

**RIO JUNIOR
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**2025-2026
PROGRAMS
ADMISSIONS
GUIDE**

Falko Hanisch: British Boys Champion 2016, #1 Ranked Junior in Europe 2016, 2017



LPGA Tour Player Polly Mack, at final round of German National Championship Victory 2016

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A MESSAGE FROM GREGOR TILCH - JENSEN

At Rio Junior Golf Academy, our vision is to offer an elite program that develops athletes from their early junior years all the way to the professional tour level. Our approach mirrors the rigorous and personalized training we provide to our Tour players. We believe that to achieve greatness in golf, one must train full time and receive individualized attention. Therefore, we maintain a small number of participants to ensure each golfer benefits from a personalized training schedule and regular one-on-one coaching.

Our comprehensive, high-performance training program covers every aspect of the game with the highest degree of precision. We believe that technical training and development go hand in hand with on-course practice. This philosophy allows us to create a unique development opportunity with 24/7 access to our championship golf course.

With this goal in mind, we have created an excellent training guideline together with our well-experienced and successful coaching team to offer continuous improvement. We offer various types of programs to suit different needs, from weekend sessions and after-school programs to full-time, permanent student options. We are committed to developing each player's potential through our unique ability to create an individual pathway to succeed, cutting-edge training techniques, and state-of-the-art facilities.

I invite you to visit us and experience firsthand the exceptional environment we have created for nurturing future golf champions. It would be my pleasure to personally show you around the academy.

OUR CONCEPT

At the Rio Junior Golf Academy, our concept is rooted in individualized evaluation, recognizing that each player possesses unique strengths essential to their success. We prioritize nurturing these strengths, understanding they are pivotal to achieving victories on the course. Simultaneously, we dedicate ourselves to mitigating weaknesses, leveraging these areas for growth and ultimately optimizing overall performance outcomes. Our approach includes crafting personalized pathway templates, ensuring players maintain and enhance their strengths while addressing areas needing improvement.

Central to our philosophy is instilling a process-oriented mindset in athletes. We emphasize that success is a journey marked by continuous improvement and learning. At Rio Junior Golf Academy, we believe in pushing boundaries and expanding horizons, empowering athletes to realize that the sky is truly the limit in their pursuit of excellence.



Marcel Rauch after winning the 2015 German Junior National Championship



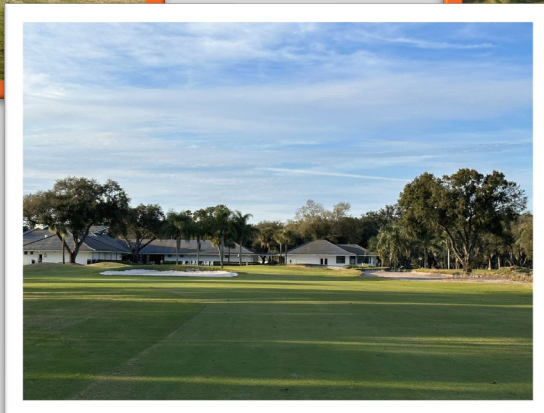
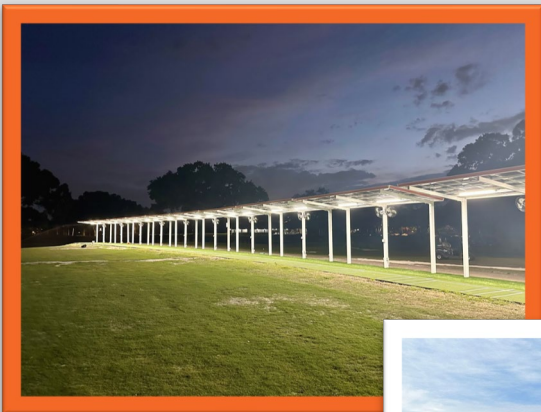
Polly Mack after her win at the 2016 German Women's National Championship

THE RIO ADVANTAGE

Rio Junior Golf Academy offers a compelling reason for athletes to choose our program. We provide a unique opportunity for year-round practice in optimal conditions, featuring covered hitting bays, a dedicated distance wedge area, and a floodlighted Trackman Range. Additionally, athletes can utilize a floodlighted 15,000 sq ft short game facility to practice numerous short game situations. These facilities ensure that weather and seasons do not impede skill development, allowing athletes to train consistently and effectively.

Moreover, Rio Junior Golf Academy boasts access to a world class championship golf course as all our students will have complete access to Rio Pinar Golf, a course with a rich PGA Tour history. This course serves as a dynamic training ground where athletes can hone their skills under the guidance of experienced coaches. Working directly on the course enhances practical learning, strategy development, and tournament preparation, offering invaluable insights into competitive play.

By choosing Rio Junior Golf Academy, athletes gain access to premier facilities and a historic course, setting the stage for comprehensive skill enhancement and achievement in competition.



“There is not enough daylight to practice” – Ben Hogan

OUR FACILITIES

Here at the Rio Junior Golf Academy we live what these legends believe in. We create the best practice environment for you to always be ahead of your competitors.

Trackman Range / Covered Bays

Measure and track every shot on our newly built Trackman Range. Covered hitting bays protect from all weather conditions and flood lights keep you practicing into the night.



Find Your Touch

Two newly renovated short game greens, including our 15,000 sqft Florida Short Game Complex provides you with the perfect environment to practice every shot. Floodlights make it impossible for darkness to stop you.



Trackman / Biodynamics Studio

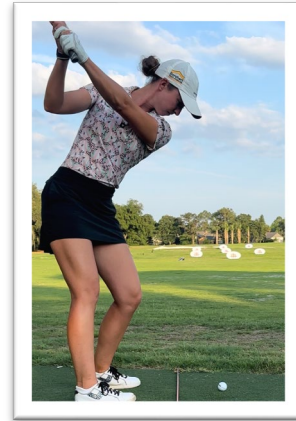
Analyze your game and practice on the highest level. Modern 3D analysis is what the elite are doing and we compare ourselves against the best. Develop your personal swing pattern and measure improvement.



“The more I practice the luckier I get” – Gary Player

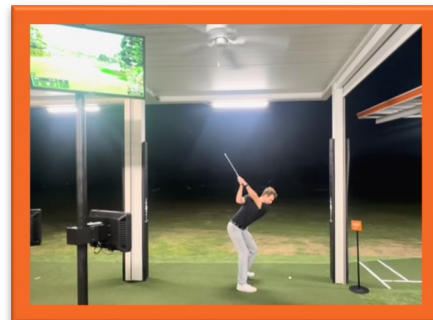
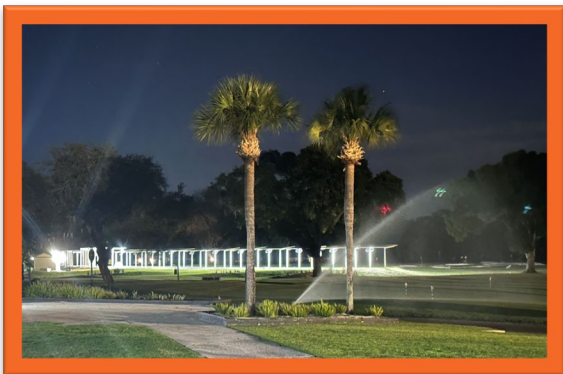
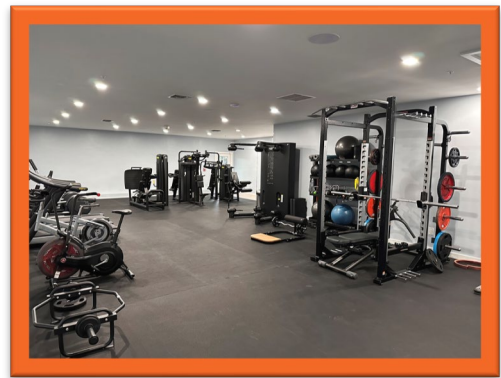
Driving Range Wedge Course

Improve your distance control by working through our wedge course. Multiple target greens and specific wedge targets give you the opportunity to practice with variability.



Golfers are Athletes

Our state of the art gym with Techno-Gym equipment provides the ideal setup to optimize off-course athletic development. We customize your individual athletic and injury prevention needs based on TPI screenings and 3D data.



OUR GOLF COURSE



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Here at Rio Junior Golf Academy students have full access to the golf course. Rio Junior Golf Academy is an integral part of the golf club and all elite programs come with a junior membership to ensure full access to Rio Junior Golf Academy training facilities and Rio Pinar golf course.

The course itself provides a challenge for even the best golfers, stretching up to 7250 yards/ Par 71 from the tips. Bunker and green renovations, new tee boxes and elevated course maintenance program led by our experienced superintendent Charles Blevins make our course the perfect spot to elevate your golf development.





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Rio Junior Golf Academy

- Main Office
- Player's Lounge
- Indoor Trackman Studio
 - Trackman Setup
 - Simulator
 - Swing Lab
 - 3D Analysis
 - Video Analysis

2

Rio Pinar Trackman Range

- Covered Hitting Bays
- Trackman Range Radar Technology
- Night floodlights
- Teaching Bays
- 24/7 Trackman Combine Setup
- Daily Range Tournaments
- Distance Wedge Course

3

Putting Greens

- Multiple greens

4

Florida Short-Game Complex

- Huge practice area
- 24/7 short game parkour setup

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Fitness Studio

- Techno Gym
- State of the art equipment
- 24/7 Access

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Rio Pinar Championship Course

- 7250 yard setup
- Challenging and fair layout

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Rio Pinar Clubhouse

- Main Dining Area

8

Indoor Putting Studio

- Putt View Technology
- SAM Putt Lab

ACADEMY PROGRAMS

Full Time Program

Our Full Year Program leverages the critical summer months for preparation, training, and competition. With a blend of high-level academics and comprehensive golf development, Rio Junior Golf Academy provides the ideal foundation for aspiring collegiate golfers. Students receive daily instruction in full swing, short game, course management, and mental skills, with regular assessments to track progress. On-course training is a pivotal aspect at Rio Junior Golf Academy, allowing for thorough progress monitoring and skill enhancement. Students will practice at Rio Pinar Golf, go to school at Trinity Prep or Faith Academy, and live with host parents and other students.

Post-Grad Program

Our Post-Graduate Program is recognized for its exceptional preparation beyond standard training. This program addresses gaps in physical, technical, and competitive skills, ensuring athletes are ready for collegiate play. Through intense focus on mental fortitude, technical proficiency, and physical conditioning, we transform graduates into formidable competitors prepared to excel in any challenge. On-course training plays a vital role at Rio Junior Golf Academy in refining skills and monitoring progress, ensuring athletes reach their maximum potential.



Falko Hanisch at the Junior Ryder Cup 2016

ACADEMY COACHES



GREGOR TILCH OWNER

Gregor Tilch - Jensen is the head of Rio Golf Academy. He has long time experience developing junior golfers from beginner level to successful college and eventually established tour players. Gregor oversees the full time golf program.

- Junior Coach of the year 2012 - PGA Germany
- Top 10 teacher 2013-2023 - PGA Germany



PETER BAKKER DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

Peter Bakker has been a PGA professional for over 30 years and carries lots of experience with him. Throughout his career he taught players like Char Schwartzel, Richard Sterne, Trevor Dodds and Clinton Whitelaw.

- Complete Golfer: Top 20 teacher of the year 2000
- Academy instructor of multiple PGA and DP World Tour Pros



TOM JACKSON GENERAL MANAGER

Tom Jackson is the founder of Core Golf Academy and bring in years of junior residential academy experience. He is the General Manager of the Rio Junior Golf Academy.

- Class "A" Member of the PGA of Canada

Mike Byrnes



Mike Byrnes is the former leader of Disney's junior golf program. He coaches Faith Christian Academy high school team, partner school of Rio Golf Academy. Mike has great talent working with young players and has taken on the role of teaching one of our After School Programs

MARCEL RAUCH



Marcel Rauch is Rio Golf Academy's program coordinator and brings in collegiate coaching experience. He is an expert in course management and various connections in the collegiate world help students get college placement.

.Dr. Robert Neal- Consultant



Dr. Robert Neil, founder of Golf BioDynamics, is an expert 3D golf mechanics. He was TPI board member and 2003 national award winner for Innovation in Business (Sport) for Golf BioDynamics. He is working with numerous PGA Tour players and is consultant to national golf federations. In recent years he has become an expert in wedge play and highly sought out by professional to help in that area of the game.

RIO JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY HOUSING



Live in our Academy housing with one of our academy house parents where our mission is to provide an emotionally safe, family-like atmosphere.

Staffed by our trustworthy, housing professionals who promote and support an appreciation of diversity, structure and healthy habits for our students as well as understanding the needs of our student athletes is one of our points of differentiation.



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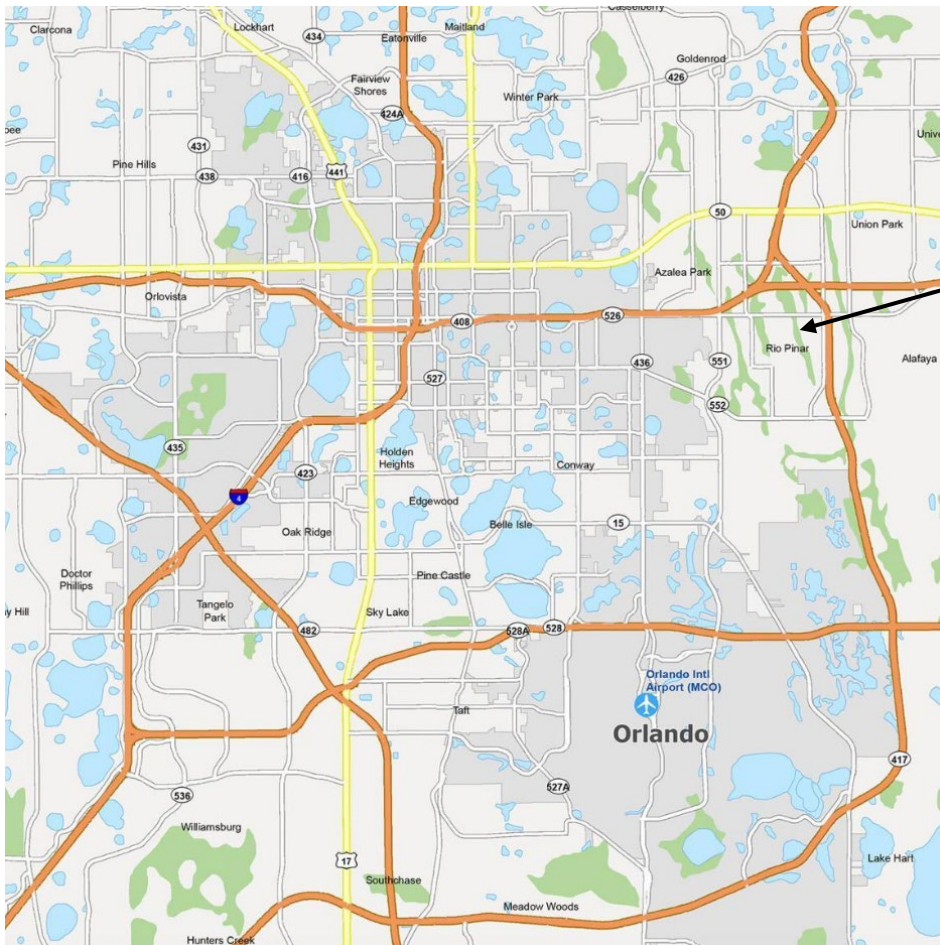
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LOCATION

Rio Junior Golf Academy is located at Rio Pinar Golf in Orlando, Florida, just minutes away from downtown Orlando and in close proximity to Orlando International Airport.

The area is a popular destination for golfers around the world because of its great climate. Ideal weather conditions in the fall, winter, and spring months make Orlando a great destination for elite golfers who are interested in developing their games.

One of Rio Junior Golf Academy's main benefits is its close proximity to Trinity Prep and Faith Academy, our academic partners. We are located within 15-20 minutes of our partner schools, allowing for short commutes without traffic hassles and more time of the day allocatable towards golf practice.



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STEPS TO GREATNESS

In a place with unprecedented history you have the chance to create your own legacy and become a legend too...

POLLY MACK



Training Camp 2013



NCAA DI All-American 2022

2007

First lesson
with Gregor
Tilch

2016 German Women's
National Champion



LPGA Tour Professional 2022-present



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