

SENIOR GOLFERS' SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CAPE

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES AS POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS

Seniors is a very special organisation and the candidate application and vetting procedure has evolved over many years to ensure as far as possible that new members fully embrace the ethos and spirit of the Society. Much of this is set out in the Constitution. The overriding consideration is that quality is better than quantity.

Introductions can only be made by members of at least three year's standing, and no member may propose or second more than one candidate in any calendar year. Candidates must be at least 55 years of age and not older than 70.

There are two fundamental principles that are absolutely essential –

Both the Sponsor and the Secunder should know the Candidate very well and be confident that he will make a good member of Seniors and that he will participate in the various fixtures.

The Candidate should be totally unaware that he is being proposed for membership as, in the unlikely event that the application is unsuccessful for whatever reason, any possible embarrassment will be avoided.

The first step is for the Proposer to fill in the "Application to Propose" form and submit it to the Secretary. Scan and email is perfectly acceptable. This form can be downloaded from the website or requested from the Secretary. It should contain the age and a brief background of the prospective member and include details of club memberships; any achievements in and/or contributions to golf such as league/province representation, Committee service, etc. If you know him well, you should already know enough about him to be able to complete the form without having to ask him for any info. Otherwise, it is very easy to glean information from a normal, casual chat.

The application will be considered by the Committee, and, all being well, the Secretary will forward an "Application for Admission to Membership" form to you.

At this point you ask him if he would like to join the Society

If his answer is no, please advise the Secretary that you are not proceeding with the application. If yes, the form must be filled in, signed by you, the Secunder, and the Candidate and returned to the Secretary. Again, scan and email is acceptable.

The application will then be "rubber stamped" by the Committee; the application is provisionally accepted, and the Candidate is placed on the Waiting List. He will be required to provide a digitized photograph for the website page. The web page also contains some basic details which help to introduce the candidate to the membership.

At this stage his playing commitments commence – the Committee places great importance on prospective members meeting the minimum requirement of attendance at 60% of the fixtures as this is a valuable indication of their intention to be an active member of the Society. It also gives other members the opportunity to meet him and vice versa. The Committee looks to the Sponsor and Secunder to ensure that the Candidate is aware of this and meets his commitments.

Updated attendance records are published on the website after each fixture.

The Committee will also give consideration to any comments, whether favourable or unfavourable, which may be made by other members.

All being well, at the end of this period of a minimum of twelve months and subject to there being a vacancy, he will be inducted as a full playing (Active) member of the Society.