

COUNTRY CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD

MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

All applications for membership shall be signed by two Class A Members of the Club (not members of the Board of Governors) as proposers and must be accompanied by two (2) letters of recommendation addressed to the Membership Chairperson. Each Class A Member may propose no more than two (2) applicants in a calendar year. The applicant is responsible for submitting a non-refundable \$100 application fee which will cover processing costs. Consideration for acceptance will include a successful background investigation comprising of personal information obtained from banks, individuals and past associations with clubs. Applications must be submitted in their entirety before any consideration is given for membership.

The Board of Governors will vote on applicants for membership within a reasonable time period and with a quorum present. Three (3) negative votes shall constitute disapproval of an application. Once approved, an applicant becomes a member upon payment of applicable initiation fees and dues which are payable within thirty (30) days of the billing date.

No application for membership shall be acted upon unless notice has been posted for a minimum of fourteen (14) days. Posting to be in the Men's and Ladies Locker Rooms.

If the golfing membership applied for is filled, the applicant will be offered an Annual House membership and then placed on the waiting list. While on the waiting list, priority for a golfing membership will be given in the following order: (1) spouses or children of active golfing members, (2) members returning from Leave of Absence, (3) applicant requesting reinstatement within five (5) years of Class A/B resignation as long as applicant left the Club in good standing and (4) Annual House Members with ten (10) years seniority (5) Annual House members with less than ten (10) years seniority (6) General applicant.

No person whose application for membership has been disapproved shall subsequently be proposed within eighteen (18) months of such disapproval.

INITIATION FEES

Initiation fees are due and payable within thirty (30) days of acceptance into the particular category to which they are approved. If the member transfers to a higher class of membership, the member will be responsible for paying the difference between the current initiation fees and the initiation fee he/she paid for.

Intermediate members are allowed to sign a promissory note and pay the initiation fee over a three (3) year period. If the member were to resign prior to completion of three (3) years, the member is responsible for fulfilling the terms of the promissory note before the resignation is approved and the member can leave in good standing. *IF* while on the waiting list the Intermediate applicant passes beyond the Intermediate age limit, the applicant loses the opportunity to become an Intermediate member. The applicant would then need to designate the new classification of membership desired. The applicant is no longer acceptable as an Intermediate member and has to pay the initiation fee stated in the new classification applied for.

RESIGNATIONS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, REINSTATEMENTS,
TRANSFERS AND SPOUSE OF DECEASED MEMBER

RESIGNATION

Membership in the Country Club of New Bedford, whether it be an Annual House membership or any class of golfing membership, is for an entire twelve month period. For golfing members the twelve month period runs from April 1st to March 31st. For Annual House members the twelve month period is measured from the anniversary date of their membership.

The Board will accept the resignation of any member in “good standing”, after payment of all dues and other financial obligations to the Club. Written notice of resignation is to be sent to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee. The Board of Governors will vote upon the resignation at their next meeting following the submission of the written resignation by a member. The member remains responsible for all assessments for the month in which their resignation is acted upon by the Board. **No dues or assessments are pro-rated.**

Golfing members are billed for their membership dues on a quarterly basis as a courtesy and convenience. Resignation prior to the end of the golfing year (April 1st to March 31st) does not extinguish the member’s responsibility to pay his/her dues for the entire year. A golfing member who wishes to resign prior to the termination of the golfing year may request that any subsequent food assessments be waived if their membership dues have been paid in full and any outstanding charges at the bar, restaurant and pro shop have been completely satisfied.

Annual House Members are billed annually for their membership dues at the member's anniversary date and are not refundable, nor pro rated, if the member resigns before the completion of that year. Annual House members who resign before the conclusion of their twelve month obligation may have their monthly food assessments waived as long as they are in "good standing" and fully paid up with the club.

A resignation by a golfing member must be submitted to the Board prior to April 1st to avoid responsibility for dues for the following year. Annual House members must submit their letter of resignation **prior to their anniversary date** to avoid responsibility for Annual House dues.

To ensure "good standing" the resignation procedures must be followed. While the Board retains discretion to evaluate hardship situations generally no exceptions will be made. A member who leaves not in "good standing" will not be eligible for re-admittance to any membership class, nor will they be allowed as guests in the clubhouse or on the golf course, including tournaments and outside events.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Any member of any class of membership in good standing may request a ONE-TIME, ONE-YEAR leave of absence by giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Such notice will need the Board of Governors approval. Leave of Absences are generally granted if the member has temporary financial difficulties or health problems. During the period of the Leave of Absence the person is not allowed the use of the facilities except in the case of a privately sponsored function.

Please note that while on a Leave of Absence the members individual membership may be filled by the next applicant on the waiting list and his or her locker will be forfeited.

REINSTATEMENT

Upon return to active membership after the one (1) year Leave of Absence, the member will be responsible for paying all capital assessments & minimums that were charged to the membership during their absence. If a membership is not available, the person will be brought back as an Annual House member and will placed on the waiting list giving that person seniority (after spouses or children of members on the waiting list) and reinstated once the classification he/she desires becomes available.

If a member resigns in good standing and later desires to return to active membership (within five (5) years of resignation), the former member will be responsible to pay either the

initiation fee for the category of membership desired or past capital assessments during their absence – whichever is less. Those that apply for reinstatement after five (5) years will be treated as a new applicant for membership.

TRANSFERS

Transfer to another class of membership is permitted only if that class of membership is available. If the class of membership is not available, the member will be placed on the waiting list. The member must stay in that classification for a minimum of one (1) year, unless the member elects to transfer to higher class. In this case, the member will be responsible for paying the difference between the current initiation fees.

SPOUSE OF DECEASED MEMBER

The spouse of a deceased member, who is not a member in his/her own right, will be offered an Annual House membership. The initiation fee for an Annual House membership shall be waived however, all regular dues and assessments shall be applicable.

I have read and understand the Country Club of New Bedford Policies:

Name

Date