



CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(As applied to 2012-13 Membership)

Any female golfer eighteen (18) years of age and over who meets the following criteria at the time of application may apply for 'Probationary Membership' of Australian Ladies Professional Golf Inc.:

1. Female at birth;
Or
 - I. Has undergone sex reassignment (male to female) subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Individuals who have undergone sex reassignment of male to female after puberty shall be regarded as girls and women (female);
 - b. Individuals who have undergone sex reassignment from male to female after puberty shall be eligible for consideration for membership under the following conditions:
 - c. Surgical anatomical changes have been completed, including external genitalia changes and gonadectomy;
 - d. Legal recognition of their assigned sex has been conferred by the appropriate official authorities;
 - e. Hormonal therapies appropriate for the assigned sex have been administered in a verifiable manner and for sufficient length of time to minimise gender-related advantages in sport competitions;
 - f. Eligibility may begin no sooner than two years after gonadectomy.
 - II. A confidential case-by-case evaluation will occur in all cases of sex reassignment and supporting official documentation will be required. In the event that the gender of an applicant is questioned, the medical delegate (or equivalent) as nominated by the ALPG Board shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of the applicant.
2.
 - I. Citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand;
 - II. Golf Australia women's handicap of Scratch (0.4) or less;
Or
Equivalent handicap verification by a recognised amateur body (e.g. New Zealand Golf, USGA / LGU);
Or
Verified **Full playing member status** of another recognised ladies professional golf organisation (e.g. LPGA, JLPGA, LET, KLPGA, Duramed Futures Tour);
 - III. Nomination by 2 (two) full members of ALPG;
 - IV. Payment of ALPG joining fee, \$550.00 (incl. GST), plus, annual membership subscription of \$363.00 (incl. GST).
(Both amounts are payable on notification of membership approval).

Probationary Membership

The first year of membership is classified as Probationary. A probationary member:

- Is not entitled to vote at any Special, General or Annual General meeting
- Is not entitled to nominate another applicant for membership of ALPG
- Must attend designated rookie / new Member meeting(s)
- Must not breach any Member Regulations or By-Laws as defined in the current Member Regulations Handbook

Full Member

To be eligible for transfer to Full Member status the nominee must have served one (1) year as a probationary member and have fulfilled all the requirements of a probationary Member.

PGA of Australia Female Trainee Professionals or Graduates

1. Any female accepted by the PGA of Australia as a trainee professional, and in possession of a letter of recommendation from the PGA Academy, whose Golf Australia women's handicap at the time of joining the PGA meets the ALPG criteria 2 (II) above may apply for membership.

Or

2. PGA of Australia female trainee professionals in possession of a letter of recommendation from the PGA Academy may be admitted as probationary members of ALPG. Those who are so admitted will remain probationary members of ALPG until such time as they have been granted full membership of the PGA of Australia, or the PGA withdraws its letter of recommendation.
 - a. PGA of Australia trainees, whose *adjusted average*¹ against par, at the time of application, is less than or equal to 1.5, will be eligible for full playing privileges and the right to enter ALL ALPG Tour events.
 - b. PGA of Australia trainees whose *adjusted average* against par, at the time of application, is greater than 1.5, will be eligible to compete in one and two day ALPG Pro-Am events and any non-limited field tournament ONLY. Any such member must finish among the top ten (10) players in ALPG Tournament Exemption *Category 5*², to be eligible to qualify for limited field tournaments in subsequent years until such time as she has graduated from the PGA of Australia and become a full member of ALPG.
3. PGA of Australia graduates (full members) may apply for membership of ALPG and if successful will have the same playing privileges as a full Member of ALPG.

¹ **Adjusted Average** as determined by the PGA of Australia - The adjusted average system is used to provide a clear indication of a trainee's playing standard. All rounds are against the par of the course and CCR ratings are not used. The adjusted average system takes into account varying weather and course conditions as well as a trainee's abnormal playing performance on any given day. The adjusted average system works by eliminating the worst 20% of rounds from the total number of rounds played. For example at the end of 30 rounds the worst six (6) are deleted and an average for the remaining 24 rounds is calculated. Only Academy Approved Rounds may be applied toward the Adjusted Average, home cards do not count.

² **Category 5 - 2010/11** – refers to the leading ten players, who are not otherwise qualified, on the current year's Order of Merit following the tournaments preceding the Handa Women's Australian Open, ANZ Ladies Masters, Pegasus New Zealand women's Open and ActewAGL Royal Canberra Ladies Classic.