

North West Leicestershire Netball League

Constitution

1. TITLE

The League shall be called the North West Leicestershire Netball League, which may be abbreviated to NWLNL, hereafter to be referred to as the 'league'.

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- a. To promote the game of netball within the District of North West Leicestershire through the provision of leagues, tournaments participation and enjoyment.
- b. To organise a winter league and at least one tournament for the netball clubs in North West Leicestershire, working in partnership with Leicestershire Netball and North West Leicestershire District Council

3 EQUITY POLICY

The League adheres to all England Netball rules and regulations, policies and practices, with regard to duty of care, equity, code of conduct, health & safety and requires all affiliated clubs and individuals to do the same. The League respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, sex, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

4 MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- a. All member clubs shall be affiliated to England Netball, East Midlands, Leicestershire Netball and North West Leicestershire and shall be constituted within the rules laid down for properly constituted Associations in the general rules of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA).
- b. Any club may apply for membership to the League. Such application should be made to the Fixtures Secretary, by the date set by the League Committee, together with the appropriate fees.
- c. The League Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any application to the League.
- d. All EN affiliated clubs shall be entitled to one vote per team at the Annual General Meetings and any Extraordinary Meetings of the League. Membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the Committee for any offence considered contrary to the constitution.
- e. All players, coaches, officials and volunteers must be affiliated before taking part in any League or Tournament in Leicestershire.

5 MANAGEMENT/OFFICERS (COMMITTEE)

At the AGM the following Executive Officers will be elected:

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| 1. Chairperson | 5. Registration Secretary |
| 2. League Secretary | 6. Umpires Secretary |
| 3. Treasurer | 7. Fundraising Officer |
| 4. Fixtures Secretary | 8. Developmental Officer |

6 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Committee shall determine the Policy of the League and be responsible for its implementation.
- b. The Committee shall have powers to create Sub-Committees and co-opt members who are not members of the Committee to serve on the Sub-Committee, but the Chairperson of a Sub-Committee shall be a member of the Committee.
- c. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members in an advisory, non-voting capacity.
- d. A quorum of the Committee shall be 5 members.
- e. Voting at all meetings shall be by simple majority. Only the executive members are entitled to vote, not ordinary members. In the case of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- f. The League aims to have three general meetings a year, Pre-league, Mid-league and Post-league in addition to the AGM.
- g. All Clubs playing in the forthcoming season's league will be expected to send an affiliated representative A fine of £20 will be imposed on any club who doesn't send a representative.

7 FINANCE

- a. The funds of the league shall be kept in an account in the name of North West Leicestershire Netball League
- b. The financial year shall end on 31 May and a duly reviewed balance sheet shall be presented at the AGM
- c. All cheques shall be signed by two of the League Treasurer, Chair, Vice Chair
- d. League entry fees shall be decided by the Executive committee and reviewed annually

8 SUBSCRIPTIONS (MEMBERSHIP FEES)

- a. The Committee shall determine the level of annual subscriptions and match fees. This annual membership subscription will increase on a sliding scale if not paid by the stated date.
- b. The Committee shall have the power to exclude from membership any club who has not, without reasonable cause, paid its annual membership subscription and/or match fees by the prescribed date.

9 DISCIPLINE

Where the Committee is to consider administering penalties etc., written notice shall be given to teams or individuals involved. This will include details of the behaviour or matter which has caused the committee to meet.

10 COMPLAINTS/ APPEALS

Any complaint received in writing will be considered by a subcommittee of 3 members of the Executive, independent of the complainant, and a recommendation made to the next meeting of the Executive. Receipt of the complaint will be acknowledged within 7 days and a response will be made within 28 days

11 RESIGNATIONS (CLUBS MEMBERSHIP)

- a. A club intending to resign its membership shall give notice to the General Secretary, and the membership will terminate at the end of the current season, unless the member club is financially indebted to the League, in which case the acceptance may be withheld until the indebtedness has been met.
- b. A change of club name will not be considered a resignation. A club merely changing its name does not constitute a change in final league table positions and financial responsibility to the League.

12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. The Annual General Meeting shall be before the end of July each year.
- b. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given at least four weeks before the date of the meeting.
- c. Proposals for consideration, by the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Chairperson at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- d. All existing League Clubs must be represented at the meeting; if absent, they will be fined £20

13 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by a majority of the Committee.
- b. An Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the General Secretary within thirty days of receiving a requisition signed by at least 20% EN registered members, stating the business to be brought before such meeting. Fourteen days notice must be given to all fully paid up clubs stating the business to be dealt with, and this must remain the sole business of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

14 AMENDMENTS

No alterations, additions or amendments may be made to the constitution except by a specific resolution at the AGM or an EGM, when two thirds of the votes cast must be in favour. Proposals must be received in writing at least two weeks before the date of the meeting. Agreed changes may be phased in, as decided by the meeting

15 DISSOLUTION

- a. The League shall only be dissolved at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- b. In the event of the dissolution of the League, the Committee shall realise the assets and property of the League and call in all monies due to the League.
- c. After discharge of all debts and liabilities, any remaining surplus shall be given to such sporting organisations as agreed at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- d. The consent of the benefactor shall be sought before the disposal of any property or assets which have been donated or have come to the League as a result of Grant Aid.

16 INTERPRETATION

Any matter not covered by this constitution or any question of interpretation shall, unless the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting resolves otherwise, be referred and dealt with by the Committee, the decision will be binding.