



CGSA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & DESCRIPTIONS

CATEGORY – “GOLF SUPERINTENDENT”

The criterion for Superintendent Membership includes current employment in the position of superintendent with full and complete responsibility for the day to day maintenance and operation of the golf course. Superintendent members practicing in Canada must hold a valid pesticide license. Golf facilities comprised of 36 holes or more may employ more than one Superintendent member. Superintendent members shall have all of the privileges of the Association that are provided to members.

CATEGORY – “GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT”

To qualify for Category Golf Course Management membership, an applicant shall have at least 5 years as a golf course superintendent, having been in full and complete control of the day to day maintenance and operation of a golf course and who has moved on to assume another senior management position at that same organization or another club. Category Golf Course Management members shall have all the privileges of the association that are provided to members, except that of holding office.

CATEGORY - “ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT”

To qualify as an Assistant Superintendent member an applicant must currently hold the position of Assistant Superintendent at a golf course. Assistant Superintendent members practicing in Canada must have a valid pesticide license. Assistant Superintendent members shall have all the privileges of the association except that of voting and holding office.

CATEGORY – “GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE”

To qualify for Golf Course Maintenance membership an applicant must currently be a staff member on a golf course who does not qualify under any of the other membership categories. Golf Course Maintenance members shall have all of the privileges of the Association that are provided to members, except that of voting and holding office.

CATEGORY – “GOLF EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN”

To qualify for a Golf Equipment Technician membership an applicant must currently hold the position of golf equipment technician at a golf course. Golf Equipment Technician members shall have all the privileges of the Association that are provided to members, except that of voting and holding office.

CATEGORY – “STUDENT”

To qualify for a Student Membership Category, the applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in a turfgrass program approved by the Board of Directors. Student Members shall have all the privileges of the Association except that of voting and holding office. (Students can maintain their “Student” category for one year after graduating).

CATEGORY – “ASSOCIATE”

To qualify for an Associate Membership Category an applicant must be one who is sufficiently interested in the profession of turf-growing and management to work for the benefit of the Association. Associate members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

CATEGORY – “INDUSTRY AFFILIATE”

To qualify for an Industry Affiliate Membership Category an applicant must be doing business in the turfgrass industry. An Industry Affiliate member shall not be entitled to vote or hold office. **** **Additional Industry Affiliate Members from the same company may join (after the first member) and would be classified under CATEGORY – “INDUSTRY AFFILIATE 2”**

CATEGORY – “RETIRED”

To qualify for a Retired Membership Category, a member shall be a CGSA member for at least 5 years prior to his/her retirement from active service. The term "retired from active service" is interpreted as a member becoming retired and not being employed at a golf course or related position in turf management. If employed, such employment would not be more than part-time, i.e., 24 hours a week or less. Upon a Category Retired member becoming re-employed at a golf or related facility for more than 24 hours per week the Board of Directors will have the right to re-evaluate his/her membership status. A retired member shall have all the rights and privileges of the association except that of holding office and voting.

CATEGORY – “EDUCATOR” – COMPLIMENTARY

To qualify for an Educator Membership Category, an applicant must be one who is involved as a full-time educator at a recognized college or university of golf course management or equivalent type of program and wishes to work for the benefit of the association. Educator members will have all the privileges of the association except that of voting and holding office.

CATEGORY – “HONOURARY” MEMBER – COMPLIMENTARY

To qualify for a Honourary Membership Category, the proposed member must be recommended to the Board of Directors by the Chair of the Member Services Committee and accepted by the Board of Directors. Honourary members shall be named in recognition of outstanding service to the turfgrass industry. They are not entitled to vote or hold office in the Association. Each Honourary membership shall expire automatically one year from the date of admission as a member, and may only be renewed on the written recommendation of the Chair of the Member Services Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

CATEGORY – “LIFE” MEMBER – COMPLIMENTARY

To qualify for a Life Membership Category, a member shall be a category “Superintendent” member for at least 25 years, and must have retired from active service. The term "retired from active service" is interpreted as a member becoming retired and not being employed at a golf course or related position in turf management. If employed, such employment would not be more than part-time, i.e., 24 hours a week or less. Upon a category “Life” member becoming re-employed at a golf or related facility for more than 24 hours per week the Board of Directors will have the right to re-evaluate his/her membership status. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, this category may be given to any other member at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may waive any one or more of the previous requirements set-out. A “Life” member shall be excused from the payment of the annual dues and assessments. A Life member shall have all the rights and privileges of the association except that of holding office.

CATEGORY – “NON PRACTICING” MEMBER – COMPLIMENTARY a Non Practicing member is a member who, as a result of unemployment, illness, or adverse financial condition, is unable to pay dues and who is approved by the Management Committee, upon proper application, to receive such status. Non Practicing members may not vote or hold office. A Non Practicing member is excused from the payment of annual dues and assessments but should the member return to work within this membership period, they would be responsible to pay the current membership fee. Non Practicing member status must be renewed every year upon approval by the Board of Directors.