

The Youth Player Development Award recognizes the PGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf and who reflects the ideals of those who work with youth.

This year's winner, Colby Wollitz of Persimmon Ridge Golf Club in Louisville:

- Is a member of Player Development Committee and a constant participant in small group sessions and section sponsored workshops
- Often shares ideas with Director, Player Development of the Kentucky PGA
- Visited Independence Golf Club in Richmond, VA to shadow a junior program that consists of over 3,000 juniors
- In one year grew the junior program at his facility from a little under 20 juniors to over 150 by offering fun, educational programs for all ages and abilities.
- Visited six different elementary schools with his Golf in Schools Program and reached over 1,800 students
- Takes time during camps to sit down with every junior on an individual basis and speak to them about their goals. Together they come up with a course of action to help them achieve those goals, or sometimes just a plan to come up with some goals
- Welcomes fellow PGA Professionals to shadow his Golf in Schools Program so that they can venture out on their own and help promote the game in schools around their facilities