

# Rory McIlroy

## Quotes

*Golf, Sports, People, Years, Thinking, Winning, School, Mean, Games, Dad,  
Play, World, Kids, Swings, Enjoy, Player, Couple, Believe, Way, Two*

I kept telling myself this word, process. Focus on my process, don't care about the result.

~Rory McIlroy

The next time I cry about golf it will only be with joy. It's not worth crying over golf for any other reason. After all, it's only a game.

~Rory McIlroy

With success comes expectation, and I know the expectation on me is going to be pretty high.

~Rory McIlroy

To be a top-class athlete, you have to train hard, you have to eat right, you have to get enough rest. I feel the way golf is going nowadays, you have to treat yourself as an athlete.

~Rory McIlroy

I was more worried about what other people would think rather than, you know, me. But you have got to do what is right for yourself and what you feel comfortable with.

~Rory McIlroy

I don't really remember, but from about the age of five I told anyone who would listen that I was going to be the best golfer in the world.

~Rory McIlroy

I expect big things from myself but as long as I can keep the commitment and dedication and put the hard work in, I don't see why there's any reason not to handle it OK.

~Rory McIlroy

Going to the gym is great for your body, but it's also great for your mind.

~Rory McIlroy

As long as I keep enjoying my golf, then hopefully I'll be able to play well.

~Rory McIlroy

I'm happy with the success I've had, and I feel like there's been a lot that I've learned this year, and that's a great thing going into the future.

~Rory McIlroy

Everything is firing on all cylinders for me.

~Rory McIlroy

It's been 18 months since I won on the European Tour and to win the flagship event, I could not have asked for any more.

~Rory McIlroy

The flight I'm most excited about is the one that takes me back to Northern Ireland to visit family and friends.

~Rory McIlroy

Fitness plays such an important role in my life, and an integral part of my golf structure, that I think I might be quite good at teaching others the benefits of sport and fitness.

~Rory McIlroy

I mean I don't want to feel inferior to any other golfer in the world. You know if you do that, then you know you're giving them an advantage, you know, right off the - you know, right from the start.

~Rory McIlroy

I want to try to become the best golfer in the world.

~Rory McIlroy

My parent are very proud, but Dad ripped into me for throwing a club on the 11th. He's happy with the way I played, but he always has to have

something to moan about!

~Rory McIlroy

In a serious sense, wanting to change something from the past doesn't work for me - change something you don't enjoy now rather than regretting it later.

~Rory McIlroy

Leaving golf aside for the moment, I'd choose Roger Federer as a sporting role model, Muhammad Ali for a sporting and non-sporting role model and Nelson Mandela as a true and lasting inspiration.

~Rory McIlroy

You get thrown off balance out there. And I never recovered. Well, I haven't recovered yet.

~Rory McIlroy

I used to not really like going to the gym when I was playing tournaments because I'd be sore and stiff. But the more you keep doing it, the less soreness you have. And you actually start to enjoy it.

~Rory McIlroy

Sport was an obvious favourite of mine, and not only golf. I was, and still am, a big rugby fan.

~Rory McIlroy

I believe that anybody with Mandela's capacity to endure hardship and then forgive is a born leader and example to us all.

~Rory McIlroy

The fact is, I've always felt more British than Irish. Maybe it was the way I was brought up, I don't know, but I have always felt more of a connection with the U.K. than with Ireland.

~Rory McIlroy

I have always said I will try to answer questions honestly. I don't want to change that about myself. I think people appreciate that about me.

~Rory McIlroy

I'm three legs toward completing the career Grand Slam at 25. So, I'm feeling pretty good right now.

~Rory McIlroy

I've always said the players don't build up rivalries themselves, people from the outside build up the rivalries. I just want to play good golf. I want to try and keep winning golf tournaments.

~Rory McIlroy

I feel like I came through this year stronger and wiser, and I can go into 2015 in a much better place.

~Rory McIlroy

I'm afraid there are no replays or second chances in amateur or professional golf, and that's the way it should be.

~Rory McIlroy

I was very excited when I first started to travel so much. In fact, I was amazed that people were paying me to travel to play the game I loved.

~Rory McIlroy

I always got very excited about the Masters as a kid. I could hardly wait until the Wednesday when you'd get the BBC's preview. And I'd then be glued to the screen until Sunday night.

~Rory McIlroy

I'm sure there was an educational angle to the trips (I think one was to the Ulster Museum) but it was the fun and banter I had with my friends I remember the most.

~Rory McIlroy

Because I lived so close to the school and walked there every day, I used to enjoy the school bus trips.

~Rory McIlroy

In all honesty, I never actually did anything wrong (in my eyes, at least) at school or misbehaved in any big way. If it was anything, it was probably just a lot of clowning around.

~Rory McIlroy

I was detained a couple of times but that was for not handing in homework because I was playing golf or not present because I was playing golf. There was a theme evolving.

~Rory McIlroy

It's a great feeling to know that I've played the best golf throughout the season of any of the guys for the second time in three years, it's really nice.

~Rory McIlroy

My game wasn't where it should have been at all at the start of the year. I got into a couple of bad habits on my swing, and it just took me a little bit of time to get out of them.

~Rory McIlroy

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