

# COPTHORNE VILLAGE GOLF CLUB

*Borers Arms Road, Copthorne, Crawley, W.SUSSEX RH10 3LL.*

## **CLUB RULES 2015.**

1. The club will be known as "Copthorne Village Golf Club" and the total membership shall be subject to the conditions imposed by the existing licence agreement between Copthorne Village Golf Club and Copthorne Golf Club.
2. The Officers of the Club are:- President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Fixture Secretary and Bar Manager. The positions of President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Fixture Secretary can be held by Honorary members of the Club but only as non-voting members of the Committee and servants to the Committee.
3. The property of the Club is to be vested in three Trustees who will each be appointed by majority vote at an AGM.
4. The management of Club affairs shall be controlled by the Committee. The Committee will consist of the Officers of the Club plus a number of members (minimum of 5, maximum of 7) and the retiring Captain. All members of the committee are elected annually, with the exception of the Captain who is automatically the previous Vice-Captain.
5. Business conducted by the Committee is only valid if 8 voting members are present. The Hon. Secretary and the President are non voting members with the exception that the President has the right of a casting vote should it be required. Voting matters are to be decided by simple majority.
6. Should a Committee member fail to attend three consecutive meetings without good reason, or be unable to continue in office, the Committee will offer the vacant position to another club member.
7. The Committee shall determine the hours for the supply of intoxicating liquors, consistent with the permitted hours under the General licencing laws.  
The Licencing hours shall be as follows:-  
Weekdays 11.00am until 11.00pm.  
Sunday 12.00pm until 10.30pm.  
Public Holidays as granted to a Licenced Victualler.  
The purchasing of intoxicating liquors will be controlled by the Committee.
8. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be notified by the Committee at least fourteen days prior to the event. Business is only valid at an AGM if one half of the voting members are present. Voting matters will be decided by simple majority.
9. Members may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting by sending a written request to the Hon. Secretary stating the purpose of the meeting and providing that a minimum of 10 members agree and sign the request. The rules for valid business and voting will be as at rule 7.
10. An existing rule of the club can only be altered or repealed, or a new rule introduced at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting providing a minimum of TEN days notice of the intended proposal is given.
11. The Financial year will be from 1st January to 31st December. For convenience any reference to a year in these rules will mean the Financial year.

12. If the conduct of any member, either in or out of the clubhouse, is considered injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee is empowered to suspend the member immediately from Club activities. In serious cases membership may be withdrawn providing that a simple majority of the total membership is in agreement.

13. Application for membership of the Club must be proposed by an existing full member and satisfy the conditions imposed by the Licence with Copthorne Golf Club. Any new member will be subject to a probationary period of six months.

14. The privilege of using the course to entertain a visitor is accorded the Club by Copthorne Golf club at a reduced rate Green Fee. This privilege is limited to one visitor per member, at any one time, and should not be abused.

15. Temporary members of the Club are defined as:-

(a). Visitors invited to play golf.

(b). Person invited to attend any function at the Club premises.

Such temporary members are subject to the Licencing hours defined under rule (6) and any other restrictions that may be imposed from time to time by the Committee. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and should ensure that their guests names are entered in the Visitors Book.

16. Members under 70 years old are required to participate in **TEN** of the published Club competitions in any one year of which:-

A **MINIMUM** of **THREE** are to be Qualifying competitions used for Handicap purposes.

(NOTE:- All Monthly medals, Stableford and Cup competitions are Qualifying competitions).

A **MAXIMUM** of **SEVEN** can be any of the following :-

a). Playing in an inter club match or in an AGA or SAGA event as a representative of the Club.

b). Competing in the Presidents Bowl (counts as one), the Bolster Cup (two rounds count as one) or any other Club competition not used for Handicapping. Failure to comply with this condition could result in loss of membership.

Although members of 70 years and above are exempt from this rule it is expected that they make adequate use of their membership when our total numbers are so restricted.

17. The yearly subscription for any one year is payable in 3 installments which must be paid by **31ST JANUARY, 31ST MAY** and **31ST AUGUST**.

The yearly subscription will be recommended by the committee but will be ratified by the membership at the AGM held in early January.

Should a member fail to pay any installment due by the correct date then their membership is **AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED**. Should any arrears not be paid within a further **FOURTEEN** days from the due date and there are no mitigating circumstances reported to Committee; the member is considered to have left the Club and will therefore have to re-apply for Membership.

18. Members who become eligible to be sponsored for entry to any AGA competition are required to pay the club the required entry fee when requested. This fee will be refunded providing that the member competes in the event.