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Pia Nilsson has enjoyed an extraordinary career that has led her to be world-renowned as co-creator of the VISION54 principles, best-selling author and coach.

For many years now, Pia has been internationally regarded as a leader in the coaching arena. As such, she stands apart in the golf and sports world as an intuitive and elevated thinker, whose teachings continue to have a profound influence on coaching in golf, sport – and life.

Together with Lynn Marriott, Pia has coached players to well over one hundred tour victories on the LPGA Tour, PGA Tour, European Tour, Ladies European Tour, and Japan Tour. They've coached eleven different major winners and five #1 ranked players in the world.

Snapshot

- VISION54 co-founder
- Swedish Golf Hall of Fame
- LPGA Pioneer Award
- *Golf Digest's* Best Teacher of All Time
- *GOLF* Magazine Top 100 Teachers: Lifetime Achievement
- PGA of Sweden Class A teaching professional
- Honorary member PGA of Sweden and LPGA T&CP
- Level 3 TPI certified golf fitness instructor
- Head Coach of the Swedish National Golf Teams (1990-1999)
- European Solheim Cup Captain (1998)
- LPGA Tour Player (1983-1987)
- The First Tee Experience consultant (1998-2005)
- Consultant to college teams, international teams, and PGA organizations around the world

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Awards / Recognition

VISION54's golf schools – 54GOLF – have been awarded the best golf schools in America multiple times.

VISION54's coach programs – 54COACH – have repeatedly received the highest marks by peers for teachers / coaches training.

2023 – Swedish Golf Hall of Fame

2023 – LPGA Pioneer Award

2023 – *Golf Digest's* Best Teacher of All Time

2023 – *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teachers: Lifetime Achievement

2018 – Arizona Golf Hall of Fame

2017 – Erik Runfelt Medal – Most Prestigious Award in Swedish Golf

2016 to present – *Golf Digest Editor's Choice Award* for VISION54 Golf Schools

2016 – Ellen Griffin Rolex LPGA Award

2015 – VISION54 honored as a *GOLF Magazine* Innovators of the Game

2012 to present – Ranked *Golf Digest* #1 Women Teacher in America

2005 – Executive Women's Golf Association Leadership Award

2004 – 5-Star Professional Award from the PGA of Europe

2003 to present – *Golf Digest* America's 50 Greatest Teachers

2002 – The First Tee Founder's Award

2001 to present – *GOLF Magazine's* Top 100 Teachers in America

2001 – National College Coaches Association – Player Hall of Fame

1999 – Honorary Member of the LPGA T&CP

1999 – Leadership Award Swedish Sports Confederation

1999 – Instruction of the Year – Japanese *Golf Digest*

1999 – Honorary Member PGA of Sweden

1998 – The King of Sweden's Medal of the 8th dimension with Royal Blue Ribbon for leadership in sports

1995 – Sports Coach of the Year in Sweden

1994 – PGA of Europe Professional of the Year

1994 – Female Sports Coach of the Year in Sweden

1994 – Swedish Golf Federation's Gold Club Award

Author / Creator

2023 – *Be A Player 2* Remote Training Program with Lynn Marriott

2022 – *Human Skills Playbook* with Lynn Marriott

2022 – *Action Guides* to accompany our four best-selling books with Lynn Marriott

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2020 – *Support54* Remote Training Program with Lynn Marriott
2020 – *Junior54* Remote Training Program with Lynn Marriott
2020 – *Be A Player 1* Remote Training Program with Lynn Marriott
2020 – *SuperGolfer54* Remote Training Program with Lynn Marriott
2020 – *SuperCoach54* Remote Training Program with Lynn Marriott
2017 – *Be A Player* with Lynn Marriott
2013 – *VISION54* iPhone App with Lynn Marriott
2011 – *Play Your Best Golf Now* with Lynn Marriott
2007 – *The Game Before The Game* with Lynn Marriott
2005 – *Every Shot Must Have A Purpose* with Lynn Marriott
2005 – *Sport Parent for the Future* with Lynn Marriott
2003 – *Golf Parent for the Future* with Lynn Marriott
2000 – *Coaching* published in Sweden
1999 – *Golf 54* published in Japan
1998 – *Be Your Own Best Coach* published in Sweden
Contributing writer to The First Tee Life Skills curriculum, coach training and golf curriculum.

Resume

1999 to present – Co-Founder of VISION54
2011 to 2013 – Captain for the World Team at the Handa Cup, The Legends Tour
1998 to 2005 – The First Tee Programming and Curriculum Consultant
1999 – Senior Head Coach for the Swedish National Teams
1999 to 2000 – Member of the Board of the Swedish Sports Academy
1999 to 2000 – Consultant for the Swedish Olympic Committee
1998 – Captain for the European Solheim Cup Team
1996 – Vice-Captain for the European Solheim Cup Team
1996 to 1998 – Head Coach for the Swedish National Teams (men and women: pros, amateurs and juniors)
1992 – Swedish PGA Class A teaching professional
1990 to 1995 – Head Coach for the Swedish National Women's Teams (juniors, amateurs and pros) in Sweden
1988 to 1994 – Rules official in Sweden
1990 – Certified in the USGA Advanced Rules Workshop
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1989 to 1992 – Member of the Board of the Swedish PGA

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1989 – Won the Swedish Order-of-Merit

1988 to 1990 – Tour official on the Swedish Golf Tour

1987 to 1988 – Member of the Board of the Women's Professional Golf European Tour

1985 to 1986 – Member of the LPGA's Player Council

1983 to 1987 – LPGA Tour Player

1981 – B.S. in Physical Education, Suma Cum Laude – Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

1980 – ASU Women's Golf Team – First Year All-American

1977 to 1981 – Played on the Arizona State Women's Golf Team

1974 to 1981 – Played on the Swedish National Amateur Golf Team (Swedish Junior Champion, Swedish Champion, European Junior Team Champion, European Team Champion)