

MISSISSIPPI GOLF ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JULY 1

This form is to be used to nominate worthy individuals to the Mississippi Golf Association Hall of Fame.

Nominations must be received by July 1 to be considered for the next class. Completed nominations may be sent to the Mississippi Golf Association, Attention: Mississippi Golf Association Hall of Fame, 400 Clubhouse Drive, Pearl, MS 39208, or emailed to missgolf@missgolf.org. Use this form as a guide and add supplemental sheets as necessary. Forms may be typed, but legible handwritten forms are acceptable. Nominations must be signed by the originator.

ELIGIBILITY

The Mississippi Golf Hall of Fame honors Mississippi men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the game of golf or who are distinguished by their accomplishments as a Club Professional, Coach, Architect, Superintendent, or Player (amateur or professional).

To be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame, a person must satisfy one of the following: (1) Mississippi residency for at least 10 years at any time; (2) Mississippi residency during the period of his or her contributions or accomplishments; or (3) have unique and substantial ties or connections to the State of Mississippi or have achieved extraordinary accomplishments in the state, without regard to residency.

CRITERIA

Age:

- It is recommended an individual must be at least 50 years old and be basically “retired” from a high-level of competition.
- A highly unusual circumstance of an individual under age 50 could receive special consideration at the committee’s discretion, knowing a very strong case must be offered to make an exception.

Championship Players:

- For induction based solely on playing accomplishments, it is recommended that the nominee competed at a high level for a number of years. An emphasis will be placed on the number of wins achieved at the state (Mississippi Golf Association/Mississippi Section PGA), national (USGA, PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, Western GA, Southern GA, etc.), and international level.

Service to Game:

- For induction based on service to the game (non-playing) it is recommended a person be highly recognized in his/her field of endeavor within or as it relates to golf. This category could include, but not limited to, Club Golf Professionals, Golf Course Superintendents, Golf Association service as a board member, leader or volunteer, coach, golf writer, club manager, championship tournament administration, and philanthropic work.

Number of Future Inductees:

- The Hall of Fame Committee recommends no more than four people to be inducted per year, however, it could be less (one or none), in any given year. If a highly unusual circumstance arises, a rare exception might be considered (i.e., declining health reason). Each induction class may include one deceased member.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations may be submitted by anyone using this form, including all required information. Each nomination must be reviewed and approved by the MGA Board of Directors to ensure the nominee meets the eligibility criteria. The Board may assist in the preparation and submission of a nomination and supporting materials.

All MGA Board-approved nominations are voted on by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee during the induction year. The Hall of Fame Committee is a cross-section of men and women throughout Mississippi who are knowledgeable about golf in general and Mississippi golf in particular. Nominees are judged based on the general public perception of the nominee, and his or her public record of achievements and contributions to the game of golf.

The process by which an individual's name progresses from initial nomination to induction begins with completing the nomination form. The information gleaned from this form can determine the stature or priority given to a person's candidacy. Those wishing to place names into nomination are encouraged to provide as much accurate data as possible about the individual.

Nominations for consideration will be accepted at any time of the year but must be received by June 30th to be considered for the following year's slate of nominees. The Nominating Committee will meet/respond in the 3rd Quarter of the year to evaluate and recommend the slate of nominees. In the 4th Quarter of each year, the Hall of Fame inductees will be announced.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NOMINATION

Player (Amateur or Professional)

Document the playing record and list achievements on local, state, and/or national level. Nominee can either be an amateur or professional, and professional does not have to be a PGA member.

Club Professional

Nominee must be a PGA member or past member. Achievements may be based on teaching, playing, or contributions to the betterment of golf in Mississippi.

Golf Course Superintendent/Turf Industry

Nominee must be a GCSA member or past member. Achievements may include golf related turf industry participation, turf grass research or other contributions to the betterment of the turf grass industry in Mississippi.

Volunteer/Administrator

Document involvement with golf associations, volunteer work, or work within golf related activities or events.

Benefactor

Nomination may be used on significant donation of time and/or financial aid for the betterment of golf in Mississippi.

Historical

Based on historical research.

APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO INCLUDE WITH NOMINATION

Specific Accomplishments and Achievements

Present a detailed description of the nominee's achievements that made significant contributions to the game of golf in Mississippi. (Use attached sheet)

Letters of Recommendation

Nominator may solicit such letters and include them with nomination packet.