

## South & West Dorset Netball League Constitution July 2022

1. The League shall be called *South & West Dorset Netball League*.
2. The League and respective teams/clubs will be affiliated to Netball Dorset of England Netball.

### 3. **Aims & Objectives**

The South & West Dorset Netball League strive to achieve the highest highest possible standards of playing, coaching & umpiring; both as an individual and for the League, whilst promoting good sportsmanship – “inspire” a generation.

- Promote netball and the League within the local community
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball
- Manage League fixtures
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the League
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment
- To maintain a current and reflective management of services

### 4. **Membership (League Players)**

- 4.1 The League shall consist of the Committee and the members.
- 4.2 Membership of the League shall be open, and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions to any person in the area prepared to accept and support the objectives of the League. No League member, participant, volunteer or official will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, marital status, social class, colour, race, ethnic origin, creed or disability, or will be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be relevant to their participation in the League.
- 4.3 In accepting membership, a person agrees to abide in the constitution of the League and the rulings of the Committee and England Netball. League rules take precedence.
- 4.4 Members may resign from membership at any time by giving notice to the League Secretary.

### 5. **Entry Fees**

- 5.1 The Committee may decide upon other charges or subscriptions at its discretion, in addition to the local affiliation costs.

## 6. Committee

- 6.1 The League will be managed through the Committee consisting of: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Umpiring Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Publicity Officer, Social Media Officer, Junior Development Officer, Senior Development Officer, County Representative, League Safeguarding Officers and any other relevant position. Appointments should not normally exceed 16 members and discouraged from assuming multiple roles. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the League Committee.
- 6.2 These officers shall hold for a period of 3 years, being elected annually at the Club AGM. All Officers are able to retire prior to end of term.
- 6.3 Any casual vacancy occurring may be filled by the Committee.
- 6.4 It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate record of the League's finances and present a statement at each meeting.
- 6.5 Meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the Secretary and the Committee shall meet as required but not less than 4 times a year.
- 6.6 The quorum for the transaction of business at Committee meetings shall be 6.
- 6.7 Every decision at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present and every voting member having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 6.8 The Committee shall be responsible for considering any application for membership and shall decide if this application should be accepted. The decision shall be in accordance with a non-discriminatory policy.
- 6.9 The Committee may delegate some or all of its powers and making to a sub-committee. Any sub-committee must act only in accordance within the authority delegated to it by the Committee.
- 6.10 The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the League but must inform teams (members), in writing, of changes before going into operation.
- 6.11 If a Committee member fails to attend a meeting three times consecutively, he/she will no longer be deemed a member, except in exceptional circumstances.

## 7. Finance

- 7.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of the League shall be applied to further the objects of the League and/or for select charity.
- 7.2 All League monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the League.
- 7.3 The League Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the League.
- 7.4 The financial year of the League will end on *30 June 2023*.
- 7.5 An **independent verifier will provide a** statement of annual accounts, which will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.6 Any cheques drawn against League funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.
- 7.7 Fines will be invoiced immediately by the Committee Treasurer on behalf of the League.

## 8. Annual General Meeting and other Meetings

- 8.1 Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the League Secretary. Not less than 28 clear days' notice to be given to all members. To be held as near to end of the summer season as possible.
- 8.2 Non-attendance by a team (not club) at an Annual General Meeting will be fined £20.00.
- 8.3 The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.
- 8.4 Nominations for officers of the Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- 8.5 Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.
- 8.6 All members shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the League and shall have equal voting rights.
- 8.7 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than 15 members. The Committee shall have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of its members. The EGM should be held within 21 days of receipt of a valid requisition.

## **9. Voting Procedures**

- 9.1 Each member shall be entitled to one vote.
- 9.2 A motion shall be carried by a single majority of those present and voting.
- 9.3 The Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

## **10. Property and Staff**

- 10.1 Responsibility for all property owned by the League and for the employment of any paid staff and volunteers rests with the Committee.

## **11. Discipline and Appeals**

- 11.1 The Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member/team/club and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be a detriment to the League.
- 11.2 There shall be the right of appeal to the Committee, against any decision made by an officer of the League.
- 11.3 The appeal shall normally be considered within 14 days of it being received by the Secretary.

## **12. Dissolution Procedures**

- 12.1 A resolution to dissolve the League can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- 12.2 In the event of dissolution, any assets of the League that remain will become the property of England Netball *or some other league/club with similar objectives to those of the League.* .

## **13. Review of the Constitution**

- 13.1 The constitution shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.
- 13.2 The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.
- 13.3 Additions to, or alterations of the constitution shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than 21 days before the date of the AGM or EGM, or with a request for a special meeting of League members. No resolution involving an amendment to the constitution may be proposed or amended from the floor of a meeting.

- 13.4 In the event of a proposal for amending the constitution being submitted, the Secretary shall inform the membership of the proposed motion not less than 14 days before the AGM.
- 13.5 Any alteration to the constitution shall require majority of members present and voting.
- 13.6 In the event of any question or matter arising, which is not provided in the constitution, shall be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

#### 14. Declaration

South & West Dorset Netball League hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....

Name: ..... League Chair

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....

Name: ..... League Secretary



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