

Copmanthorpe Football Club

Club Constitution

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1. The Club

- a. The club shall be called Copmanthorpe Football Club (the Club)
- b. The registered office of the Club shall be the Copmanthorpe Sports and Social Club, Barons Crescent, Copmanthorpe.
- c. The objects of the Club shall be to arrange association football matches, social activities for its members and such recreational pursuits as deemed desirable by the Club Committee.

2. Club Rules

- a. These rules (the Club Rules) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.
 - (i) The Club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of The Football Association by virtue of its affiliation to/membership of The Football Association. The Rules and Regulations of the Football Association Limited and parent County Association and any League or Competition to which the Club is affiliated for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Club Rules.
 - (ii) Any alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective immediately but must be notified to the Parent County Association within a reasonable time-scale.
 - (iii) The Club will also abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

3. Club Membership

- a. The members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the Membership Register) which shall be maintained by the Club Secretary. Where appropriate, all members shall be members of the Copmanthorpe & District Recreation Centre, through their annual membership fee to The Club.
- b. Any person who wishes to be a member must apply on the Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Election to membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Committee. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant's name being entered in the Membership Register.

- c. Members shall consist of playing and non-playing members and will have voting rights as shown below, at the Annual and Special General Meetings.
- d. In the case of junior footballers (under 18 years of age) the parent or guardian listed on the registration form becomes a member of the club with full voting rights.
- e. In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register. A member wishing to resign shall give notice to this effect in writing to the Club Secretary. Such notice shall be accompanied by payment of all Club fees outstanding at that time. Playing members wishing to move to another club will be subject to the relevant rules of the Football Association.
- f. The Football Association and Parent County Association shall be given access to the Membership Register on demand.

4. Membership Fees

- a. An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.
- b. The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.
- c. Annual fees shall be due on the 1st August in each year and must be paid on or before the 31st October in each year, otherwise membership can be forfeited. If the fee is not received by 31st October in each year, then the member involved will be suspended from playing for any team at the Club, until the outstanding fee has been paid.
- d. Classes of membership shall be as follows for the purpose of annual fees:
 - i. Playing members (Senior and Junior)
 - ii. Non-playing members

All members have voting rights with the Chairman holding a second or casting vote.

5. Resignation and Expulsion

- a. A member shall cease to be a member of the Club from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their resignation. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than 2 months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.
- b. The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. There shall be no appeal procedures.
- c. A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the Club Property.
- d. Disciplinary procedures and the power of the club committee therein are set out in a separate policy document which shall be made available to all members, the Parent County Football Association and the Football Association, on request.

6. Club Committee

- a. The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Welfare Officer and Secretary plus ordinary committee members. The committee will be elected at an Annual General Meeting, where only members of the Club will be eligible to vote on a one member one vote allocation and votes will only be valid if made personally at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting.
- c. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time.
- d. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club.
- e. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- f. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson or in their absence the Vice-Chairperson. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three, providing one of the members shall be the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

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- g. Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary. The Committee shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees as may from time to time be deemed necessary and shall receive reports of such sub-committees at its meetings.
- h. Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than 7 days' notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall meet at least once every six weeks.
- i. An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee, which arises between Annual General Meetings, shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.
- j. The committee shall have the power to fill or amend its constitution between Annual General Meetings. The Committee shall have the power to declare a seat vacant should a member be absent themselves from four consecutive meetings without an explanation deemed to be satisfactory.
- k. Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and the County Association to which the Club is affiliated, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

7. Annual General Meeting

- a. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in each year, no later than 30th July, to:
 - i. Receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year
 - ii. Receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year
 - iii. Elect the members of the Club Committee
 - iv. Consider any other business.
- b. Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the Meeting.
- c. Five members present with voting power shall form a quorum.

8. Special General Meeting

- a. A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by not less than five members stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an SGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.
- b. The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of a Special General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the Meeting.
- c. The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be four members present with voting rights.
- d. The Chairperson, or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the chair. Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.
- e. The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.

9. Club Teams

- a. At its first meeting following each AGM, the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team. The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to an AGM a report on the activities of the team.

10. Club Finances

- a. A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the Club Account). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

- b. The income and assets of the Club (the Club Property) shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- c. The Club Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- d. The Club shall prepare an annual Financial Statement in such form as shall be published by The Football Association from time to time.
- e. The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in not less than two and no more than four custodians, one of whom shall be the Treasurer (the Custodians), who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.
- f. The Custodians shall be appointed by the Club in a General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.
- g. On their removal or resignation a Custodian shall execute a Conveyance in such form as is published by The Football Association from time to time to a newly elected Custodian or the existing Custodians as directed by the Club Committee. On the death of a Custodian, any Club Property vested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving Custodians. If there is only one surviving Custodian, a Special General Meeting shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian.
- h. The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the Club Property for all expenses and other liabilities reasonably incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

11. Dissolution

- a. A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.
- b. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.
- c. Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to the parent Association who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game. Alternatively, such assets may be disposed of in such other manner as the members of the Club with the consent of the parent Association shall determine.

12. Ratification

The Club Constitution has been presented to and ratified by the North Riding County Football Association and it is accepted that this constitution forms the basis of how Copmanthorpe Football Club is to be governed by its committee.

Each committee member is obliged to agree to uphold the club constitution and a copy of this document that includes the signature of each club official shall be held by the Club Secretary for inspection by the Football Association, the various leagues and any funding bodies.

13. Declaration

As an elected member of the committee of Copmanthorpe Football Club I agree to uphold the club constitution and to act in accordance with the clauses contained therein. I accept that the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association Limited and parent County Association and any League or Competition to which the Club is affiliated for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Club Rules and that I shall abide by these rules and regulations. I am also committed to abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

Martin Brooks (Chairman)	
Vacant (Vice Chairman)	
Martin Brooks (Interim Treasurer)	
Jen Dungey (Welfare Officer)	
Nikki Walker (Welfare Officer)	
Angela Harford (Secretary)	
Emma Wasson (Facilities Officer)	
Alexis Travis (Membership Officer)	