

ROLE OF PROPOSER AND SECONDER IN AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Under the Articles of West Byfleet Golf Club, an applicant for membership should normally be Proposed and Seconded by existing members. This is to ensure that applicant is likely to fit in with the social, ethical and competitive ethos of the Club, provide a means by which a new member can be helped to navigate the club's procedures in the early days of membership, and establish a golfing/social network of their own.

The Articles of the Club (specifically Article 6.2) require that both the Proposer & Seconder *"...shall have been a Member for a minimum of six months and to whom the candidate must be personally known."*

This note sets out guidance for both Proposer and Seconder.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE PROPOSER AND SECONDER: SUITABILITY OF AN APPLICANT

The applicant fills out an application form in which information is provided as to the applicant's current and past golf club membership(s) (where this is applicable) and the standard of golf to which the applicant plays.

General Requirement:

Between the Proposer and Seconder, it is expected that they should be in a position to confirm that the applicant will be a suitable member of the club in terms of both:

- their ability to play golf, and their understanding of the rules and etiquette of the game
- their demeanour on and off the course.

Where applicant has no club handicap/CDH ID:

At a minimum, either the Proposer or Seconder should have played golf with the applicant and can verify the applicant's own estimate of their standard.

Proposer's Statement of Support:

As part of the validation of the application, the office will expect to find on the Application Form a statement from the Proposer:

- Stating how well the Proposer knows the applicant;
- Explaining why the Proposer is confident that the applicant will be a good member;
- Explicitly supporting any estimate of the applicants playing standard.

The Seconder will also be expected to provide similar input, especially where he or she has a better knowledge of an applicant's game or other aspects of the application.

PROPOSAL IS NO GUARANTEE OF MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE

To become a member, applicants must be interviewed by members of the Captains Committee and subsequently elected by the Committee as a whole. Therefore, a Proposer should make clear to any applicant that a Proposed and Seconded application is not a guarantee that any application will be accepted.

HELPING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT TO SETTLE IN

It is expected that both Proposer and Seconder will assist a successful applicant to settle in following election to membership, and to navigate their way around the processes of the club.

By order of the Captain's Committee
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