

How to Sponsor a New VBSGC Member

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1. Speak to all your friends and acquaintances who are 60-years or more of age and who play golf and tell them about VBSGC.
2. Ask them if they have any interest in learning more about the club.
3. Invite them to play in a club event as your personal guest. Remember in accordance with the Guest Policy you may have not more than one guest per week.
4. If they accept your invitation for guest play YOU MUST email the weekly scheduler AND the Director of Scheduling, Scoring and Handicaps, with a carbon copy to the Secretary, with your guests name, email address and the date/course on which you wish to sponsor him.
5. Good manners demand that you play with your guest after having invited him. If you have another club member who might second the guest for membership he should play in the same group with the guest at least once.
6. After playing if the guest has continued interest invite him back for a second guest round per paragraph 4 above. Again, manners demand that you or the seconding member also play with him, or at least the same day if not in the same group.
7. Sponsors of guests must explain to their guests as much as possible how the club works including game formats (36-minus vs PEERS), signing in/out, scheduling, local rules and especially the club document “Improving Pace of Play”. Invite them to review WEDGE at vbgolf.club.
8. A prospective member must complete two rounds as a guest of a member in good standing of the club BEFORE they can submit a Membership Application.
9. If the guest wishes to join **it is the Sponsor’s responsibility to help the guest complete an application and get it properly and promptly submitted.** The key word there is “complete”.
10. The application MUST be legible, it MUST be completely filled out by the applicant with all information; **MUST** include **EITHER** the applicant’s GHIN Handicap Index, **OR** the course and score for their 10 most recent games, and it MUST be signed by the applicant and both the primary and secondary sponsors.
11. Completed applications should be handed to the Vice President/Membership Director as soon as it is completed following the second play. In the absence of the Membership Director applications may be given to the Secretary.
12. The application will be processed by the Vice President and/or Secretary and submitted to the Board of Directors for a vote to approve the applicant for membership.
13. Approved applicants will then be sent a “Welcome Letter” advising them of their acceptance and providing them with a great deal of important information about the club and its operation.