

The following is a reprint from the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association "SCOOP-SHEET".

## WHY CERTIFICATION?

A certification program as given elsewhere in this paper will be presented for the consideration of the membership at the Annual Meeting. This program is patterned after the certification plan of the Club Managers Association of America.

The purpose of this program is to set apart those persons who are truly professional golf course superintendents. Anyone designated as a Certified Golf Superintendent will have the "hallmarks of a professional." He will possess an organized body of special knowledge; He will be competent to practice; He will be independent and thereby carry his assets primarily in his head; and he will use his talents for the public welfare.

After being designated a Certified Golf Superintendent the initials C.G.S. may be placed after his name. This will let everyone know that he is a professional golf superintendent who knows his business. We as a professional organization are putting our stamp of approval on this man and saying to the public, here is a man you can be sure of when it comes to managing a golf course.

This program will benefit everyone in our association by establishing the occupation of golf course superintendent as a profession. Our members will be provided the incentive to meet the qualifications of this program and be designated. By becoming a C.G.S. our members will be brought to the public's attention and it is only by the attention of the public that this certification program will have any beneficial meaning.

### CERTIFICATION PROPOSAL

#### I. Eligibility to apply for Certified Golf Superintendent

1. Applicant must be presently employed as a golf course superintendent.
2. Applicant must be a Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents of America and must have held Class A membership for the past three years.

#### II. Requirements for becoming a Certified Golf Superintendent

1. Accumulate a total of 200 points based on experience, education, and association activity.
2. 135 points must be earned according to the following means:
  - a. Experience 70 points
  - b. Education 50 points
  - c. Association activity 15 points

The remaining points may be earned in any one, or combination of, the above three categories.

#### 3. Experience Points

- a. **Assistant Superintendent**, working under a Class A or Certified superintendent. Points can be earned for a maximum of three years and are based on the size of the golf course.

Number of full years	18 holes or less	More than 18 holes
1	5	10
2	10	20
3	15	30

- b. **Superintendent**. Points are also based on the size of the golf course.

Years	Less than		More than
	18 holes	18 holes	18 holes
1	10	20	30
2	20	30	40
3	30	40	50
4	40	50	60
5	50	60	70
6	60	70	80
7	70	80	90

etc.

- c. **Golf Course Construction**. Additional points may be earned by experience in golf course construction. To qualify, construction experience must cover all phases of construction from rough grading through seed germination. 15 points for each regulation 9 holes. 10 points for each 9 hole par 3 course.

#### 4. Education points:

- a. Full school year attendance at college:
 

Agriculture major	15/year
Other major	10/year
- b. Degree(s) following four years of college 5 each
- c. Approved turf winter school 10 each
- d. Golf Course Superintendents of America Turfgrass Conference 5 each
- e. Regional turf conference 5 each

#### 5. Association activity:

- a. Golf Course Superintendents of America Membership 1/year
- b. Chapter meetings 1/year  
(maximum of 6 per year) 1 each
- c. Chapter office holder 1/year
- d. GCSAA office holder 5/year

#### 6. Additional information:

- a. The Certified Golf Superintendent is entirely voluntary. Its purpose is to encourage Class A members to upgrade themselves as well as their profession.
- b. The CGS rating will be granted to the applicant by the Certification Committee of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association upon receipt of such records as are deemed necessary by the committee.
- d. Should it become necessary in the future to upgrade the requirements of Certification, those previously granted CGS stature will automatically retain their standing.

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