

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

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CATEGORY DESCRIPTION:

Honorary Membership is available to a maximum of 10 members at any one time, excluding relationship partners of Icon Members.

Those offered Honorary Membership must have the unanimous support of the Board of the day when admitted, and majority support of the Board of the day for annual renewals.

The candidate does not have to be, nor have been, an IGC Member to qualify for an invitation as an Honorary Member.

CATEGORY PREREQUISITES:

Members being nominated for this category should meet most of the criteria listed in the relevant sub-category.

Sub-Category (A)

A Current or Past IGC Member who:

- Has made an exceptional and enduring positive contribution to IGC and/or to the game of golf itself, and
- Is held in high esteem by IGC Members and the community at large, and
- Has an outstanding record of participation, achievement, service and general member interaction at the Club, and/or
- Whose celebrity, work, and/or community role(s) provides frequent opportunity for them to highlight and/or enhance IGC's public profile and reputation, if appropriate.

Sub-Category (B)

An Eminent Community Individual (or one of his/her direct reports) holding the most senior position at a major local institution (e.g. relevant college, university, hospital, chamber of commerce) which:

- Is located in South East Queensland, and
- Is a strong supporter of sport, health and wellness initiatives (especially youth), and
- Has an obvious and enduring link to IGC, and
- Is an institution held in good repute by the community at large, and
- Demonstrates corporate values consistent with IGC's values, and
- Where the individual nominated is personally held in good repute by the community at large, and
- Is NOT an elected official or Public Servant with jurisdiction over the club in any respect, and
- Is NOT a member of another club where such membership would conflict with IGC's interests.

The Board, at its sole discretion, may also invite the Nominee's relationship partner to become an Honorary Member under the same terms and conditions.

INVITATION PROCESS:

Any current Club member may propose a person for Honorary Membership by writing to the Board outlining the reasons why they consider the person to be a worthy candidate for Honorary Membership.

During this initial process, it is desirable that the candidate is not advised of their being proposed for Honorary Membership.

Once that letter is received, the President, the Captain, the Women's President and the Women's Captain and the Chair of Membership will assess the nomination and if that group is comfortable to proceed to the next step, will forward the nomination to the Membership Committee of the day for further assessment and processing. That Membership Committee will make any relevant enquiries.

If the Membership Committee is not prepared to support the nomination, that decision goes to the Board for noting.

If the Membership Committee is prepared to support the nomination, the Chair of the Membership Committee shall advise the President who in turn will informally canvas the Board to ensure there is no additional and relevant information on the nominee that may not have been considered. The President and the Chair of Membership shall ensure the process is managed in a way that protects the Nominee's integrity and reputation at all times, particularly in a case where the nomination may be unsuccessful.

CATEGORY TERM:

Term is a one-year membership renewal by invitation from the Board each year. In the event that the Board decides not to renew an Honorary Member's membership, the President and the Chair of the Membership Committee will communicate with the Honorary Member to explain why the decision not to renew has been taken.

An Honorary Member is bound by the conditions of the Club's published Code of Conduct Policy. That Policy is available for review on the Club's website.

EXPECTATIONS OF HONORARY MEMBERS:

- To take advantage of their Full Membership rights as they see fit.
- To speak well of, and advocate for, IGC as opportunities arise, and as appropriate to their personal and professional status.
- To attend significant Club events or Club social functions as available
- To grant IGC permission to use their name, job title and image as Honorary Members on the Club web-site and in its various publications, and only as specifically authorized by the individual.

CATEGORY COST:

An Honorary Member pays no subscription fees for membership, or any additional levies and insurances such as Golf Australia registration/fees, Brisbane District Golf Association fees and Member Insurance fees. However, any services such as Competition Fees, Locker Fees, Club Storage, goods and services from the Golf Shop or the F&B operations etc, are the responsibility of the Honorary Member.

CATEGORY PLAYING RIGHTS:

An Honorary Member has the same playing rights and membership benefits as are available under the relevant Full Male or Full Female membership categories.

OTHER RELATED PRIVILEGES:

- Reciprocal Clubs – Yes
- Club Championships – Yes
- Honour Board events – Yes
- Pennant Teams – No
- Voting Rights
 - Sub-category (A) - Yes
 - Sub-category (B) - No
- Right to stand for the Board
 - Sub-category (A) - Yes
 - Sub-category (B) - No