

City of Ely Netball Club Constitution

Dated 05 May 2017

1. Name

- 1.1.** The club will be called CITY OF ELY NETBALL CLUB.
- 1.2.** The club will be affiliated to the Cambridgeshire County Netball Association and compete in the Cambridge County League (CCL), the Cambridge and District Netball League (CDNL), and other leagues, as appropriate, which are part of England Netball (EN).

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1.** The club will promote netball within the local community. It will provide opportunities for playing competitive netball, coaching and umpiring. The club will ensure that each member is treated in a fair and equal manner.

3. Membership

- 3.1.** Membership will consist of the officers and members of the club.
- 3.2.** Membership will be open, and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race or political, religious or other opinions, to any person in the area prepared to accept and support the objectives of the club.
- 3.3.** All members are subject to the regulations of the Constitution and deemed to accept any rules and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.
- 3.4.** Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:
 - ☐ Adult member (aged 18 and above)
 - ☐ Student member (aged 16 and 17)
 - ☐ Junior member (school years 7 to 11). Junior members aged 11 may be accepted to the club at the discretion of the committee.
- 3.5.** Student and Adult members will constitute the Senior Club, and will train and play competitive matches together. Junior members will train and play competitive matches independently of the Senior Club. Junior members may train at senior sessions and play matches by invitation and only if 2 suitable security checked persons are present.

4. Membership Fees

- 4.1.** Membership fees for each membership category will be set annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Members will pay fees promptly within the reasonable timescale specified, when requested. If unpaid, without agreement, a player is deemed not to be a member of the club and cannot play matches.
- 4.2.** Officers may normally agree a reduction in membership fees for particular cases of individual hardship presented to them by members.
- 4.3.** The contribution made to the club by volunteers is recognised and valued. It is understood that these people give their time willingly and freely and membership fees still apply.
- 4.4.** Other charges or subscriptions may be requested by the Committee at its discretion.

5. Officers of the club

- 5.1.** The officers of the club known as the Committee will be: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior -Coordinator, Safeguarding Officer and Captain(s). Only adult members of the club will be eligible to become club officers.
- 5.2.** The Chair, Secretary, Affiliations Secretary, Social Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually at the AGM. They will retire each year but be eligible for reappointment.
- 5.3.** Individual team Captain(s) and Vice Captains will be elected by their respective team(s) after the team composition has been determined prior to the start of the season. They will retire at the end of each season but be eligible for reappointment.
- 5.4.** Any casual vacancy occurring can be filled by any member on approach to the Committee.

6. Committee

- 6.1.** The club will be managed by the Committee which will act for the members. Liabilities incurred will fall upon the membership (provided that the Committee act in accordance with the Constitution, in honesty and good faith).
- 6.2.** The Committee will meet as required but not less than four times a year. The Quorum for business to be agreed will be four. Every Committee decision shall be determined by a majority of the vote of the members present with each member having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting will have a casting vote.
- 6.3.** The Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees to carry out its business as necessary.
- 6.4.** The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- 6.5.** The Committee will be responsible for appropriate disciplinary action against any member who infringes club rules / codes of conduct / regulations / Constitution. They may terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be detrimental to the club.

7. Finance

- 7.1.** All club monies will be used to further the aims and objectives of the club and will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. Any cheque drawn on this account will be signed by at least 2 permanent committee members
- 7.2.** The club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. Proper accounts will be kept and presented at the AGM.
- 7.3.** The financial year of the club will end on 30 April each year.

8. Annual General Meeting and Other Meetings

- 8.1.** The AGM will be held every year, normally during May, when the annual report of the Committee and the audited statement of accounts up to the end of the financial year will be presented. At least 7 days' notice will be given of the date / place of the AGM.
- 8.2.** Officers will be elected at the AGM as detailed in clause 5.2. Nominations will be accepted in advance or from the floor of the meeting.

- 8.3.** All adult and student members have the right to vote at the AGM. The Quorum for AGM's will be seven. A simple majority of those present and voting will carry a motion. The Chair will have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative one.
- 8.4.** The Committee can call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) outside the AGM by the decision of a simple majority of its members. Any EGM will be held within 21 days of request.

9. Dissolution

- 9.1.** A resolution to dissolve the club or to amalgamate with another club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the members.
- 9.2.** Following discharge of all debts and liabilities, any club assets will be distributed to clubs in the local community having similar objectives.

10. Review of the Constitution

- 10.1.** The Constitution will be reviewed annually at the AGM.
- 10.2.** Any question arising, which is not covered in the Constitution, will be dealt with by the Committee whose decision is final.

Declaration

CITY OF ELY NETBALL CLUB adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the action of members.

Dated: 05 May 2017

See attachment for Officers signatures / year.

Revisions:

Version date	Summary of amendment and rationale
17 Mar 2011	Adoption of Constitution, original version.
05 April 2011	Change of club name to City of Ely Netball Club.
21 August 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of membership to allow student and junior members, and associated changes to voting rights. <input type="checkbox"/> Addition to the committee of Coaching Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Change to the method of election of team Captain(s)
07 July 2013	Removal of the Coaching Secretary as a member of the committee.
05 October 2014	Addition of Social Secretary to committee Any 2 permanent committee member may sign cheque Amendment to junior members attending senior training sessions

30 April 2015	Addition of Safeguarding Office to the committee Comment added about volunteers and membership fees
05 May 2016	Junior members can play matches Fees must be paid in order for a person to be a member of the club Addition of Junior Rep to the committee Addition of role of Affiliations Secretary and Vice Captains
05 May 2017	Junior Rep renamed Junior Coordinator