

Wildwood Gables Yacht Club
Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260
Est: 1937

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES

I. POLICY

- A. To review and consider for admittance to the Wildwood Gables Yacht Club all persons requesting, by three (3) letters of recommendation, application and the accompanying fee, such admittance.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To ensure persons accepted will conform to the purposes of the Wildwood Gables Yacht Club as stated in By-Law, Article I, Section 3.
- B. To ensure voting members of the Club have an opportunity to meet the applicant and consider all application documents prior to the membership vote being taken.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Persons wishing to join the Wildwood Gables Yacht Club must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from three (3) current members of the Wildwood Gables Yacht Club to the Secretary.
 - 1. Members of the Club must have current voting eligibility in order to write a letter of recommendation.
 - 2. No member may write more than two (2) letters of recommendation in any given calendar year.
 - 3. Members must have known the applicant for no less than five (5) years before writing a letter of recommendation.
- B. The Secretary will:
 - 1. Receive the letters of recommendation (noting the date of receipt on the letters).
 - 2. Notify the Commodore of receipt of the letters,
 - 3. Send the applicant an application form and request for application fee,
 - 4. Ensure the applicant is aware that his/her application fee is returnable at any time up to the day the application request is voted upon or in the event the vote has a negative result,
 - 5. Note the date on which the application was completed (three letters of recommendation, application form, and application fee),
 - 6. Appoint two members who have not written a letter of recommendation for the applicant to interview the applicant.
 - 7. If the interviewers recommend the applicant, their application goes on to voting.

IV. BALLOTING

- A. The voting procedure will be as follows:

1. Membership will vote at the August meeting whether or not to consider membership applications in the following spring.
2. If membership votes to consider new members, complete membership applications (three letters of recommendation, application form, and application fee) will be presented to the general membership at the spring meeting in the order in which they were completed.
3. Members who wrote letters of recommendation will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the applicant.
4. Voting on the applications shall take place at the next meeting where a quorum is present.
5. Candidates for membership shall be voted on by secret ballot.
6. Two (2) tellers shall be appointed for all elections or balloting.
7. Any candidate receiving at least 75% 'yes' votes from the votes cast will be accepted (ex. 17 votes, 75% yes = 12.75 = need 13 yes).

V. PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD

- A. Once accepted, a new member enters into a provisional period lasting five (5) years.
 1. New members are required to participate in no fewer than two (2) meetings and two (2) workdays each calendar year for the five (5)-year term.
 2. Members who fail to meet the requirements of the provisional period are referred to the Board of Trustees for a decision regarding their membership.
- B. The sons and daughters of members in their provisional period are not eligible to enter the club through the preferential one-vote policy;
- C. In all other respects, provisional members enjoy the same rights and privileges of any other member.

VI. SONS/DAUGHTERS OF MEMBERS - in good standing who are not in their provisional membership period will follow a different procedure for membership as follows:

- A. They will submit an application form along with a \$50.00 application fee to the Secretary.
- B. The Secretary will inform the Commodore of the receipt of the application.
- C. The membership application will be presented to the full membership at the first stated meeting after the application and application fee has been received.
- D. A son/daughter of a member in good standing will be elected if one (1) favorable vote is cast.
- E. Sons/daughters of members in good standing will have preference over other applicants, and their applications will be acted on first.
- F. Effective 07/18/21, should a member in good standing pass away prior to his/her son/daughter's membership, said son/daughter may follow same procedure above for membership up to the age of twenty six.