



MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPOSER

Membership of a Nomads Golf Club, and in particular, our Southern Natal Club, is an honour and a privilege only bestowed on golfers who meet the qualifying criteria. Through members, the aims and objects of Nomads are kept and pursued. Because the number of Members of a Nomads Club are limited, it is imperative that the selection of a prospective Member be conducted with great care and in the belief that he would meet all the requirements for making a **sound** and **lasting** commitment to our Club.

The following criteria apply when proposing a prospective Member.

1. The proposer must assist the prospective member to complete the application form. Both the proposer and the seconder must be Nomads in good standing and should be well acquainted with the applicant.
2. Four other members are required to recommend the applicant.
3. The Membership Application is then passed through to the Executive Committee who will determine if the applicant may proceed to play as a Potential Nomad, for a maximum of four games (including the game, if played, on the date of induction).
4. The applicant only becomes a "Potential Nomad" once he has completed and returned his form together with his cheque for the entrance fee and subscriptions & played two games as a visitor. All games played as a visitor are not considered as games played as a 'Potential Nomad'.
5. It is incumbent upon the proposer to advise the applicant that his membership shall only be determined by the Executive Committee after he has completed his commitments in terms of paragraph 3 and 4 above.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A PROPOSER

1. If membership is declined it shall be your duty to notify your applicant accordingly.
2. Should your applicant at any time default, you, the proposer, shall become liable for any outstanding obligations due to Southern Natal Nomads by such applicant.
3. It is your responsibility to fully inform your applicant on Nomads aims, objectives and constitution, and advise him of our dress requirements and code of behaviour and also familiarise him with our Club's scoring system and the many annual competitions that take place.
4. Your applicant must be informed that he is required to play the 12 monthly games with a minimum requirement of six of these games, during the year. **Should he not make the minimum requirement he faces termination of Membership.**

This is your Club and as such can only be as good as the quality of its Members. Therefore great care must be exercised with prospective applicants. Finally, please ensure that this form, signed by yourself, together with the attached entry forms are completed correctly and returned to the Membership Officer.

Please note:- if the 'Potential Nomad' does not play for 6 months their application will be deemed null & void, all fees paid will be forfeited to the Nomads account. If the applicant wishes to become a 'Nomad' thereafter, they would have to re-apply.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER
SOUTHERN NATAL NOMADS

SIGNED BY PROPOSER OF

SOUTHERN NATAL NOMADS

APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

The Captain,

I (**Full name**) apply for election to the Club and agree by the Rules of the Club (as published from time to time) and the Conditions of Membership (see below) if elected.

PROFESSION/BUSINESS DESIGNATION

HOME ADDRESS:

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BUSINESS/PERSONAL POSTAL ADDRESS

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DATE OF BIRTH **ID No.**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS Office Cell

Home Fax

E-mail

WIFE'S NAME..... **ANNIVERSARY DATE**.....

I am a member of Club at which my present handicap is

SA HANDICAP PLAYER ID:-

My lapel badge should read

I enclose herewith my remittance of R1 750-00 in respect of a deposit against Annual Subscription & opening clothing account for current subscriptions and levies for the year as dated hereunder, and understand that these will be returned to me if my application is not accepted. **FNB Current Account; Acc # 53480029463; Branch 220228 Port Shepstone**

I have read and understand the Conditions of Membership and agree, as required by the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 and as contained in the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000, to the receipt of Club, National and Sponsor communications as sent out from time to time, until such time as I inform the Nomads Golf Club, in writing, of my withdrawal of such consent.

Dated Signed

Proposers Name (**In Full & Signature**)

Seconder Name (**In Full & Signature**)

Recommended by other Club Members (Full Names & Signature)

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This application for Membership is **APPROVED / NOT APPROVED.**

Date Signed

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTHERN NATAL NOMADS

As a member of our unique Club, you are expected to fulfil certain obligations in terms of our Rules and Regulations as set out in our Constitution and our Rules of Play. The following thoughts are intended to give you insight regarding your commitment to the Organisation.

1. BRIEF HISTORY OF NOMADS

Shortly after World War II Michael Florance formed the New Union Merchant Industrial Corporation (NUMIC) Social and Sporting Club. In 1960, shortly after the Ben Hogan Movie "Follow the Sun", Mike Florance and his committee announced the "Follow the Sun" Nomads Golf Club.

The first monthly meeting was scheduled for the first Saturday in May at the Glendower Golf Club. The meeting was washed out and rain also disrupted the second attempt at Parkview. The first complete official Nomads meeting took place at Irene Golf Club.

To date there are 12 clubs in South Africa with 3 clubs in Zimbabwe, 4 in Australia, 1 club in Botswana, New Zealand, Zambia and Swaziland.

Our Club was established on 4th February 1984 and our Founder Captain was Gilly Richardson. The first Nomads National Tournament was held in 1966 at Kyalami in the then Transvaal.

A National Executive Committee was established in 1967. Anthony Handley was the first National Chairman and the Club and its systems continued to develop until mid 1970 when a major dispute arose over operating expenses. The result was that Michael Florance was asked to leave the club he had founded. Later though, he was re-instated and after his death was buried in full Nomads regalia.

Nomads celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2010.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NOMADS

- 2.1 Provide an opportunity for persons in all walks of life to meet one another at least once a month, to play a game of golf and to make new and cement old friendships.
- 2.2 To encourage, promote, foster and support the game of golf.
- 2.3 To generate funds for distribution to charitable causes and assist those persons, regardless of race, colour or creed, in a less fortunate position than ourselves.
- 2.4 To have fun !!!

3. MONTHLY GOLF MEETINGS

The pre-requisite is that you shall be and remain a Member of a recognised Golf Club affiliated to a Golf Union recognised by the Amateur Golf Council of the P.G.A. and you must participate in at least six monthly meetings during the calendar year. All these meetings are normally played on a week day in order not to clash with weekend club games.

- 3.1 Dates and venues are provided in the Diary and on our website www.snatalnomads.co.za at the beginning of each year.
- 3.2 Dress code both on and off the course is very strictly enforced.
- 3.3 Southern Natal colours are a white shirt with teal embroidery with stone pants or shorts.
- 3.4 Report to Nomads ladies for registration $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the tee-off time.
- 3.5 Match secretary will require current club handicap and any monies due for the day's game.
- 3.6 Other ladies sell tickets for various draws, etc.
- 3.7 Payment and entry for games is to be paid at table if necessary, but preferably by EFT in the week before the game. Reference – Name.
- 3.8 Refer any queries at registration to Match Secretary.

- 3.9 Report to Starter Controller on arrival and to starters on 1st and 10th tees as soon as possible after registration. At least 10 minutes before tee-off time.
- 3.10 Meet other members of your four-ball and swap cards.
- 3.11 Tee-off in same order as that shown on the starter sheet.
- 3.12 First name on starters sheet is Captain of four-ball.
- 3.13 The Captain is responsible for :-
 - 3.13.1 Speeding-up play during the round – i.e. avoid slow play.
 - 3.13.2 Collect score cards from each player at end of round and check that each card is signed by player and marker.
 - 3.13.3 Collect R10.00 from player with lowest score.
 - 3.13.4 Hand all of above to ladies at registration table as soon as possible after the game. (Before showering).
- 3.14 Format of all Nomads games is 4 ball individual medal stableford.
- 3.15 No assistance is allowed from another player during play i.r.o. club selection, line of putt etc.
- 3.16 Ready Golf was instituted in 2010 and the “Call Through” rule applies on short holes.
- 3.17 Only player and caddy may look for suspected lost balls. (Speed-up play).
- 3.18 Check and sign score cards at end of game.
- 3.19 Sit with your four-ball at prize giving.
- 3.20 Wives/Partners are welcome at prize giving functions. **They are not permitted to accompany you on the course at any meeting unless acting in the capacity of a bona fide caddy.**

4. LATE ARRIVAL, CANCELLATIONS AND “NO SHOWS”

- 4.1 A player who arrives late may have to walk a few holes to catch-up with his four-ball.
- 4.2 The scores for these holes are zero which not only affect the individual score but also playing pair, playing four-ball, drawn four-ball and various tournaments during the year.
- 4.3 Cancellations must be made as early as possible - by Midday on the Friday before Tuesday game will not be seen as a late cancellation. Cancellations after this time will be charged for.
- 4.4 Cancellations on the day may result in disciplinary action.
- 4.5 “No shows” on the day are treated very seriously and may result in suspension of 2 games.
- 4.6 The Match Secretary reports on all above cases at next committee meeting and the necessary disciplinary action follows.

5. GOLD CUP AND COMPETITIONS DURING THE YEAR

- 5.1 Gold Cup is played inside the last monthly game of the year.
- 5.2 The qualification for Gold Cup qualification is winning, or being counted out as a winner, of a division during the year.
- 5.3 A Gold Cup Trophy is presented to the winners in each division.
- 5.4 “Champion of Champions” Trophy is for best golfer during the year.
- 5.5 “Best Worst Golfer” is for those having won the Crying Towel during the year.
- 5.6 “Over Fifty Five” Trophy is for members who are 55 years & over and who have won this competition during the year.
- 5.7 “Swifts” Trophy for best even months during the year.
- 5.8 “John Handley” Trophy for best odd months during the year.
- 5.9 “Eclectic” Trophy for best eclectic score during the year including Gold Cup.

- 5.10 "Gary Player" Knockout Trophy :-
 - 5.10.1 Played during the year on a knock-out basis.
 - 5.10.2 Choose own partners at beginning of the year and pay an entry fee.
 - 5.10.3 Can assist one another except if played in normal monthly game.
 - 5.10.4 First round knock-outs go to Plate event.
 - 5.10.5 Rounds to be played outside normal monthly games wherever possible.
 - 5.10.6 Finals played on Gold Cup day.

5.11 "Andrew Mentis" Competition is based on the highest aggregate score of a members five best rounds.

6. AWAY GAMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

- 6.1 Away games are regularly played at other clubs in our area.
- 6.2 Drakensberg Gardens Cup is held each year and is between Natal, Southern Natal and Gauteng. It is always held in Durban.
- 6.3 Anniversary games at other clubs celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 etc. years.
- 6.4 National Tournaments:-
 - 6.4.1 S A Nationals – March/April.
 - 6.4.2 Zimbabwe Nationals - June.
 - 6.4.3 Botswana Nationals - September.
 - 6.4.4 Swaziland Nationals - October.
 - 6.4.5 Zambia Nationals -
 - 6.4.6 Australia Nationals - October.

7. ANDREW MENTIS ENDOWMENT FUND

- 7.1 The fund was started by Andrew Mentis, a Nomad Founder Member in 1967 in Gauteng.
- 7.2 Andrew Mentis still contributes personally to the fund every year.
- 7.3 Each club forms a sub-committee, which is chaired by the Vice-Captain.
- 7.4 Monies raised are donated to a pre-selected charity in the form of tangible assets on which the Nomads emblem is displayed.
- 7.5 Culmination of activities and handover to Charity takes place at our yearly Andrew Mentis golf day which is also open to the public by invitation.
- 7.6 Nationally Andrew Mentis Endowment Fund has raised and donated in excess of R32 million to charities.

8. Glenbrynth tickets

- 8.1 This is included with the Junior Vice-Captains Portfolio.
- 8.2 Each member is issued with, and expected to sell, a minimum of 1 book of 10 tickets at R20,00 per ticket.
- 8.3 Cost of printing tickets and great prizes are sponsored by Glenbrynth Whisky.
- 8.4 Each Club uses proceeds for the furtherance of golf.
- 8.5 Donations are made to Golf Clubs, Junior Golf, Ladies Golf etc.

9. PRIZE GIVING

- 9.1 The Club Altar is on display at every official Nomads game.
- 9.2 **Each player is expected to stay. If unable to stay, apologise to Captain, your playing partners and pay early leaver fine to Ladies.**
- 9.3 Early leavers names are recorded for measuring commitment.

- 9.4 Dress – No.1's Navy/Black blazer with Nomad pocket badge, gongs and name badge, tie, white lounge shirt with navy or black long trousers. **No.1's must be worn at any stage that the Nomads altar is displayed.**
- 9.5 Procedure of formalities :-
- 9.5.1 Vice Captain introduces Captain after "Jackets-on" announcement.
- 9.5.2 Captain will hand back to Vice Captain to read out prize winners.
- 9.5.3 A light hearted fines session is held, followed by lucky draw and acknowledgment of sponsors.
- 9.5.4 Vice Captain hands back to Captain who closes off the meeting.

10. OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENTS OF MEMBERS

- 10.1 Read Constitution and the Rules of Play, available for download at www.nomads.co.za and printed with updates annually in your Nomads diary.
- 10.2 Participate in all 12 monthly games. If your commitment to participate in not less than 50% of the games scheduled in any one calendar year is not met the Executive Committee may bar you from being a Full Member.
- 10.3 It is expected of you to notify the Executive Committee of absences due to health, overseas travel, etc in writing.
- 10.4 Any Member who, due to unforeseen changes in circumstances, clearly sees himself unable to meet his minimum requirements of 6 monthly games, may apply to the Executive Committee to change his membership status to that of Associate Member. Such membership will not automatically be accorded.
- 10.5 Attend special events and away games.
- 10.6 Comply with dress code both on and off the course.
- 10.7 Respect Nomads uniform and behave accordingly.
- 10.8 Attend prize giving functions.
- 10.9 Attend A G M. which is held in March each year.
- 10.10 Aim for Nationals participation. (Enquire regarding qualifying norms.)
- 10.11 Pay subscriptions and accounts timeously.
- 10.12 Enter monthly games early.
- 10.13 Read our monthly Newsletter.
- 10.14 Consider advertising in the monthly Newsletter which is available on our website or become a prize sponsor.
- 10.15 Sell Glenbrynth tickets.
- 10.16 Participate in all Andrew Mentis Fundraising activities.
- 10.17 Respect host clubs rules, etc.
- 10.18 Support sponsors – National, Regional including Newsletter sponsors.
- 10.19 Participate in Golforama activities. (See particulars below)
- 10.20 Visit Nomads web site – <http://www.nomads.co.za>
- 10.21 Don't let your fellow Nomads down.
- 10.22 Two make up games with other Nomads clubs are allowed in playing year if you are in danger of not fulfilling your playing commitment of a minimum of 6 monthly games.
- 10.23 **Advise any changes of address, e-mail, telephone numbers, etc. to Membership Officer, Secretary or Match Secretary.**

11. HANDICAPS

11.1 Nomads Handicapping System :-

- 11.1.1 Less than 28 – get 1 shot
- 11.1.2 28 – 32 points – no change
- 11.1.3 33 – 34 points – cut 1 shot
- 11.1.4 35 – 36 points – cut 2 shots
- 11.1.5 37 – 38 points - cut 3 shots
- 11.1.6 38 – 40 points – cut 4 shots, etc

11.2 All Nomads handicaps are automatically adjusted after each game and in any event may not at any stage be greater than their club handicap. You can never get more than two shots.

12. FUTURE RECOGNITION

12.1 Ties – 5 year, 10 year, 15 year, 20 year etc.

12.2 Badges – 100, 200, 300, 350 etc. games

13. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The current entrance fee is R350.00 and the subscription is prescribed per annum, decided by the Committee in November each year. Annual subscriptions fall due on 30th January of each year.

The monthly competition fee is currently R210.00. You are expected to enter the draws for cash prizes. In addition, the lowest score in the four ball is fined R10.00 and then there are light hearted fines for misdemeanours.

There are substantial prizes to be won at each meeting together with Lucky Draw prizes.

In addition, all individual scores count towards annual competitions culminating at our Gold Cup Meeting in December each year, our 12th game.

14. GOLFORAMA

Golforama assists with the scoring for most Professional Golf Tournaments in South Africa, mainly the Sunshine Tour events which run from late November to early March each year. The tournaments are orchestrated by the S.A. TOUR who in turn pays Golforama for its services.

PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES

- 14.1 Golforama is paid a fee, for its services, to be expended primarily on projects for the furtherance of golf.
- 14.2 The Golforama Body is a non-profit organisation, generating income from using volunteers to provide a score information service to the game of golf.
- 14.3 **The very existence of Golforama is based on the fact that the basic commitment of every Nomad includes Golforama duties.**
- 14.4 Golforama in return provides huge exposure for the Nomads Golf Club which deservedly enhances the image and reputation of this great club for the benefit of all its members.
- 14.5 Provides an opportunity for all Nomads to offer their services at the prestigious tournaments around the country during which they may see some of the best professional and amateur golfers in action.
- 14.6 Promote and encourage existing camaraderie and good fellowship amongst Nomads in a friendly and enjoyable environment.
- 14.7 Offer and maintain a professional service at each event with a cohesive group of volunteers committed to their duties.
- 14.8 Compensate volunteers fairly for real “out of pocket” expenses incurred whilst performing their duties.

14.9 Our Club currently assists with the Sun Wild Coast Sun Challenge which is held annually in our area.

15. CONCLUSION

Nomads do not have a course or club house of their own, and we are therefore dependent upon the generosity of various Golf Clubs in the area in extending to us their facilities and their Golf Course.

Over the years, Nomads have built up a name to be proud of and therefore Members should at all times be conscious of their dress and behaviour, both on and off the course. It must always be remembered that we are guests of the Clubs where we play.

In closing:

- 15.1 Enjoy Nomads and be proud of the Organisation.
- 15.2 Have fun.
- 15.3 Get to know the other members.
- 15.4 Get involved i.e. sponsorships, committees, Golforama, etc.
- 15.5 Read the Constitution and Rules of Play.
- 15.6 The “monthly game” includes golf and attendance at prize giving function.