



The Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 to honor men and women whose outstanding contributions have made golf a better game in Tennessee.

Nominees for induction shall embody (one or more) of the following criteria:

- *Candidates shall have a significant record as a championship player in international, national, regional or state competition;*
- *Candidates shall have had a distinguished career as a benefactor, promoter, administrator or volunteer to the game in Tennessee;*
- *All candidates must embody the core values and honorable traditions of the game of golf.*

Since 1991, the following 38 individuals have been inducted into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame:

Lou Graham, Dudley "Waxo" Green, Dr. Cary Middlecoff, Lew Oehmig, Curtis Person Sr., Betty Probasco, Mason Rudolph, C.L. "Gibby" Gilbert Jr., John T. "Jack" Lupton, Hillman Robbins Jr., Judy Eller Street, Ted Rhodes, Harold Eller, Sarah LeBrun Ingram, Don Malarkey, Pat Abbott, Ed Brantly, A. Pollack "Polly" Boyd, Marguerite Gaut, Katherine Graham, Margaret, Gunther Lee, Emmett Spicer, Harry "Cotton" Berrier, Vince Gill, Loren Roberts, David Stone, Joe Campbell, Connie Day, Ann Baker Furrow, Bobby Greenwood, Danny Green, Tim Jackson, Beverly Eller Pearce, Lew Conner, Willie Gibbons, Bill Greene, David Meador & Joe Taggart.

The Tennessee Golf Foundation administers the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame with headquarters located at Golf House Tennessee, 400 Franklin Road, Franklin, Tennessee 37069.

The Tennessee Golf Foundation is a 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit corporation.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR TENNESSEE GOLF HALL OF FAME MEMBERS:

Age:

- It is recommended an individual must be at least 40 years old and be basically “retired” or non-competitive from a high level competition or service to the industry.
- A highly unusual circumstance of an individual under age 40 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 (Tennessee Golf Association/Tennessee Section PGA), national (USGA, PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, Western GA, Southern GA, etc.), and international level. An established point system will serve as an evaluation guide.

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, PGA club golf professionals and golf course superintendents, golf association service as a board member, leader or volunteer, coach, golf writer, club manager or championship tournament director.

Number of Future Inductees:

- The committee/board recommends no more than two 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).

Philosophy/Appropriateness of Ceremony:

- Inductions are done at appropriate times with a nice setting for family, and friends to attend. Some may be honored in their hometown, during a TGA/TPGA championship or major golf setting, or more often, at the Tennessee Golf Foundation Celebration of Golf dinner each fall.
- On occasion, and with the approval of the inductee, the ceremony could be a significant fundraising event.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

The Tennessee Golf Foundation accepts all nominations from the general public for candidates to be considered for induction into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame.

Information About Candidates:

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 remain active for three (3) years. Nominees not elected within three (3) years may be resubmitted if the individual has had additional accomplishments since the initial nomination.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the TGF President, Executive Directors of the Tennessee Golf Association and Tennessee Section PGA, two at large representatives appointed by the TGF Board Chairman and one representative from the Tennessee PGA and one from the Tennessee Golf Association appointed by their respective Presidents. The Committee considers all relevant data then submits a slate of nominees to the TGF Hall of Fame Committee for review and approval as the next induction class.

Hall of Fame Committee:

The Hall of Fame Committee is the Tennessee Golf Foundation Board of Directors, which is comprised of four representatives of the Tennessee Golf Association and four representatives of the Tennessee Section PGA, plus one independent ninth director. TGA/TPGA/TGF staff leaders serve as non-voting advisors to the committee. The Committee reviews the slate of nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee and will vote to approve the slate or could ask the Nominating Committee to consider additional or different nominees. The Committee's vote on the induction class is final.

Nomination Timetable:

- 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/correspond in the 3rd Quarter of the year to evaluate and recommend the slate of nominees.
- The Hall of Fame Committee will receive the proposed inductee nominations in the 4th Quarter, with decisions for induction made by the end of the year.
- February 1st the Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at the respective association annual meetings.

NOMINATION FORM:

NOMINEE'S NAME:			
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	NICKNAME (if applicable)
NOMINEES DATE OF BIRTH:		RESIDENCE:	
YEAR MONTH DAY		YEARS TENNESSEE RESIDENT	
CURRENT ADDRESS:			
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE & ZIP
() _____ (HOME); () _____ (CELL)			
PHONE # (S)		EMAIL	
STATUS (✓check applicable):	AMATEUR:		If Deceased please provide Year of Death: _____
	PROFESSIONAL		
KEY AREAS (✓ check all that are applicable):	Playing Achievements		
	Contribution/Promotion of the Game		
	Contribution to Junior Golf		
	Teaching of the Game		
	Coach (Middle, High School or College)		
	Golf Course Architecture		
	Turf Grass Research		
	Golf Course Management/Maintenance		
	National Recognition		
	Other		
Comments:			
SUPPORT MATERIALS:			
REQUIRED:	✓ A type written biography of nominee		
	✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination		
SUGGESTED:	✓ Newspaper articles		
	✓ Photographs		
NOMINEE PRESENTED BY (please provide contact information for person(s) nominating the candidate):			
DEADLINE: June 30 (of each calendar year)			
The nomination deadline is June 30 th of each calendar year for nominations to be considered for the following calendar year's nominations slate.			
RETURN TO: TENNESSEE GOLF HALL OF FAME GOLF HOUSE TENNESSEE 400 FRANKLIN ROAD FRANKLIN, TN 37069			