

## Michigan PGA Hall of Fame Selection Process and Guidelines

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Michigan PGA Hall of Fame Committee is to recognize and honor Michigan PGA Members whose exceptional achievements in playing, teaching, service, mentorship, and special contributions have left a lasting impact on the game of golf and the Michigan Section. Through a thoughtful selection process, the committee seeks to preserve the legacy of those who represent the highest standards of the profession.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

#### **Membership**

- Michigan Section PGA Member for a minimum of 10 years
- PGA of America Member for a minimum of 20 years

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

A nominee for the Michigan PGA Hall of Fame must have accomplished at least four of the following criteria to qualify for nomination.

#### **Playing**

Win/achieve any of the following:

- Michigan Open, Michigan Senior Open or Michigan Women's Open
- Michigan PGA Championship, Michigan Women's PGA Championship or Michigan Senior PGA Championship
- Tournament of Champions
- Michigan PGA Match Play
- PGA Tour, Champions Tour or LPGA Tour
- PGA Cup Team Member
- PGA Professional Championship or Senior PGA Professional Championship
- Assistant PGA Professional Championship
- Qualify for any major PGA championship
- Michigan PGA Player of the Year or Michigan PGA Senior Player of the Year

#### **Service**

- Serve as a Michigan PGA Section Officer
- Serve on a Michigan PGA Chapter or Section Board of Directors
- Serve on the PGA of America's Board of Directors
- Serve as a Michigan Section PGA Committee Chairman

- Serve on a PGA of America Committee
- Serve on the PGA of America Board of Control

### **Awards and Recognitions**

Win any of the following:

- Michigan Section PGA Special Award
- PGA of America Special Award
- *Golf Digest* Top 100 Teacher
- *Golf Digest* Best in State
- *Golf Magazine* Top 100 Teacher

### **Exemplary Achievements and Contributions**

- Attain PGA Master Professional Designation.
- A career recognized for substantial emphasis on contributions to the following areas\*:
  - Teaching, coaching, player development, junior golf and/or growth of the game.
  - Mentoring and coaching fellow PGA Professionals and/or Associates.
  - PGA REACH Michigan or other Section/National philanthropic efforts.

*\*The Michigan PGA Hall of Fame Committee will evaluate a nominee's career "substantial emphasis" on a case-by-case basis prior to nomination acceptance and may request additional information from the nominee and/or nominator.*

### **Automatic Admission**

The intent of the Automatic Admission category is to recognize Michigan PGA Members who, based on their accomplishments, are without a shadow of a doubt worthy of the Michigan PGA Hall of Fame. This category is necessary to not put these individuals on the same ballot as other very worthy individuals who may be inducted through the normal nominating and voting process. Such accomplishments are listed below:

- PGA of America Officer (if the membership requirements are met).
- Win a PGA Tour, Champions Tour, or LPGA Tour Major Championship (if the membership requirements are met).
- Current Member of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame (if the membership requirements are met).
- Current Member of the PGA of America Hall of Fame (if the membership requirements are met).
- Should the Hall of Fame Committee feel that a potential candidate is worthy of induction but does not meet any of the above (automatic admission) criteria, they may suggest that candidate be automatically inducted, assuming all of the following:

- The individual meets the necessary membership requirements.
- The Hall of Fame Committee must be unanimous on the decision.
  - Should some members of the committee be unreachable for vote or abstain from voting, a quorum of 50.1% or more of the committee must vote unanimously to induct.
- The current Michigan PGA Board of Directors must be unanimous on the decision via paper ballot at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting.
  - Quorum rules set for by the Michigan Section PGA Bylaws apply.

### **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will be composed of the following members:

- All voting members must be Michigan PGA Members in Good Standing (good standing is defined as members of the Michigan Section, not suspended, not Class F and not Reserve).
  - Chairman – Michigan PGA Secretary – voting member
  - Michigan PGA Honorary President – voting member
    - If this individual is a current Hall of Fame nominee or is not a Michigan PGA Member in Good Standing, the next past president in line will have a seat on the committee.
  - 2 most recent Michigan PGA Past Presidents – voting members
    - If either of these individuals are a current Hall of Fame nominee or is not a Michigan PGA Member in Good Standing, the next past president in line will have a seat on the committee.
  - All living Michigan PGA Hall of Fame Members – voting members
  - Michigan PGA Executive Director – non-voting member
  - Michigan PGA Legal Counsel – non-voting member (collects and tallies votes)

### **Nomination Process**

- Nominations for the Michigan PGA Hall of Fame will come from Michigan PGA Hall of Fame Members, Michigan PGA Board of Directors, the Western, Northern and Eastern Chapters, and the Senior Organization.
- If not elected, nominees will remain on the ballot for 1 additional year. If not elected in the second year, they will not be eligible for nomination for a period of 2 years.

### **Election Process**

All Nominees - The voting members of the committee will vote either yes or no for each nominee. To be elected, a nominee or nominees must receive yes votes on 75% of the ballots. All ballots will be submitted to the Michigan PGA Legal Counsel.