

2026 Youth Player Development Award Candidate Bio Form

Please submit this form no later than **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5pm.**

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Name of Nominee: *

Kelly Kuhlman

Facility Employed at: *

Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club, Kuhlman Golf Indoor Facility, and Fieldstone

Year Elected to Membership: *

2009

Please describe your contributions to youth golf programs in the Michigan Section and on a National level including service as a chairperson or as a member of the Junior Golf Committee/Youth Player Development Committee in 250 words or less: *

Kelly has been a PGA Class A member since 2009 and has been active in youth player development for the past 16 years. She is a proud supporter of PGA Jr League on the Sectional level with hosting local in-house leagues, travel leagues, and winter simulator leagues. On the National level Kelly currently sits on the PGA Jr League committee and is also a part of the National rules committee for the past 3 years now. The Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club has hosted the local quallifier for Drive, Chip, Putt over the past few years. Kelly has also been honored to have been the chair of the Growth of the Game committee in the Michigan Section for the past two years working with a great group of committee members and also a great staff member in the Michigan Section, Madison Maurier.

Please describe your involvement and significant leadership contributions through mentoring and sharing with other PGA of America Professionals about Youth Player Development and Growing the Game in 250 words or less: *

Kelly has been a member of the Michigan Section for 20 years now and has coached junior league teams for the past 10 years at various facilities in Michigan and Ohio. She has been an All Star coach for the past 7 years. Her 17U and 13U programs annually bring around 80 juniors to the facility to participate in the program and Kelly will bring a 13U and 17U team to the Section Championship annually. In 2022 and 2023 by successfully playing in Regional Play Days Kelly's teams have advanced to the Regional PGA Jr League Championships for a chance to try and advance to Nationals. The players got to experience some great golf and play teams from other states. Kelly has also been a promoter of PGA Family Golf and at the end of each PGA Jr League season her awards night is combined with a Family Golf 9-hole event to culminate the season.

Kelly has been a huge promoter of Drive, Chip, Putt in the local community and has had many students on an annual basis go through the Local level and even the Sub-Regional level. This past summer she had the opportunity to take her son Leo Kuhlman on his journey to Valhalla in KY to the Regional level and place 8th overall in his age group.

Kelly has her Coaches ADM certification and has been awarded the Game Changer Award in recent years. She has also been the recipient of the Michigan Section PGA Youth Player Development Grant since 2018 using the grant funds to better her junior programs with US kids golf clubs, SNAG sets, and or training aids to help make the kids enjoy golf even more in practices.

Please describe each of the programs conducted to grow the game amongst youth **at your facility, in the community, in the Michigan Section, and Nationally** including the number of consumers who have attended these programs in 350 words or less: *

2025 programming- 503 Juniors in all Twin Lakes Golf, Fieldstone, & Kuhlman Golf indoor training programs.

PGA Jr League Spring/Summer - In-House League 13U & 17U (62 juniors)

PGA Jr League Spring/Summer- Travel League 13U (12 juniors)

OP 36 Junior Academy classes Spring Classes (55 juniors)

Pee Wee Spring Class (15 juniors)

OP 36 Junior Academy 3 camps (153 total juniors over the summer)

OP 36 High School Academy 2 camps (20 total juniors over the summer)

Pee Wee Summer Class (14 juniors)

OP 36 Junior Academy classes Fall (48 juniors)

PGA Jr League- Fall Fieldstone (27 juniors)

Girls Golf- LPGA/USGA (21 girls)

Twin Lakes Friday Summer League (10 juniors)

Winter Training (48 juniors)

Winter PGA Jr League 13U & 17U (18 players)

More juniors impacted in the local community

DCP- local qualifying 125

Kingsbury Golf Team- 12

Hours of Instruction in 2025:

From private to group instructions Kelly has given over a 1,000 hours worth of lessons with close to 75% of those hours being junior golf programs.

Please describe your image and leadership in the area of youth golf and your overall integrity in 250 words or less: *

Kelly has always found a passion to help junior golfers become well rounded individuals. She has either coached a HS team in years past or likes to go and give assistance to current local schools with her knowledge of the rules, golf instruction, or just the core values of the game.

I am very honored to be nominated for this award. Thank you!

Please list any other PGA Section or National Awards you've received and the year(s) you received them (50 word limit): *

PGA Jr League #Game Changer Award (2020, 2023, 2024)

MI Section- Player Development Award (2024, 2022)

OP 36 Top 50 Coach- National Award (2022)

MI Section- Youth Player Development Award (2021)

MI PGA Junior Grant Program of the Year (2020)

US Kids Coach Honorable Mention (2013)

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