

# Sponsoring New Members

## Policies and Procedures

### Membership Requirements

A candidate must meet these basic qualifications to be considered for membership:

- He must be sponsored by an existing member.
- He must be at least 55 years of age. The application may be submitted and approved prior to reaching age 55.
- He must have a proven record in USGA, Professional, National, International or State golf tournaments.
- He must have accumulated a total of 75 points for his performance at qualifying tournaments. 30 of the 75 points must come from Categories 1 (USGA) or 2 (National/Professional/International).
- He must be an amateur.
- He must have a USGA index of three (3) or less.
- He must be a Gentleman who respects the traditions and rules of golf.

### Procedure for applying for membership:

1. The sponsoring member or applicant can obtain an *Application for Membership* from the SOS Tournament office or download it from the Web site.
2. The applicant completes the Application in detail and sends it, along with his check for the initiation fee, to his sponsor.
3. The sponsor signs the application and mails it along with the check to the Tournament office.
4. If the applicant is approved by the Membership Committee, the sponsor and applicant will be notified and the applicant's check cashed.
5. If the applicant is rejected, the sponsor will be notified and the check returned.
6. A new member will be expected to play in at least one tournament during the 12 months following his acceptance into the SOS.