

Senior Golfers' Society of Eastern Province

New member Guideline and proposal process

1. Candidate Guidelines

The Senior Golfers Society is an International Golfers Society ("*Golf-Playing-Based*") which, inter alia, plays an Ambassadorial role for the game of golf and provides the opportunity for Members to enjoy congenial and traditional fellowship with like-minded golfers of similar intellect and age locally, nationally and internationally. It is a prestigious organization which has aimed at bestowing the privilege of Membership on golfers in recognition of their service or performance in the golfing world, or regular golfers who have rendered prominent contributions to their community and/or business, or other sporting codes. The Society also promotes the interests of the game of Golf and renders support to Golf Clubs in its Region. [It is not a service club or charity organization] Candidates should be considered with reference to the said criteria to uphold the culture and exclusivity of The Society.

Age: *a candidate must be a male golfer who has turned 55 years of age and not be older than 68. The National rules require a candidate to be inducted as a full member before his 70th birthday. The normal waiting period after acceptance of a nomination therefore requires a candidate to be officially waitlisted at no later than 68 years of age.*

2. Accountability

Should a candidate be accepted firstly as a wait-listed invitee, and thereafter as a member, the Proposer will always be held accountable to The Society for the candidates compliance with the ethics of the Society, attendance and participation in fixtures. Members are required to participate in at least 50% (33% for Country Members) of arranged fixtures and give regular support to inter-society matches.

3. Important criteria in assessing a potential candidate:

- 3.1. Must be a current, active and regular playing member, in good standing, of a recognised Golf Club, which is affiliated to the South African Golf Association, and have an official handicap from that source.
[*"regular playing member" should be interpreted as someone who has for some years, and currently continues, to participate regularly in organised golf club competitions*]
- 3.2. Should have a proven track record of being a golfing member who has participated in his club activities and shown continued support as a member for the causes of his club and golf.
- 3.3. History of service to his club as a committee member or holding other office is a favourable attribute. In becoming a member of The Society the candidate must be willing to serve on committee and hold office if requested to do so at any stage.
- 3.4. Must understand the fundamental rules of golf, appropriate *etiquettes* and dress codes, both on and off the course and have a demonstrated understanding of appropriate behavioural disciplines applicable to the company in which he finds himself either on or off the course and in keeping with the Society's desired image.
- 3.5. Must be known to want to participate regularly in fixtures and other activities of The Society.
- 3.6. Should be someone who seeks to extend his golf playing activities in the spirit of Seniors' golf and has the desire to meet and interact with "like-minded" golfers within the Society both locally and nationally.

4. How is a proposal made?

Proposer sends a letter which has been signed by a seconder and 3 supporters to the Honorary Secretary.

5. What must be in the letter?

- 5.1. Full Name of Candidate.
- 5.2. Residential address.
- 5.3. Occupation (or last occupation if retired).
- 5.4. Date of Birth (nominations must be after candidate's 55th birthday but before 68th birthday as induction must take place before 70th birthday - wait list could take up to 2 years).
- 5.5. How long you have known him as a businessman/sportsman.
- 5.6. Name of Golf Club memberships and period thereof.
- 5.7. Current handicap.
- 5.8. Brief summary of sporting history or community service. (Achievements, Committees, Positions held, Nomads, Round Table, Rotary etc).
- 5.9. Reasons why you consider he will make a suitable and active member of the Society.

6. Who may propose or second candidates for membership?

Members of at least 3 years standing and who are not members of the Committee provided that a member who has proposed or seconded a candidate for membership may not propose or second another candidate within 12 months from the date that the previous candidate's application was considered by the Committee.

7. Who may support the proposal of candidates for membership?

Any member of at least 2 years standing who is personally acquainted with the candidate.

8. Can I discuss the proposal with the Candidate?

You may not, under any circumstances, discuss the proposal with the Candidate as all proposals are handled on a strictly confidential basis and the fact that a Candidate is under consideration shall not be conveyed to him, failing which, the proposal may be rejected.

9. What happens next?

- 9.1. The President and Captain of the Society meet with the Proposer and Secunder to review the nomination and ensure that they understand their responsibilities with regard to the nominated candidate.
- 9.2. Honorary Secretary includes the proposal with the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting where the proposal is discussed.
- 9.3. If the Committee is satisfied that the Candidate will be a desirable and active member, the Honorary Secretary sends an "Application for Admission to Membership" form to the Proposer for his signature after completion and signature by the Candidate.
- 9.4. The completed form is returned to the Honorary Secretary who places the Candidate on the "wait list" and advises the Proposer and Systems Administrator accordingly.

10. What "wait list" Candidates can and can't do

Wait list Candidates can enter for Senior's games but may not wear Society apparel or play in National Championships. He may also not win any event at which a trophy is presented.

11. When is the "wait list" candidate inducted as a full member?

- 11.1. When a position relative to the Society's quota becomes available.
- 11.2. When the Candidate is considered (at the discretion of the Committee) to have demonstrated sufficient commitment to the Society's activities. This is not on a chronological basis.

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