Winged Foot is a golf club with great traditions. We have inherited two magnificent golf courses designed by a genius of 20th century golf course architecture, Albert Warren Tillinghast, who considered Winged Foot to be his greatest design achievement. Many believe Winged Foot has the best 36 holes of golf in the world. We are heirs to great golf traditions that date back to the founding of the Club in 1921. All of us sense these traditions every time we enter the Club grounds and approach our magnificent Clubhouse. Our Clubhouse remains one of the most iconic in the golf world designed by Charles Wendehack. Mr. Wendehack was considered at the time to be the finest Clubhouse architect in the world.

The word “tradition” comes from Latin “tradere,” meaning to hand over. At Winged Foot, our traditions are an inheritance to be preserved. We play golf at an enjoyable, brisk pace and to a very high standard. We respect our fellow Members in our behavior, etiquette and dress. Our Club professionals have won the U.S. Open, the Masters, the U.S. Amateur and PGA Tour events. Winged Foot is also renowned for its own annual amateur event, the John G. Anderson Memorial Invitational Four-Ball Tournament, considered by many to be the leading four-ball amateur event in the world. We have hosted national and major championships including the U.S. Open, the PGA Championship, the U.S. Senior Open, the U.S. Women’s Open, the U.S. Amateur, and the USGA Amateur Four-Ball in addition to local tournaments, such as the Met Open and the Ike.

The Club is proud to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the reputation and standing of the game of golf. The following have been elected to Honorary Membership: Al Smith, Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, Dwight Eisenhower, Claude Harmon, Arnold Palmer and Billy Casper.

WINGED FOOT POLICIES AND RULES

Members and Privilege Holders are expected to know and adhere to all the Policies and Rules of the Club and are also expected to advise their guests of the Club’s Policies and Rules prior to their arrival at the Club; such information can be easily accessed on the Club website. The General Manager and appropriate staff are responsible for the consistent enforcement of these Policies and Rules. Violations should be reported immediately to the General Manager or an appropriate staff member. Members should not address other Members about violations.

The Board of Governors has instructed the General Manager to bring rules violations to the immediate attention of the violating Member or Privilege Holder. Serious violations will be brought to the attention of the Membership Standards Committee. Complaints about service or Club operations should be made to the General Manager or senior staff rather than an individual Club employee. No Member or Privilege Holder should reprimand a member of the Club’s staff.

Policy and Rules violations may result in a warning letter being sent to the Member or Privilege Holder in violation with possible follow-up by the Membership Standards Committee. Major or repeated violations will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Governors.

(1) Golf Policies and Rules
A round of golf at Winged Foot always starts with the Director of Golf Services and you must check in with him before the start of a round. Winged Foot is primarily a walking course. The Director of Golf Services will coordinate caddies at the beginning of a round if necessary. All players must have a caddie even if they are using a golf cart, with limited exceptions as stated below.

**Caring for the Courses**

Members, Privilege Holders and their guests are expected to show all others on the golf course the courtesy and respect that is traditional at Winged Foot. Moreover, all players and their caddies are requested to help maintain the fine condition of our courses by correctly repairing ball marks on the green (fix your own mark and one other), replacing divots and properly raking bunkers. All divots, except those shattered, are to be replaced. In the fairways only, divot mix is to be used along with a replaced divot if necessary. Divot mix is not to be used in the “step cut” or the rough; they are different grasses. Bunkers are to be entered into and exited from the low side; players and caddies may not enter or exit any bunker from the high side. While Members should ensure that caddies comply with these policies, at all times it is our Members who are primarily responsible for caring for the course.

**Pace of Play**

The Golf & Tournament Committee supports the “Ready Golf” rule from the R&A. Simply put, "Ready Golf" means that each golfer within a group hits when ready. This allows players within a group to take their swings when each member of the group is ready to play. If a player reaches his or her ball and is ready to hit, while other members of his or her group are not yet prepared, then that player should go ahead and hit even when not away. Staying ahead of the group behind is necessary, but not sufficient; all groups are required to keep up with the group in front of them. In no circumstances should a round at Winged Foot take more than 4:00 to be completed.

Members, Privilege Holders and, especially, guests should play the tees that are appropriate for their handicaps. Guests who do not have a single digit handicap are not permitted to play from any set of back tees.

The foursome constitutes the basic unit of golf at Winged Foot. When singles, twosomes or threesomes find themselves behind foursomes, particularly on weekends, they should not press to “play through” – especially if the foursome is keeping pace with the group directly ahead. Fivesomes are not allowed, except from December 1 through March 1, and then only with permission of the Director of Golf Services.

**Starting a Round**

The Club utilizes a combination of tee times and “walk on” to start rounds of golf.

When in effect, tee times are made directly via ForeTees or by emailing the Director of Golf Services.

When tee times are not in effect, Members and Privilege Holders may walk on, after checking in with the Director of Golf Services. After all players in the group are present and have checked in with the Director of Golf Services, a ball may be placed in the queue on the first tee to determine the order of play. During peak hours (7:30-8:30), a member of the professional staff may be present at the first tee; in those cases, a group will be permitted to place a ball in the queue only after the pro receives confirmation from the Director of Golf Services that all members of the group have checked in.
When tee times are not in effect, there may be an accommodation for up to two twosomes for each of the courses on weekend and holiday mornings. In such cases, if the twosome is present and checks in with the Director of Golf Services by 7:00 am they will be given priority. Singles will not be permitted early on weekend or holiday mornings.

**Driving Range and Practice Areas**

Players should always be mindful that they are sharing practice areas with fellow Members, Privilege Holders and their guests.

The driving range, practice areas and putting greens are integral parts of our facility. Members, Privilege Holders and their guests are expected to exercise proper etiquette and care while using the practice areas and range. Balls must never be hit over the driving range net for obvious safety reasons; a violation of this rule will result in immediate disciplinary action by the Board of Governors. Members and Privilege Holders are responsible for ensuring that their guests do not hit balls over the driving range net. The professional staff has been instructed to report anyone observed hitting balls over the net.

When there is a wait for teeing space at the range, golfers should limit their practice time to allow others an opportunity; children should give way to Members and Privilege Holders when the practice tee is full. Hitting from the grass area in front of the range mats is strictly prohibited.

When chipping, pitching, or hitting sand shots onto the practice greens, players are required to check for and repair ball marks, rake bunkers, leave rakes outside the bunkers and replace practice balls back in the shag basket or designated area. Players may only hit to the green directly in front of them; shots over 20 yards are prohibited. Large divots are not to be taken from the closely mown areas; players who are unable to nip the ball are asked to hit from the rough areas. This area receives very heavy play, and all golfers are expected to help maintain this area and display safe hitting practices. Guests are to be reminded of these rules.

Children who are not playing golf or practicing are not allowed on the golf course or practice facilities. Children under 12 are not permitted in the practice area unaccompanied. Parents are responsible for the close supervision of all children while on the Club premises. All persons using the driving range and practice areas are expected to adhere to the Club’s dress code (see below).

All golfers and caddies are prohibited from entering the range to look for balls. Stakes have been installed to indicate where the range begins. If a player’s tee shot on #1 West crosses the stakes, the ball is to be left in the range area. Caddies have been given explicit instruction to not enter the range. Players on the range are required to stop hitting when golfers and caddies walking down #1 West are near the range boundary and as they are playing their approach shots to #1 West green.

The in-season hours of operation for the range are 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, weather permitting. The driving range and practice areas are closed to Members and Privilege Holders on Mondays. Violations of driving range and practice area rules should be reported to the General Manager or the professional staff.

**Guest Policies**

Guests must be accompanied by the Member or Privilege Holder to whom their fees are charged, except under the Rule of 7/11 (see below). Members and Privilege Holders are responsible for the conduct of
their guests and all charges incurred by them. Guest green fees are approved annually by the Board of Governors and published in the separate Dues and Fees Schedule.

The Director of Golf Services must be notified in advance by email or telephone when Members and Privilege Holders intend to bring guests to golf. Members and Privilege Holders may not just show up with guests. Upon advance notification of a request for guest play, the Director of Golf Services will advise the Member or Privilege Holder of the time for the group to tee off. On the day of play, Members and Privilege Holders must register each golf guest with the Director of Golf Services before playing. Strict compliance with this policy is required to ensure proper enforcement of guest play limits established by the Board of Governors. Members are asked not to request guest groups without having first made definite plans with their intended guests.

Capacity permitting, normal guest play hours are as follows:

- **Monday:** No Guest Play. Club is closed.
- **Tuesday thru Thursday:** 2-3 Guests permitted starting at 9:00 a.m.
- **Friday:** 2-3 Guests permitted from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **Saturday & Holidays:** 2-3 Guests permitted starting at 12:30 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 2-3 Guests permitted starting at 11:30 a.m.

One guest per foursome is permitted at any time as the schedule allows.

Members and Privilege Holders are responsible for checking the monthly calendar for special events or course maintenance issues that might prohibit guest play on either course. If in doubt, please call the Club.

A maximum of six guests will be permitted to tee off on each course in hourly intervals during normal guest play hours and will be spaced by the Director of Golf Services to avoid crowding on the first tee.

Regular and Regular Senior Members (as well as Senior Emeritus Privilege Holders) are limited to 24 guest rounds per Golf Season. Junior and FPP Privilege Holders are limited to 16 and 8 guest rounds per Golf Season, respectively. Guests of spouses and children aged 22-24 of those opting for Family privileges will be included in the Member’s or Privilege Holder’s guest rounds allotment. Non-Resident and National Privilege Holders are limited to 20 guest rounds per Golf Season.

The “Golf Season”, for the purpose of these policies, is defined as May 1st through October 31st. During the winter season (November 1st through April 30th), guest allotment limits do not apply, and reduced guest green fees may apply as set from time to time by the Board of Governors and published in the separate Dues and Fees Schedule.

Spouses and immediate family of Members and Privilege Holders who have not opted for Family privileges are considered guests of the Member or Privilege Holder. Such spouses and immediate family are not included in the guest rounds allotment of the Member or Privilege Holder and pay reduced guest fees as set from time to time by the Board of Governors and published in the separate Dues and Fees Schedule. For these purposes, “immediate family” includes sons/daughters, mothers/fathers, brothers/sisters, fathers/mothers-in-law and grandchildren.

No individual may play as a guest more than 3 times in any calendar month nor more than 10 times in any one Golf Season.

The Rule of 7/11 affords Members and Privilege Holders the opportunity to host 7 to 11 guests at one time. Rules of 7/11 do not count against guest round limits for the Golf Season. A request to host a Rule of 7/11
must be made to the Director of Golf Services. Approval of the request must subsequently be confirmed by the Director of Golf Services. Rules of 7/11 can be hosted only on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10:30-11:00 a.m. or 1:30-2:00 p.m. and only one group will be permitted each day. Only one 18-hole round per day will be permitted for guests playing under this privilege. The host Member or Privilege Holder must play in the final group to ensure a steady pace of play.

**Additional Golf Rules**

Foretees may be accessed via the Club’s website or App. Members may use Foretees to schedule tee times (when in use), sign up for tournaments, schedule lessons and request guest play.

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern all play on the Club’s courses, except as modified by local rules or other regulations from time to time promulgated by the Golf and Tournament Committee.

Players may start only at No. 1 West tee or No. 1 East tee, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Golf Services.

Except after 3:30 p.m., each player is required to have a caddie at all times. After 3:30 p.m., Members and Privilege Holders may carry their own golf bags after first registering with the Director of Golf Services. Guests playing after that time must have a caddie.

Caddies are independent contractors and are not employees of the Club. They are to be treated with utmost respect. And while Members should ensure that caddies comply with the Club’s policies, it remains the Members who are primarily responsible for caring for the Club’s courses and facilities. If a problem arises with a caddie, it should be discreetly communicated to the Director of Golf Services. Following a round of golf, the Member or Privilege Holder should pay their caddie directly. Members, Privilege Holders and guests are encouraged to have cash available to pay their caddie. There is an ATM on premises for those that need cash. The Director of Golf Services has been instructed to not pay caddies directly on behalf of Members or Privilege Holders.

Winged Foot is a walking course. Members or Privilege Holders 70 years and older, and those with a medical need, may have access to golf carts, weather and conditions permitting. Golfers using carts are required to have caddies, except after 3:30 p.m. Players using carts will be charged at rates approved annually by the Board of Governors and published in the Dues and Fees Schedule. Golf carts are GPS monitored. Carts that enter into a restricted area will either slow or stop. Carts are not to be driven closer than thirty (30) feet from all greens and must be parked in the rough around the greens and never in the fairway approach in front of the green. Carts are not to be parked closer than ten (10) feet from any tee. Violation of cart rules may result in disciplinary action including suspension of cart privileges.

Spouses and children aged 22-24 of Regular Family and Senior Family Members, as well as those in the FPP, Junior and Senior Emeritus categories who opt for Family Privileges may play at 10:30 a.m. or later on Saturdays and Sundays. Except after 3:30 p.m., each player is required to have a caddie.

Children under 22 of Regular Family and Senior Family Members, as well as those in the FPP, Junior and Senior Emeritus categories who opt for Family Privileges may play golf with their parent at designated times or enjoy unaccompanied playing privileges based on their playing Level as posted by the Director of Golf Services. All children under 22 must check in with the Director of Golf Services before the start of play and are permitted to carry their golf bags. Junior golf will at all times be at the discretion of the Director of Golf Services.
Children under 25 whose parent has not opted for Family privileges (and those 25 and older who are not FPP) may play with a parent at the family guest rate at designated times as posted by the Director of Golf Services.

(2) **House and Grounds Policies and Rules**

The Grille Room is for the exclusive use of persons 17 years of age and older during regular hours of use. When the Grille Room is being used for dining or other social functions, children under 17 must be accompanied by a Member or Privilege Holder. When the Grille Room is being used for dining or other social functions, Members, Privilege Holders and their guests who are not dining in the Grille Room are expected to move to another area as requested by the staff. The Club Room and Terrace are available at all times for persons enjoying Club privileges, including unaccompanied children aged 14+.

Children under the age of 14 (unless registered in the Junior Golf Program) shall not have access to any portion of the Clubhouse or grounds (other than the pool) unless accompanied by an adult, who must keep them in his or her immediate presence and under strict supervision. No child under the age of 14 (even if registered in the Junior Golf Program) may enter the men’s or women’s locker rooms unless accompanied by an adult, who must keep the child in his or her immediate presence and only for a brief visit.

No notices of any kind may be posted on the bulletin boards in the Clubhouse unless approved by the General Manager or appropriate staff.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the Clubhouse, on the Terrace or at the Pool. Smoking is allowed in any outdoor area, far away from any Member, Privilege Holder, guest or employee. Cigarette butts or cigar stubs should be properly disposed of and not left on the ground.

Members and Privilege Holders may use any of the Club parking lots; valet parking attendants are also available. Cars may not be parked on any of the roads or grounds surrounding the Clubhouse except where specifically marked and fire safety lanes must be kept open at all times.

Valets are available most times in season. The valets are located at the bag drop area to assist arriving golfers. Guests are encouraged to use valet parking to enhance their experience by providing them with a proper welcome by our Director of Golf Services. When coming to the Club for dinner, valets are located both at the front entrance and the Grille Room circle entrance.

Members and their guests are reminded to always proceed carefully when using the Club's roadways. The speed limit is 15 mph on Club Road.

All Members will be assigned a locker. Privilege Holders will be provided with lockers as available. The locker room attendants are available to assist with selecting a locker. Lockers are assigned on a seniority basis.

Golf clubs may be stored in the bag room. The Director of Golf Services will assist in having clubs stored. Golf clubs, including guests’, are not to be brought inside the Clubhouse or the locker room. Guests’ clubs, if staying overnight, will be assigned a temporary space in the bag room.

Luggage and travel bags may be stored short term in the locker rooms. Such items can be placed inside of lockers or at a place assigned by the locker room attendants. Luggage, travel bags and other such items are not to be stored above lockers. Attendants have been instructed to remove items that have been placed
above lockers.

Employees of the Club shall not be sent from the Club grounds on personal errands for anyone or anything outside of Club business.

Except guide dogs for the visually impaired, pets are not allowed on the Club grounds under any circumstances.

**Alcohol Consumption Policy**

New York State Law forbids serving any alcoholic beverage to an intoxicated person and imposes liability on any person or institution. This includes a private club. New York Law also expressly prohibits any person or institution from selling or serving alcoholic beverages to a minor, actually or apparently under the age of 21, or to any visibly intoxicated person.

The Club has a non-delegable duty to control the service of alcoholic beverages on the premises and to ensure that the Members’ use and enjoyment of the Club’s facilities are not impaired by conduct associated with the excessive consumption of alcohol.

Procedures for refusing service to minors and refusing or terminating sales to persons who are or appear to be intoxicated have been established and communicated to all staff personnel. Staff personnel implement the policy courteously, but firmly and have the full support of the Board of Governors and Management.

Members, Privilege Holders and guests are not permitted to take alcoholic beverages from the Club to a motor vehicle. It is unlawful for a person to have in his or her possession alcoholic beverages in an open container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle of any kind on a public roadway.

Staff personnel also have been requested to make every effort to provide alternative means of transportation to any persons who are or appear to be intoxicated. If any situation arises that needs immediate attention, please contact someone on the management staff. They have the full support of the Board of Governors concerning alcohol related issues and are encouraged to proactively enforce the Club’s alcohol policy.

While it is the intent of the Board of Governors to implement this policy through supportive and cooperative measures, sanctions, including suspension or termination of Club privileges, may be invoked in the case of flagrant or repeated violations or in the event of abusive conduct toward staff personnel attempting to implement the policy.

**Dress Policy**

The Winged Foot dress policy is designed to maintain the tradition, decorum and dignity of our Club and the game of golf. While using Club facilities proper dress should be traditional, neat and conservative. Dress standards apply to all Members, Privilege Holders, their families, guests and childcare providers. Members and Privilege Holders are responsible for their guests’ compliance and are reminded to inform their guests of the Dress Policy prior to coming to the Club. The Dress Policy is published on the Club’s website and copies are also available at the reception desk. Members and Privilege Holders are encouraged to call the Club with any questions about the Dress Policy.

Cargo pants/shorts, denim (with the exception of white jeans for women) and work out clothing are not acceptable anywhere on the Club premises. Articles of clothing designed with rips or tears are prohibited. Athletic/high-top sneakers, rubber sandals or flip flops, and Crocs are only permitted at the Pool area.
Men may not wear hats anywhere in the Clubhouse or on the Terrace, except when passing through the Grille Room during a round of golf. Women may wear golf hats on the Terrace. Hats are only to be worn with the brim facing forward.

**Dining Dress Policy**

Men may wear shorts in the Grille Room at any time, on the Terrace any time Sunday to Thursday and in the East Room (Geo’s Bar) until 7:00 PM. On Friday and Saturday men may not wear shorts on the Terrace after 7:00 PM. At all other times men must wear slacks. Men are encouraged, but not required, to wear jackets in the front of the Clubhouse - East Room, Dining Room and Founders’ Room. Golf shoes are not permitted in the front of the Clubhouse.

Casual dress is allowed at any time in the Club Room.

**Golf Attire for Men**

Collared shirts and slacks or shorts are required. Shirts must be tucked in at all times and shorts must be of Bermuda length. Both slacks and shorts must be tailored for golf. Long-sleeved turtlenecks and long-sleeved mock turtlenecks are permitted. Belts are required. Sneaker style golf shoes of a conservative style (such as those sold in the Pro Shop) are acceptable golf attire. No “high-top” sneakers. Only soft spikes are permitted.

**Golf Attire for Women**

Slacks, capris, skirts and skorts no more than 4 inches above the knee are acceptable. Shorts must be 7” inseam or greater. All clothing must be conservative, golf specific and in good taste. Halter, tube or tank tops, open midriffs, short shorts, tennis skirts and colored jeans are not acceptable. White jeans are allowed.

**Golf Attire For Juniors**

Junior golfers 14 and over must follow adult rules. Junior golfers under 14 are allowed to wear appropriate golf attire and conservative athletic shoes.

**Pool Attire**

Pool attire is strictly limited to the immediate Pool area and is not acceptable in any other area of the Club grounds. No denim, other than white jeans for women, is permitted at the pool. As an example, blue denim jeans or shorts are not permitted, unless a specific event theme permits.

**Cell Phone and Personal Electronics Policy**

All electronic devices on Club grounds shall be silenced - or turned to vibrate. Tablets or Laptop computers for use by Members, Privilege Holders or guests can only be used in the locker rooms or at the pool. No video conferencing is allowed at the pool.

Smart phones can be used to take or view pictures on the Club grounds.
Email or texting is permitted in locker rooms, at the pool area, and in the Founders Room (unless occupied by a private group).

Use of cell phones for conversation is permitted only in the privacy of one’s car while in parking lots, in the Clubhouse locker rooms, in the pool locker rooms or near the fence line, away from Members and guests. These phone calls are expected to be short and occur only when necessary.

The use of drones is not permitted anywhere on Club grounds.

(3) Membership Policies and Rules

Member and Privilege Holder Categories

**Regular.** Persons 35 years of age or older. Full privileges. Initiation fee, dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Playing privileges for spouses and unmarried children under 25 years of age are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors for an additional annual charge.

**Regular Senior.** Regular Members whose number of years as a full Member plus age equals 100. Full privileges. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Playing privileges for spouses and unmarried children under 25 years of age are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors for an additional annual charge.

**Senior Emeritus.** Regular Senior Members whose age is 82 or more and whose continuous years as a full Member equals or exceeds 30. Full privileges. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Playing privileges for spouses are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors for an additional annual charge. Transfer to Regular Senior is not permitted.

**Family Playing Privileges (FPP).** Children of Members aged 25-30. Full privileges. Those eligible may apply for FPP until their 29th birthday. The purpose of this category is to allow children of Members to hone their golf skills and enjoy the full range of activities of the Club including the pool, driving range and practice areas, with a longer-term view of becoming a Junior (see below). FPP candidates are required to go through a modified admissions process, are given an audit number and accumulate seniority. There is no initiation fee upon gaining FPP status but future initiation terms “lock in” at the time. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums (if any) are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Privileges can be revoked at any time by the Admissions Committee and the Board of Governors.

**Junior.** Persons aged 30-35. Full privileges. Persons may apply for Junior privileges until their 34th birthday. FPPs (see above) who wish to apply for continuous Junior privileges must do so upon turning 28 in order to provide the Admissions Committee sufficient time to consider their application. Whether FPP or outside, Juniors go through a full admission process (if accepted, FPP retain their audit number and accumulated seniority). Initiation fees are set by the Board of Governors from time to time, including the availability of installment options. Lower initiation fees for “Legacies” and other sons and daughters of Members and Privileges Holders may be established from time to time by the Board of Governors and published in the separate Dues and Fees Schedule. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors and published.
in the separate Dues and Fees Schedule. With Board of Governors approval, Juniors become Members when first eligible (generally, at age 35) without further action. Junior B, C & D categories are being phased out; all new Privilege Holders in this category are now “Junior.”

**Spouses of Deceased Regular, Regular Senior, Senior Emeritus or House.** Full privileges so long as remaining unmarried, as well as privileges for their children under 25 years of age (as described above). Spouses of deceased House Privilege Holders are not entitled to play golf except as a guest (at full guest fee rate), limited to a maximum of 4 rounds during the golf season. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors.

**Clergy.** Clergy residing within a radius of 30 miles of the Club. Full privileges. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Playing privileges for spouses and unmarried children under 25 years of age are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors for an additional annual charge.

**Non-Resident.** Former Regular Members (including Junior Privilege Holders) having no primary residence within 75 miles of the Club, except they may have a temporary residence within a radius of 75 miles of the Club for a period not to exceed 90 days in any calendar year. Maximum of 20 rounds of golf (including spousal play) during each golf season plus house and pool privileges. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums (if any) are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Transfer back to Regular/Senior categories is subject to Board of Governors approval and Membership space availability.

**National.** Persons having no primary residence within 75 miles of the Club. Maximum of 20 rounds of golf (including spousal play) during each golf season plus house and pool privileges. Initiation, dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums (if any) are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Transfer to Regular/Senior categories is not permitted.

**Regular House.** Former Members who do not wish to continue playing golf. House and pool privileges only. Not entitled to play golf except as a guest (at full guest fee rate), limited to a maximum of 4 rounds during the golf season. Dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors.

**Special House.** Persons who have not been or are not a Regular or Regular Senior Member or Junior Privilege Holder and are over age 21. Not entitled to play golf except as a guest (at full guest fee rate). Initiation, dues, capital improvement charges, monthly club charges, and food minimums are as established from time to time by the Board of Governors. Transfer to other categories is not permitted.

For all categories, age requirements are calculated as of April 1.

**Membership Rules**

With the exception of paying caddies, Members and Privilege Holders are required to sign their names and account numbers for charges incurred for any goods and services at the Club. Cash will not be accepted in payment of a Member or Privilege Holder’s account except for purchases in the Golf Shop. There is an ATM on premises for those that need cash for caddies.

Dues are payable in full upon election to Membership or upon granting of privileges; thereafter due and payable on April 1. Dues are delinquent if at least 50% of dues are not received on or before May 1 and if the remaining balance of dues is not received on or before June 1. The Club will notify the Member or
Privilege Holder of the delinquency by regular mail and either overnight mail, email, or a combination thereof, and may also post the individual’s name and amount owed in a conspicuous place or places in the Clubhouse and/or on the Club’s website. All Club privileges are automatically suspended for any Member or Privilege Holder with a delinquent dues account. Failure to bring the delinquent dues account to a current status within 14 days will result in such person ceasing to be a Member or to have privileges.

House Accounts are due and payable on receipt of the statement. If a house account remains unpaid after 60 days from the end of the month to which the charges pertain, the Club will notify the Member or Privilege Holder of the delinquent house account by regular mail and either overnight mail, email, or a combination thereof and may also post the individual’s name and amount owed in a conspicuous place or places in the Clubhouse and/or on the Club’s website. During the time the Member or Privilege Holder remains posted for non-payment, all Club privileges of such person are suspended. Failure to bring the account to a current status within 30 days following such posting will result in such person ceasing to be a Member. Members and Privilege Holders who are posted twice in a six-month period for delinquent house charges will be referred to the Board of Governors for further disciplinary consideration.

The Board of Governors may grant one leave of absence per Member or Privilege Holder. Leaves of absence, without further action from the Board of Governors, are for a term of one year. Capital improvement charges are still required for those on a leave of absence. Accrual of seniority is suspended during leaves of absence.

Requests for change of status must be made, in writing or by email, to the Club by the February 1 preceding the Club Year for which the status change is being requested. Changes in status include, but are not limited to, requests for a leave of absence, for a change to Non-Resident or House privileges or to add/remove family privileges. As described above, requests from former Members to move from any Privilege Holder category (e.g., Non-Resident or House) back to Membership is subject to Board of Governors approval and availability. The Club’s By-laws provide no formal path back to Membership once a Member has moved to a Privilege Holder category.

The Club considers its Membership roster to be proprietary and it shall not be used by anyone to distribute business related notices or other materials or information to the Membership. No printed or electronic material of any nature, other than that issued by the Club, shall be distributed to Members or Privilege Holders.

Members and Privilege Holders may not engage or participate in any transactions with the Club, either directly or indirectly, from which they would derive financial gain without the prior disclosure and approval of such transactions by the Board of Governors. A copy of the Club’s conflict of interest policy is available from the General Manager.

Solicitation of any kind from Members or Privilege Holders is prohibited except for Club purposes as authorized by the Board of Governors.

(4) Admissions Policies and Rules

General Policies and Criteria

Membership at Winged Foot is by invitation only and follows a prescribed sequence, which usually takes more than one year to complete. The admissions process at Winged Foot does not discriminate on the basis
of gender, race, religious background, or national origin. Proposing Members and their candidates should be aware that the number of attractive prospective candidates for membership remains far in excess of the available slots. Therefore, a candidate’s successful advancement through the admissions process does not assure he or she will eventually receive an invitation to join the Club. The Admissions Committee does not keep a “waiting list”; instead, it places the candidate in a pool of acceptable candidates from which the Committee selects candidates to recommend to the Board of Governors as new Members. The Committee’s recommendations are subject to Board of Governors approval. The admissions process is continuous and open to new candidate proposals on an ongoing basis.

Among the criteria the Admissions Committee considers in a candidate include:

- The candidate’s spirit of fellowship, social compatibility with other club Members, expected participation in club events and commitment to fully utilize the Club’s facilities.
- The candidate’s strong character, sound judgment and standing in the community, as well as their business or profession, and any other club affiliations.
- The candidate’s knowledge of and respect for the traditions of golf and, specifically, of Winged Foot’s historic place in the game of golf.
- The number of current Members who have close personal relationships with the candidate and who are willing to write strong letters of support.
- The candidate’s current handicap (an index no higher than 18 for men or 24 for women), depth of golf experience, sportsmanship and practice of golf etiquette (including pace of play).

Candidates being proposed under “Legacy” status must have a Member parent who has been a Member for a minimum of 15 consecutive full years.

A candidate’s age at the time the Club extends an invitation to join will determine his or her Membership category as describe above under “Membership Policies and Rules.”

**Steps to Membership**

**Preliminary Steps**

1. By the time the process is completed, the prospective member must be introduced to, and become known by, two Board members and four Admissions Committee members. We encourage proposers, who must have been a Regular Member for at least five full years (see below), to assure a candidate knows a significant number of the Club’s Members.

2. Neither the Proposer nor the Seconder can work in the same firm as the candidate. A business relationship with the candidate (in addition to a close personal relationship) does not disqualify a Member as a proposer or supporter of the candidate; but any such business relationship must be fully disclosed. No Member may propose more than one candidate for membership in any 12-month period (see below).

3. A proposer commences the process by filling out and submitting to the Admissions Committee a Sponsor’s Potential Candidate form, which may be obtained from the Membership Director, Anne Drake (adrake@wfgc.org)

4. The candidate’s name is circulated to the Membership as a check on his or her suitability for membership.
First Phase

5. The Admissions Committee will conduct Due Diligence throughout; and, at its discretion, may ask for clarification of the submitted materials. If and when the Committee is satisfied that the candidate should be invited to go forward in the admission process, the candidate will provide the Committee with a Candidate Information Questionnaire including a written waiver releasing Winged Foot and its Members from any claim of liability in connection with consideration of or discussions concerning the candidate’s possible membership in the Club.

6. After receiving preliminary approval from the Admissions Committee, the Sponsor shall submit letters from the Seconder and at least four letters from endorsers, all of whom have played golf with the potential candidate and all of whom have a close personal relationship with the potential candidate.

7. The Admissions Committee may invite the proposer to a review meeting to learn more about the candidate and his or her interest in Winged Foot.

Second Phase

8. The Admissions Committee asks the Membership Director to arrange a round of golf with two members of the Committee. Candidates who continue in the process should expect to play two to three rounds in this phase.

9. If the candidate successfully completes his or her two or three membership rounds, the candidate’s name will be posted in the clubhouse and mailed to all Members to solicit comments. Members are encouraged to contact the Admissions Committee either in writing or orally. Such communications shall be held in strict confidence by the Committee.

10. Candidates who have been recommended for membership by the Admissions Committee will be invited along with his or her spouse, if any, to a reception with members of the Board of Governors and Committee. Following the reception, the Board will determine whether the candidate is invited to Membership.

11. Initiation fees will be billed immediately upon acceptance in accordance with the Club’s Dues and Fees Schedule.

Guidelines for Membership Proposal

The Admissions Committee has a significant responsibility in maintaining a sound, balanced and compatible Membership – and recommending to the Board for membership the best possible candidates who will uphold the code of decorum and traditions of Winged Foot. As noted above, the admissions process at Winged Foot does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, religious background or national origin.

The Admissions Committee encourages Members to bring forward candidates whom they know well and deem worthy of membership at Winged Foot. The Committee will work closely with a proposer to guide him or her through the admissions process.
Proposers play a vital role in sustaining the Club’s membership by recommending qualified candidates. Proposers also have the duty, once engaged in the process, to devote the time and resources necessary to move the process to a successful and timely conclusion. The proposer should know the candidate well enough to be confident that he or she represents the qualities listed above, and the proposer should have similar confidence in the candidate’s family. If the proposer is aware of potential concerns a Member or Members may harbor regarding the candidate such concerns should be made known to the Committee as soon as possible.

The proposer is the primary liaison with the Admissions Committee. The seconder should be prepared to step in to assist when the proposer is not available. The proposer should make the candidate aware that the proposer and seconder are the only contacts with the Committee and with the Membership during the admissions process; and, at no time should the candidate make an inquiry to the Committee or solicit support from the Membership.

The Candidate Questionnaire must be filled out completely. Candidates should be careful to separate the list of Members who are well known by the candidate (Good Friends) from the list of Members who are acquaintances. It is important for the proposer to provide the proper phone number and email address where the Winged Foot Member can be reached.

In order to maintain a consistent approach to admissions, the following parameters have been put in place to guide the process.

- Only Regular and Senior Members can propose or second a candidate for membership. Neither can work in the same firm as the candidate.
- No Member of less than five years can propose or second a candidate for membership.
- No member of the Board of Governors or Admissions Committee may propose, second or endorse a candidate for membership.
- A proposer may have only one candidate under consideration at any given time, and may not sponsor more than one candidate in any 12-month period.
- Candidates are expected to know a reasonable number of Winged Foot Members, enough to allow the Admissions Committee to obtain adequate feedback on the suitability of the candidate for membership.
- Membership in the Club is based on personal relationships with other Members. Accordingly, a proposer’s basis for recommending a candidate for membership should be exclusively social. The supporters should know the candidate well socially and not be motivated by professional relationships or interests.
- Candidates are expected to be sensitive to the longstanding traditions and etiquette of golf at Winged Foot and be comfortable completing a foursome round in no more than four hours.

**Conclusion**

Members are responsible for knowing and adhering to all of these Policies and Rules. Members are also expected to advise their guests of these Policies and Rules prior to their arrival at the Club. Inquiries and questions can be directed to the General Manager and appropriate staff.