

# WBA supporters Golf Society–OFFICIAL SOCIETY RULES

1)- The WBA supporters Golf Society has been formed to offer an alternative leisure activity for all who are in support of West Bromwich Albion Football Club, and also for social camaraderie.

2)- The Society has been registered and is affiliated to the E.G.U. (English Golf Union)

3)- Membership year & Societies accounting year is from 1st. July to 30th. June.

Members are recruited upon them completing in full the Societies official Membership Application Form, payment of the agreed membership fee, agreeing in full to the Societies Code of Conduct and legislation, and then being sanctioned by the Membership Secretary and the Secretary of the Society.

Applications may be rejected by the Membership Committee who reserve the right to veto any applicant who they deem unsuitable to become a member of our Society. There can be no appeal nor there have any further communication over this issue once the decision was made.

4)- Members are requested to behave at all times in a civil & dignified manner that is conducive to being a member of our Society. Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated; anyone found guilty of such behaviour or of improper conduct will be banned from the Society with immediate effect.

5)- The Society is managed by an elected committee comprising of a management committee: - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and Captain.

The remainder of the committee is made up of a support team of 3 additional members.

6)- Election onto the main management committee cannot be considered unless the member applicant has served a full\*\* 2 years as a general committee member. Likewise a recruited member cannot apply for a position on the general committee until he or she has been a Society member for\*\* 2 full years. \*\* This rule can only be contradicted or changed under the most extreme circumstances that are apparent at the time or by special concession & instruction from the Chairman.

7)- Each FULL MEMBER ONLY will have voting rights, casual or part members do not have voting rights. Votes can only be cast at the Societies Annual General Meeting. The Society Chairman will have the final casting vote if required.

8)- Any issues that any member may wish to raise, must, in the first instance, be made in writing to the Society Secretary. These issues may be presented at the Half Yearly General Meeting, and if the issues raised are considered to be of importance then they will be presented to the membership for voting purpose at the A.G.M.

9) HONARY MEMBERSHIP: Will be given to members who the management committee considers worthy in respect of commitment, dedication, goodwill, and who has shown diligence in establishing, and improving our Society to the benefit of all members both new & old, above the call of duty.

10)- MEMBERSHIP FEES: These are reviewed annually at the A.G.M. All new FULL members for the first year include Membership of the official WBA Supporters Club, also for the Societies embroidered Polo shirt. Thereafter the balance of all renewal fees are used to promote events and for purchase of tournament prizes etc. And general administration expenses. It is intended that at each year end, any surplus funds will be donated to a selected charity.

11)- EVENTS: It is planned to organise a minimum of 8 events per calendar year at various Golf Clubs throughout the UK, possibly more. We have a major Annual Tournament which is to be the Societies flag ship event entitled "THE CONCEPT CLASSIC" that includes the golf tournament followed in the evening by a special presentation dinner at which the major trophies are presented. The committee will endeavour to secure a personality, possibly associated with WBA football club, to attend to make the presentations. This is the event to which spouses, friends and non-players are particularly welcome.

It is important to note that Green Fees are payable for each tournament entered, the Events Co-ordinator will ensure the best possible rates are made available to our Society.

12)- DRESS CODE: It is a requirement that in any tournament organised by the Society that all members MUST wear the Societies polo shirt, those not doing so will have a fine imposed for each event they do not comply. Also only shirts with collar are allowed, no T-shirts, and no Jean or Denims are allowed. During summer months tailored shorts are allowed - but NOT Hawaiian style or brightly/heavily patterned shorts, or shorts with patch pockets.

13)- PLAYING RULES: Most golf clubs now insist on players having an official handicap. Our Society will be able to issue handicap certificates, please refer to the Society Secretary for further information.

14)- LOCAL RULES: All golf clubs have common local rules. It is important that members familiarise themselves with these rules BEFORE commencing play. These rules are usually printed on the Golf Clubs score cards.

15)- RULES OF COMPETITION: All official Society events are played under Stableford rules and points scoring system. ALL players will play off their FULL handicap. Winners of events will have their handicaps reduced by 10%. No player can win more than ONE trophy at each event.

16)- NEW RULING: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Any NEW member who has an official CONGU Handicap will be allowed to win from the first event they enter. However if they DO NOT have an official Handicap, they will play off 24 & will have to put in TWO cards before being allowed to win. Same applies to any GUEST player, if they have a official Handicap, they are allowed to win, if they DO NOT have Handicap, they may only be allowed to win the additional on course competitions (Longest Drive/Nearest Pin etc).

17)- NEW RULING FOR 2012. REFERALS An existing member who introduces a NEW MEMBER who actually signs & pays the required fees, AND enters at least ONE event, will be granted a £5 reduction for his/her self only in the next event entered. This will apply for each new member they introduce, based on one discount per event. Likewise if any existing member brings along a Guest to play an event, He/She will be allowed a £2 reduction in the entry fee for that respective event. We hope these new rules will give better values for ALL our members & Guests, who are always most welcome.