

Rivington Netball Clubs Constitution

Amended: 2017

1. TITLE:

The Club shall be called Rivington Netball Club (R.N.C.) and will be affiliated to the England Netball.

2. AIM:

2.1 The aim of the Club is to provide opportunities for young people and adults to take part in netball at an appropriate standard in a safe environment. RNC aims to provide high quality coaching by qualified coaches.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

3.1 Open to all by completion of member ship form and code of conduct forms and paying the relevant affiliation fees for the governing body and membership fees of the club which are assessed annually.

3.2 There shall be a minimum age limit of 14 years to play in senior leagues.

3.3 All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution, and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the Club has adopted.

4. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB:

4.1 The business of the club shall be managed by a committee of officers of the Club, which will consist of: Chairperson, Vice chairman, Secretary, Treasurer/affiliations/registration officer, club safeguarding officer, Volunteer coordinator, junior representative, senior representative, fund raising officer.

4.2 All officers shall be elected at the AGM and serve a term of 2 years. In the event of a vacant position, the position can be passed at an ordinary committee meeting. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt such members as they deem necessary to appoint.

4.3 A simple majority vote shall be required to pass a resolution. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

5. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB:

5.1 The Club will be managed through the committee, consisting of the above positions.

5.2 The Committee shall have the right to form sub committees to address particular issues or areas for development.

5.2 The Committee will adopt England Netballs 'Duty of Care' guidelines.

6. MEETINGS:

6.1 The AGM of the Club shall be held once every calendar year on a date fixed by the Committee. Notice shall be sent to every member not less than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting. Exclusive of the Committee, any member is entitled to attend the AGM and has the power to vote. A quorum shall be one quarter of the total members.

6.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened at any time upon receiving a requisition in writing from two or more members. Each requisition shall state the purpose for why such meeting is required, and shall set out any resolution to which it is desired to propose thereat.

The meeting shall be held within 28 days of receipt of the requisition by the Secretary. Fourteen days notice of the meeting and of all resolutions to be proposed thereat shall be given to every member. No business shall be transacted at such meeting other than that specified in the notice.

6.4 Committee meetings shall be held 4 times per year unless an emergency issue occurs where a meeting will be convened at the earliest opportunity. Committee meetings are open to any member of the Club to attend.

7. FINANCE:

7.1 R.N.C. shall hold a cheque book that requires 2 signatures. Committee members to become authorised signatories

7.2 Annual Membership Fees, due in August of each year or upon training with the club for a period of a month this will cover England Netball Affiliation Fees and a Club Fee as agreed at the AGM, any change in fees will be reviewed at committee meetings.

7.3 Match and training fees shall be reviewed at the committee meetings. Match fees will be paid at each match.

7.4 Fees can be adjusted as deemed necessary by the Committee.

8. **MISCONDUCT, DISCIPLINE & APPEALS**:

8.1 The committee shall have the power to discipline in such a manner as the committee sees fit any member who has been guilty of conduct considered by the committee to be unacceptable, disgraceful or prejudicial to the interest of the club or the game of netball.

8.2 All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Club.

8.3 On receiving a complaint the committee will select 3 of its member to act as investigator and disciplinary panel. The panel will investigate the complaint fully and have the powers to decide to: do nothing, suspend a member, termination of membership, impose a monetary fine or refer to England Netball disciplinary procedures. In matters of child protection the panel will seek where appropriate the guidance from the independent safeguarding authority.

8.4 The above panel will meet to acknowledge and investigate the complaint within 14 days of a complaint being lodged.

8.5 The outcome of the meeting should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made, within 14 days of the meeting with any actions required.

8.6 If the complaint is upheld, the member can appeal in writing to the Officers of the Club within 14 days, where a panel of 3 committee members different from the original investigatory panel, will form to review all the facts and recommendations or sanctions and make a decision as to whether to up hold the original recommendation or to put in place other actions.

12. DISSOLUTION:

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through the majority vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution, any assets or surplus funds of the Club that remain will be applied to a sports organisation with similar objectives.

13. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:

No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting and when three quarters of the votes cast are in favour.

Print Name & Position: _____

Signature & Date: _____

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