Wilinda Golf Club

Membership Policy

Definitions:

Eligible members: This term is in reference to the renewal of memberships. An eligible member is a member in good standing that has posted and submitted a total of five (5) scores from Saturday League games to the Match Committee or played as a team member in the Interclub matches, during the current playing season. It also includes members that have paid the annual dues and been granted a Leave of Absence by the Executive.

Membership Term: Annual membership is for the period from January 1 to December 31 in the year the dues are paid. All members pay the full membership fee regardless of sign up date. No new members will be accepted after June 1.

Requirements for Membership:

 Prior to acceptance as a member, applicants must have an established handicap with a minimum of five (5) games (18 holes) played in the last 12 months. Applicants must provide a printout from a recognized online handicap system verifying their handicap or provide attested scorecards to the Rules/Handicap committee for review.

Membership Policies:

1. The annual dues and number of members will be set by the Executive and ratified by the membership at the Fall General Meeting.
2. Eligible members will be given the first opportunity to renew their membership for the following year. Those not renewing their membership by the set deadline will lose their status and must re-apply. If membership capacity has been reached, their name will be added to the waiting list without preferential status.
3.   Membership fees are due in full at the time of application. Membership fees are fixed and no reductions will be given.

4. Leave of Absence (LOA):
    Members, who are unable to play in the next golf season, may apply to the Executive for a Leave of Absence. The maximum amount of time that a LOA will be granted is for one membership term. LOA will be considered for the following reasons:
    I.   Long term illness or injury

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Bereavement
Maternity/Paternity leave
Temporary job re-location
Pursuit of education
Other reasons considered viable by the Executive

Members requesting a Leave of Absence must do so in writing to the Executive. Members granted a LOA will get priority listing on the waiting list for the following season.

5. <u>Waiting List</u> When membership capacity is reached, a waiting list will be started.   New applicants meeting the membership requirements will be added to the waiting list based on the date the written request was received. When a vacancy occurs, the applicant at the top of the waiting list will be selected,   and invited to become member by completing the application form and submitting fees within a limited time period. If the application and fees have not been received by said date, the next applicant on the list will be given the opportunity to become a member.

6. <u>Injury or Illness during the Playing Season</u>   If injury or illness prevents a member from participating in the Saturday League games for an extended period of time, a request to be exempt from completing the 5 game minimum can be sent to the Executive. This request must be <u>in writing</u>, and provide information including the date of occurrence and reason for the exemption. Consideration will be given by the Executive to waive the minimum 5 game requirement needed to maintain the 'player in good standing' status.

7.   <u>Membership Cancellation, Pro-rating Fees and Refunds</u>
Members requesting cancellation of their membership for reasons of long term/permanent injury or serious illness can apply to the Executive for a partial refund. The Executive may require a letter from a medical practitioner to verify the illness/injury. Partial refunds will only be considered if there is a waiting list candidate that will fill the position.   No refunds will be given after June 1.

8.   <u>Guest Players</u>
Wilinda Golf Club members may invite guest(s) to play in unfilled Saturday tee times when consent is given by the Match Committee. The member and their guests will be added into the draw at the end of the allotted tee times.