



SANDY LODGE GOLF CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (MEN)

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. Membership of Sandy Lodge Golf Club is controlled by the Management Committee.
2. The interviewing of candidates is delegated to the General Manager who will make recommendations to the Management Committee.
3. Vacancies for membership can fluctuate considerably, and the issue of this application form is no guarantee of an offer of membership or of an interview.
4. Applicants should have an official handicap of 28 or better.
5. If the applicant does not have an official handicap, he should submit 3 properly marked cards to the General Manager, and these will be reviewed for handicap purposes as part of the application process.
6. The application form should be completed and signed, not only by the applicant but by his proposer and seconder.
7. Both the proposer and seconder who should be two members of Sandy Lodge Golf Club of at least three years standing must write letters of support and these letters must accompany the completed application form before the application can proceed. Where an applicant is unable to provide a proposer or seconder from within the Club, the Committee has the discretion to accept that applicant, subject to appropriate letters of recommendation. See "Advisory Notes for Sponsors of Applicants"
8. The Interviewing Committee will pay close attention to the proposer's and seconder's letters which should include details of:-
 - (i) Relationship to the applicant (friend, relative, business colleague etc.).
 - (ii) The period known to proposer and seconder.
 - (iii) His golfing ability, knowledge of the rules and etiquette of the game.
 - (iv) His character and sociability.

9. Subject to a satisfactory application form and supporting letters from the proposer and seconder and subject to the current vacancy situation, an applicant will be invited to attend for interview.
10. The Committee seeks to set high standards of dress and behaviour in the Club, and the interview is a critical element of the application process.
11. Subsequent to a satisfactory interview, details of the membership application will be posted in the Clubhouse for a period of two weeks.
12. Also subsequent to the interview, the applicant will be required to play an assessment round with a Committee Member prior to a final recommendation being made to approve the application. The purpose is to assess the applicant's knowledge of, and adherence to, the rules and etiquette of golf.
13. Once the process has been satisfactorily completed to this stage, and if there have been no objections arising from the posting, the Interviewing Committee will make a recommendation to the Management Committee who will accept or reject the application. The applicant will be offered membership and if he accepts he will be required to pay all dues and be acquainted with the Rules of the Club.
14. In the event there are no suitable 7 Day vacancies, applicants seeking this category of Membership will usually be offered interim 7 Day Off Peak Membership. This category of membership enables a member to play on Saturdays and Sundays after 1.00pm (12.00pm in the winter) and also to enter competitions if there is room on the booking sheet.
15. Progress from this "waiting pool" for 7 Day Membership will depend on suitable vacancies arising, handicap eligibility (currently 24 or below for men), and the candidate's established participation in Club life, both golfing and social.
16. Once in the "waiting pool" for 7 Day Membership, the applicant may play with a member as often as he wishes at weekends at a reduced guest green fee.
17. Apart from the initial one-off Entrance Fee, currently £1,750 (£1,000 for 5-day membership), there is the Annual Subscription which is apportioned pro-rata depending upon the date of joining. The Club's year ends on 30 April.
18. As part of the annual subscription, there is a compulsory sum that is put on the Clubcard. This is a swipe card used by members only for purchasing food and drinks at the Club. Use of the Clubcard qualifies the member for a discount on purchases of drinks. If the initial sum has not been spent during the subscription year, the balance is forfeited. Once the initial sum has been spent credit balances are carried forward.
19. The course and clubhouse are owned by Sandy Lodge Golf Club Limited. All members of the Club are required to be shareholders in the company and must hold a minimum of 45 Shares at £7.50 each, totalling £337.50 plus stamp duty. This sum must be paid in full on joining. No dividend is paid on these shares which are required to be sold back to the Trustees if a member gives up his membership.