

THE ERNIE ELS & FANCOURT FOUNDATION EDUCATION & COACHING PROGRAMME

The Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation Education and Coaching Programme is the most important area of focus for the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation. The information to follow sets out the objectives of the programme. It identifies the role players, the criteria taken into account when considering applications for membership and the process of application. A list of current members and some benefits they receive are included. It should be noted that the criteria for membership could change due to continued development and improvement of the programme.

Objectives

- * To help develop individuals from families of limited resources, who show natural ability in the sport of golf;
- * To ensure that participants in the programme are enlisted at an educational institution that offers a well-rounded education;
- * To maintain the principle focus of academic improvement;
- * To develop each participant's golf skill and ability to participate in competitions;
- * To develop the whole person (e.g. leadership, life skills, community service, etc).

Criteria for membership to the programme

An application for inclusion into the programme will only be considered if the applicant satisfies the following criteria:

- * South African citizenship;
- * Come from a family of limited resources;
- * Be under the age of 15 years and/or entering Grade 8 in January of the year in which the applicant may be accepted into the programme;
- * Have a handicap of 7 or less;
- * Be a member of the South African Golf Foundation ('SAGF');
- * Be prepared to attend formal schooling in George and be based at Fancourt in a boarding hostel during the school term;
- * Be academically capable;
- * Be disciplined and dedicated;
- * Be prepared to be an ambassador of the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation;
- * Pass a basic and age-appropriate medical examination.

Role players

The following parties play a role in this programme:

- * Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation (EEFF);
- * The member and his/her parents;
- * The school and the EEFF hostel;
- * Fancourt Golf Academy (coach, golf club, practice facility, etc): SAGF.

Current members

Members for 2008 are as follows:

Boys:

Calvin Coelho
Adrian Ford
André Haasbroek
Trevor Mahoney
Michael Mgodeli
Tumelo Wesi
Tumo Motaung
Makgetha Mazibuko
Keenan Davidse
Werner van Niekerk
Cameron Esau
Shaun Smith
Wehmeyer Ferreira
* Fezekile Kana

* Jason Coeris
* Leorin Pillay
* Helgardt Muller
* Driekus Bruyns

Girls:

Siviwe Duma
Yolanda Duma
Rushda Mallick
Merition Sandys
* Katlego Mhlambi
* Mercia van Wyk
* Jenna Schonfeld

* *New members in 2008*

Expenses covered by the foundation

The Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation will cover the following costs for each member:

- * School Fees and uniforms, as well as extra tuition if required;
- * Boarding;
- * Books, stationery, etc;
- * Golf Club membership including competition and green fees;
- * Golf equipment and clothing;
- * Golf tuition and related costs;
- * For those applicants who qualify for a provincial or national competition, their reasonable costs related to participation including travel, accommodation and meals;
- * Transport to and from home at the beginning and end of each term.

Continuous assessment

It has been agreed that there must be continuous assessment of all members throughout the school year. There will be two report-back sessions – one after the June school exams and one prior to the end-of-year exams. Ongoing membership of the Foundation is dependent upon satisfactory and continued improvement, with the emphasis on performance at school and passing of relevant tests and examinations.

Each member will be assessed on the criteria of performance at school, golf skills as well as interpersonal and life skills.

Progress at school will make up 40% of the assessment, golf 40%, and interpersonal and life skills 20%.

Conclusion

The Educational and Coaching programme is designed to develop a well-rounded yet competitive individual who will be encouraged to play competitive golf and also participate positively within his/her community.