"*

**TODAY**

## Mission Statement

The **Elite Collegiate Prep (ECP)** program, a subsidiary of the **Indian River Golf Foundation (IRGF)**, is specifically dedicated to helping youth golfers achieve distinction in competitive golf by elevating their physical, mental, and strategic skills to an elite level of mastery.

It is also focused on helping all students, enrich their lives through golf experiences, while rewarding their sustained personal efforts by assisting them as they strive to acquire a collegiate golf scholarship, too.

The **ECP** program includes

**T**rainning – **P**ractices – **C**ompetitions (**TPC**)

*“Only the student that’s giving great promise of future good work is sought out by the Master for strenuous and unwearied discipline, teaching and training.”*

## ECP Program Director

Ohio's #1 golf instructor is now beginning his third year as an instructor in Indian River County, Florida



appetite for helping students improve their golf games, regardless of their experience levels and playing abilities.

He has 33 years of experience as a golf instructor, teacher, mental coach and mentor to thousands of students. In addition, he has worked in the golf industry as a Head Golf Professional, Director of Golf and Director of Golf Instruction at prominent golf clubs throughout the United States and Australia. And he specializes in creating golf programs that are dedicated to excellence, which can transform golf enthusiasts into the best potential golfers they can become.

## Career Highlights

- Over the past 10 years, 100% John's college-bound golf students have received golf scholarships.
- John once trained four Ohio Amateur Champions in the same year, including the Junior, Senior, Women's and Ohio Amateur champions
- His students have earned more than 1,300 tournament victories over the scope of his career and he has helped over 375 junior golfers attain collegiate golf scholarships.

### *On the lighter side.....*

- An eight-year-old **IRGF After School Golf Training** student said the following after receiving a golf tip from John; "I just received a golf tip from Coach John Wilkinson that changed my life!" He even stayed after his class had finished, in order to demonstrate his new discovery to his parents.

***“Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not depart from it.”***

# ECP Teaching Philosophy

As Director of Golf Instruction at **Down Under Par Golf Academy**, which is located in Dayton, Ohio, John Wilkinson has impacted junior golf immensely through physical, mental, and strategic golf instructional programs.

The **ECP's** teaching philosophy is SIMPLISTIC, STRUCTURED and based on RESULTS. It provides an encouraging environment for substantial improvement in swing mechanics and personal success, as fundamentals, concerning life and golf, are taught, stressed, and managed in a fun atmosphere.”

In addition, all potential students aren't solely focused on swing mechanics. Rather, they're educated about tournament preparation, perfect practice techniques and golf course management.

Physical and mental conditioning, additional components of the **ECP** are also extremely important, they enable students to become elite athletes who can actually play the game, rather than just people who can swing a golf club.

If you're dedicated to golf, have big dreams and establish goals and you're ready to elevate your golf skills and ambitions to new higher levels, the **ECP** will be the springboard you need in order to be catapulted into an exciting journey of satisfaction and achievement.

After all, the **ECP** is not only interested in physical results, regarding a student's game. It's also focused on educating students about etiquette, sportsmanship and the mental aspects of the game which are key elements to their overall success.

*“You will be, what YOU Will TO BE.”*

## John Vermeere – ECP Instructor



Highly passionate about golf, John Vermeere has been a member of the golf industry for over 30 years. He began his career as a player on the Sunshine Tour and PGA Tour Latinoamerica, prior to becoming an instructor for the Japan Golf Tour.

After completing his duties with multiple tours, he served as an instructor for the Jim McLean Golf School, where he underwent extensive training on the Jim McLean Teaching Systems. In addition, he has worked as a teaching professional at a variety of courses in New York, Florida, Oregon and California.

As an example of his extensive teaching background, he has served as an instructor on the Japan Golf Tour, as well as an instructor at Jim McLean Golf School, Hank Haney PRO, and Phil Ritson Golf Your Way Studio. Furthermore, he has worked as a Director of Instruction at John Vermeere Golf School (California), teaching professional at Oregon Red Tail Golf Course and an instructor at Chemeketa Community College, as he taught golf classes at Oak Knoll Golf Club, too.

Moreover, he has served as an instructor at David Glenz Golf Academy, while also teaching private golf lessons and clinics at Sandridge Golf Club. And finally, most recently, he is proud to be involved with the Indian River Golf Foundation (IRGF).

John received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise and Sports Science from Oregon State University. Due to his foundation of knowledge in biomechanics and kinesiology, he is able to apply both these principles to his student's golf swings.

Additionally, since he is focused on constantly learning new and innovative methods to help scholarship athletes, to college players and tour professionals. Notably, he has coached professional golfer Eduardo Herrera, a winner of five Japan Golf Tour tournaments, as well as a top 100-ranked golfer, according to the Official World Golf Ranking.

## ECP Benefits

The **ECP** offers youth golfers the opportunity to learn much more about the game of golf, what it can provide them today and how it will positively impact them tomorrow.

It will teach them more about themselves, along with life, through competition, diligence and hard work, perseverance in trials and the experience and reality of victory and defeat. They will learn quickly that one's ATTITUDE determine their ALTITUDE in life and golf.

**ECP** is also an invaluable investment in youth, as it creates opportunities that participants can utilize as they aspire to improve every facet of their lives. Corporate organizations, among other companies, can partner with **ECP**, in order to invest in youth and give back to their communities. While doing so, they can encourage youth to DREAM and achieve in a gracious manner.

Due to corporate organizations' generous donations, all youth golfers in the **ECP** will have an opportunity to achieve a level of distinction in the game of golf through hard work, persistent effort, discipline, and quality performance.

**ECP's** expectations are exceptionally high, after all, as it envisions that every graduate will be rewarded with a collegiate golf scholarship.

## Additional Benefits

Additionally, **ECP** program participants will experience benefits like after school *practice sessions* on Mondays and Thursdays at Sandridge Golf Club as well as on Tuesdays at Sebastian Golf Course completely FREE. At the same time, they can also participate in the **Indian River Golf Foundation (IRGF) Prep Series** 18 and 9-hole *competitions* which are listed in the **IRGF's** calendar.

*“When the Student is Ready, The Teacher will Appear.”*

# Program Qualifications

The **ECP** is open to any youth player who:

- 1) Is chosen from those who write and submits an **ESSAY** that describes their aspirations of playing collegiate golf, along with their commitment to attendance consistency, while remaining focused on the **ECP's** overall purpose.
- 2) Successfully completes the **IRGF Player's Advantage Golf Skills Assessment** with a score of 7.0 index range or higher.  
*Note:* This Skills Assessment may be taken as often as desired, in order to reach the necessary level of skills index level.  
Ask IRGF instructors for locations and times.
- 3) Remains in the full graces of **ECP** golf instructors and administrators, demonstrating a consummate level of **INTEGRITY**, as well as **TEAM BUILDING characteristics**.  
*Note:* See the following IRGF documents for more information:  
    **“Situational Behavioral Exercises – Team Building, the IRGF Way”**  
    **“30 Teamwork Quotes to Inspire Collaboration”**
- 4) Participates on a youth golf tour beyond the **IRGF Atlantic Junior Golf Tour**.

**Here is more information about the essay.....**according to John Wilkinson:

*As you contemplate what you want to say about your aspirations of playing collegiate golf, along with your commitment to consistency, please answer the following question with regards to this statement:*

*“What I need to do to make my laughable dream  
come true for me in life and golf”.*

*Question: What does laughable mean?*

*Answer: Something that may appear so absurd to others, but not to you!*



## Program Costs

\$225 for a 4-week package, which includes:

**4 training sessions (ECP)**

**Practices**, along with boy and girl **competitions**

(visit the 2023 IRGF calendar at [www.irgf.org](http://www.irgf.org) for more information)

### *A Sample Week During the Summer*

#### **Training**

**ECP** training sessions at Sandridge Golf Club on Wednesdays  
(see the 2023 IRGF calendar for further information)

#### **Practices**

Sandridge Golf Club during the **Summer School Program**

*Note:* Golfers may also serve as an IRGF Player Cadet, thereby receiving community service credit hours or compensation while doing so.

**Competitions** – All competitions occur during the first two tee times, prior to any IRGF tournament, as golfers can participate in Individual Stroke Play or Four Ball Team Challenges.

### *A Sample Week During the School Year*

#### **Training**

**ECP** training session are held at Sandridge Golf Club every Wednesday (see 2023 IRGF calendar for more information).

#### **Practices**

Monday – Held at Sandridge Golf Club

Tuesday – Hosted at Sebastian Golf Course

Thursday – Held at Sandridge Golf Club

*Note:* Youth golfers may also serve as an IRGF Player Cadet, thereby receiving community service credit hours or compensation while doing so.

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# Online Registration

[www.irgf.org](http://www.irgf.org)

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