LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN NETBALL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME & LOGO

The League shall be called Loughborough Town Netball League otherwise known and referred to as the “League”

The League will use the following logo as approved by the Committee.

2 OBJECTIVES

To develop and promote the sport of netball for all levels of ability by means of a League and Cup/ Plate competition, coaching, participation and enjoyment.

The League and its members are committed to treating everyone equally and with respect, it shall not discriminate in any way against any other member and will act in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

3 VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

The League will follow its vision statement and values, it will support and endorse England Netball’s vision, mission, and strategic goals.

4. AFFLIATION

The clubs shall be affiliated to England Netball (EN) and shall be constituted within the rules laid down for properly constituted Associations and in the general rules of the International Federation of Netball Associations (IFNA).

5. MEMBERSHIP

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.

LTNL is a female adult league for players aged 16 or above. The League Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any application to the League.

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.

All players, coaches, officials and volunteers must be affiliated to EN before taking part in any League or Tournament in Leicestershire.

6. FINANCE

The Treasurer, via the Committee, shall control the finances of the League and these shall be solely for the furtherance of the aims and objectives as stated in Article 2 of this constitution.

All income shall be banked and all expenditure shall be made from the League bank/building society account.

The financial year shall be from one Annual General Meeting to the next and an annual statement of accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting, having been independently audited by person(s) appointed and approved by the Committee.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER FEES

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.

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.

Each Member shall pay their annual membership fees direct to England Netball.

8. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

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.

9. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

The League adopts England Netball current policy in relation to Anti-Doping which is the WADA Code and UK Anti-Doping Rules. England Netball | Anti-Doping

10. SAFEGUARDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN NETBALL POLICY

The League adopts England Netball's current Safeguarding Young People in Netball Policy. https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/governance/safeguarding/safeguarding-policies/

11. DATA PROTECTION

The League adopts England Netball current policy in relation to Data Protection. England Netball | GDPR Resources

12. ANTI-BULLYING & HARASSMENT POLICY

The League adopts England Netball current policy in relation to Anti-Bullying and Harassment. Anti-Bullying-and-Harrassment-Policy.pdf (d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net)

13. SOCIAL MEDIA

The League adopts England Netball current policy in relation to Social Media Policy and guidance for under 16s. Policy-Social-Media-Feb-24.pdf

14. COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

Any complaint or appeal should be submitted to the Committee in writing within 21 days of the matter. The League will be guided by the EN and Leicestershire County Netball Association (LCNA) code of conduct.

15. EQUITY POLICY

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.

16. RESIGNATIONS

A club intending to resign its membership shall give notice to the Chair, 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.

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.

17. STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE

The composition of the committee shall be:

1. Chair
2. General Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Fixture Secretary
5. Registration Secretary
6. Umpire Secretary
7. Minute Secretary
8. Leicester Liaison Officer
9. Compliance Officer
10. Web Master
11. Social Media Officer
12. Maximum of 7 Ordinary Members

18. COMMITTEE RESPONSABILITIES

The committee has the following roles and responsibilities:

Make key decisions relating to strategy, policy, finance and business management so that the League objectives can be achieved.

Determine the Policy of the League and be responsible for its implementation in a safe, equitable and inclusive manner.

Set the League values and standards, protecting the future of the League and ensuring it operates in a compliant and ethical way.

Adopt those rules, regulations, policies and resolutions of England Netball as applicable to members of England Netball.

Have powers to create Sub-Committees and co-opt members who are not members of the Committee to serve on the Subcommittee, but the Chair of a Sub-Committee shall be a member of the Committee.

Have the power to co-opt members in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

A quorum of the Committee shall be 5 members.

Voting at all meetings shall be by simple majority. In the case of equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote

19. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually on a date to be determined by the Committee and held before the end of July each year.

The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed and reported at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting by the Committee.

Proposals for consideration, by the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Chair at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

There must be 5 members present who are entitled to vote to form a quorum.

To consider any proposed resolution submitted in writing to the Chair not less than 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, which has been proposed by one Member and seconded by another Member.

20. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary Meeting may be called by a majority of the committee.

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.

21. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution shall only be made at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and then only by a majority two thirds of the voting members present.

Notice of such proposals must be sent to the General Secretary at least thirty days prior to any General Meeting and the proposal shall be set out on the notice concerning such a meeting.

22. DISSOLUTION

The League shall only be dissolved at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

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.

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.

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

23. 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.