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UK & International Relocation Available | Extensive Experience Across Asia



INTERNATIONAL GOLF ACADEMY DIRECTOR | PGA PROFESSIONAL | HIGH-PERFORMANCE & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEADER

PROFILE

International PGA Professional and Golf Academy Director with 12+ years of experience leading golf programmes across Asia, Europe and North America. Experienced in academy operations, coach management, player development, facility growth and stakeholder engagement. Proven track record producing elite junior athletes, developing high-performance pathways and building sustainable golf programmes serving 100+ students.

KEY SKILLS

Academy Leadership & Operations

Coach Development & Team Management

Junior & Elite Player Development

International School Partnerships

Parent & Stakeholder Engagement

Programme Growth & Business Development

Tournament & Event Management

Trackman | Foresight | Swing Catalyst | PuttView

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Built and led a school-based golf academy serving 100+ students across participation and elite-performance pathways.
- Recruited, led and developed a team of six golf professionals and specialist coaches.
- Produced three Junior World Champions and multiple collegiate scholarship athletes.
- Directed academy operations including staffing, budgeting, scheduling, facility development, risk management and programme growth.
- Generated annual programme surpluses of approximately USD \$20,000, reinvested into facilities, equipment and student development initiatives.
- Established international junior and collegiate pathways, including progression into a Top-10 NCAA Division I programme.
- Developed strategic partnerships with parents, international schools, universities and industry stakeholders across Asia.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Head of Golf & Academy Director | Wellington College International School Bangkok | 2020 - Jan 2026

- Founded and scaled a whole-school Golf Academy serving 100+ students across beginner, development and elite-performance pathways.
- Designed and implemented a long-term athlete development framework that produced three Junior World Champions and multiple collegiate scholarship athletes.
- Recruited, led and developed a team of six golf professionals and specialist coaches, establishing academy-wide coaching standards and delivery frameworks.
- Directed academy operations including strategic planning, staffing, scheduling, budgeting, facility development and risk management.
- Managed academy budgets and financial performance, generating annual programme surpluses that funded facility upgrades and student development initiatives.
- Spearheaded the development of an indoor simulator facility and dedicated short-game training environment to raise academy standards.
- Integrated Trackman, Foresight, Swing Catalyst and PuttView into player development, performance tracking and parent reporting.
- Established international junior and collegiate pathways, supporting athletes progressing to NCAA Division I programmes, including Wellington's first student-athlete placement into a Top-10 NCAA Division I golf programme (University of Tennessee).
- Worked extensively with international school communities across Asia, balancing participation, performance, parent engagement and long-term athlete development.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Assistant Professional | Kenilworth Golf Club, United Kingdom | 2017 - 2019

- Delivered individual coaching, group programmes, junior development initiatives and custom club fitting using launch monitor technology.
- Supported club operations, competitions, retail services and member engagement, strengthening customer relationships and retention.

Professional Caddy (Part-Time) | DP World Tour, European Tour & Alps Tour | 2014 - 2023

- Worked alongside touring professionals including Mark Mouland and Andrew Wilson, gaining first-hand insight into elite player preparation, tournament operations and high-performance environments.

Assistant Professional | Coventry Golf Club, United Kingdom | 2014 - 2017

- Delivered private coaching, junior academies, camps and school outreach programmes while completing PGA training within a high-performing members' club environment.

Touring Professional | UK & European Tours | 2012 - 2014

- Competed professionally throughout the UK and Europe, developing performance preparation, personal discipline and tournament experience.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

PGA Foundation Degree - University of Birmingham

JPGA Academy, Hilton Head Island, USA

British PGA Qualified Professional

BTEC Sport & Exercise Science - Solihull College

Johnson & Wales University, USA - Golf Scholarship

English - Native

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

- Safeguarding & Child Protection Certified | Enhanced DBS Check | First Aid Certified
- Advanced Coaching Technologies: Trackman, Foresight, Swing Catalyst, PuttView
- Ongoing international professional development through leading coaches and performance specialists

References available upon request