

Mathilda Cappeliez –

From U.S. Kids Golf to Helping the Next Generation

Mathilda Cappeliez is a former world class French golfer, NCAA Division I student-athlete at Wake Forest University, and a golfer who competed at the highest levels of amateur and professional golf. Born in Évian-les-Bains, France, she started playing golf at the age of 7 and began her U.S. Kids Golf journey at just 9 years old, competing in her first event in Arizona, USA.

U.S. Kids Golf quickly became an important part of her development. She competed in qualifying events in France and qualified for the European Championship in Scotland for three consecutive years, as well as the World Championship in Pinehurst, North Carolina, on multiple occasions. Throughout this journey, her father and family were always by her side, supporting her, travelling with her, and doing everything they could to help her progress.

Looking back, Mathilda considers U.S. Kids Golf much more than a series of tournaments. It was an opportunity to discover the world, meet families from different cultures, create special memories with her own family, and build friendships that have lasted to this day. Some of the girls she met through U.S. Kids Golf later became close friends and even joined her on the journey to college golf in the United States. These experiences helped shape not only the golfer she became, but also the person she is today.

From those early years, Mathilda went on to build an exceptional career. She was ranked No. 1 in the French Women's Amateur Ranking from 14 to 18 years old, reached No. 8 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, won the Dixie Women's Amateur, represented Europe in the Junior Ryder Cup and Junior Solheim Cup, reached the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Amateur twice, and made the cut at the U.S. Women's Open at just 16 years old. She later competed in NCAA Division I golf at Wake Forest University before playing professionally on the Epson Tour and Ladies European Tour.

Today, Mathilda wants to give back to the community that played such an important role in her journey.

Having experienced junior golf from a young age, she understands the challenges families face when trying to make the best decisions for their children. She knows how much time, research, travel, commitment, and sacrifice it takes to create the right opportunities. She also knows how difficult it can be for parents to find reliable information, identify the right tournaments and people to work with, and understand which steps will genuinely help their child develop.

Through Golf Elevation, the educational platform she created to support junior golfers and their families, Mathilda shares the knowledge and experience she has gained throughout her career. Her goal is to help parents save valuable time, make better-informed decisions, avoid common mistakes, and give their children the best possible environment and resources to grow and reach their potential.

For Mathilda, junior golf has never been just about scores, rankings, or trophies. It is about learning, growing, building confidence, creating lifelong friendships, and sharing unforgettable experiences as a family. Having lived this journey herself, she is honored to be part of the U.S. Kids Golf family once again—this time, helping other families make the most of theirs.





