

IOC Unveils Michelle Wie as Youth Olympic Games Ambassador Ahead of Golf's Debut at Nanjing 2014 and Rio 2016 Shotlist

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0010 Interview Michelle Wie

0012 How does it feel to be a Youth Olympic Games Ambassador?

0014 I feel so honoured to be part of the Youth Olympic Games - I grew up watching the Olympics, and just to be part of the Youth Olympic Games is a great honour to me.

0023 Why do you think it is important to inspire young people into sport ?

0024 I think it is really important to inspire young people into sport because it is important to be active, especially now days, with so much technology and things they can do indoors – I think it is great to inspire kids to be outdoors playing sport and just to have fun with the other kids. I mean I remember my childhood just playing all these different types of sport, being outside, being active, I barely spent any time indoors, so I think it is really important to get kids into golf, and other sports as well – just to be active and competitive.

0054 What are you hoping to teach young people through your sport?

0057 I am hoping to teach young kids just to have fun with their game to be competitive, to really want something, to the importance of having goals, the importance of just having a dream, just go out there have a dream and not really listen to anyone and just do what you want to do and also the importance of education too.

0118 What has been your biggest triumph in your career?

0119 I don't know .. my biggest triumph in my career – I think it is getting my degree and Stanford while playing professional golf. I won two professional tournaments during my year at Stanford, and that is definitely one of my biggest triumphs.

0134 What does golf mean to you?

0135 What does gold mean to me?.. Golf means a lot of things to me actually – I think it means waking up in the morning and knowing there are going to be challenges, knowing there are going to be a lot of ups and downs and just pushing through it every single day, knowing that every single day is not going to be easy, and at the end of the day just wanting to keep doing it.

0152 What does golf bring to the Youth Olympic Games programme?

0153 I think golf brings a lot to the table at the Youth Olympic Games, - I was there in Copenhagen, with a couple of other golfers to get golf back into the Olympics – that was a great achievement, and it is going to be great, especially starting in Nanjing, where you see a lot of Youth, Chinese golfers out there, and hopefully nations will see a lot of development and it just great to bring golf global. I think right now golf is very dominant in a couple of countries and I think especially having golf in the Olympics is going to bring golf everywhere.

0224 What are your expectations for Rio, Are you hoping to make it to Rio?

0226 Oh for sure, Every year that I watched the Olympics I was so sad that I would never have a chance to compete in the Olympics, unless I became a star swimmer or something, which wasn't going to happen, but now I have a chance. I went to the London games last year and I saw some of the games and I really got inspired, it got me motivated, and I am going to do everything I can – my biggest focus is making the American team for Rio.

0253 Why do you think the Youth Olympic Games are important?

0254 I think the Youth Olympic Games are important as it allows young athletes to really perform on a high level and to experience the pressure and the media and just the cultural experience of going to Nanjing or going to different places for the big games. I think it is great the festivals that teach their mind, their nutrition to up their game and it is just an opportunity for them to spend time with other people from other countries. I don't think there is any other experience like that in any other event.

0323 General views: Michelle Wie sharing her tips with young golfers (mute audio)

0428 General views: Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games (mute audio)

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