

Devizes Netball Club

Constitution

1.) Name

The club shall be called Devizes Netball Club (hereinafter called the club).

2.) Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to the Wiltshire County of the All England Netball Association Limited.

3.) Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club shall be:-

- a) to offer coaching, training, umpiring and competitive opportunities in Netball.
- b) to promote the Club within the local community and Netball.
- c) to ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club
- d) to ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

4.) Equity Policy

The Club will ensure that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

5.) Membership

- a) Membership shall consist of Officers and members of the Club.
- b) 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.
- c) Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:-
 - Senior Member
 - Student Member (in full time education)
 - Junior member (under 14, pay as you play)
- d) Junior members shall be given the same playing and voting rights within the Club as held by other members.
- e) All members may resign from membership at any time.

6.) Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually by the Executive Committee or determined at the AGM.

Fees will be paid in full wherever possible at the beginning of each term.

Affiliation fees to be paid by the end of September each year.

7.) Club Officers

Club officers shall be:-

- *Chairperson
- *Vice Chairperson
- *Secretary
- *Treasurer
- *Social Secretary
- *Kit Officer
- *Junior Club Officer
- *Under 18 Officer
- *Welfare Officer
- *Umpiring Secretary

*Plus co-opted Team Captains

*Team Selection Committee (club coach, 2 selectors – nominated by the committee and 1 selector from outside the Club.)
All serving officers shall hold office for a period of 12 months, being elected annually at the Club AGM.
All officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.
The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall decide on how the Club shall be run.

8.) Finance

All Club monies shall be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
The Club Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Club.
The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st May.
Proper accounts shall be kept of all sums of money received and paid out by the Club.
An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.
Any cheques drawn against Club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus one other officer.

9.) Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Club shall be held every year at the end of the season and shall be open to all members.
Notice of the AGM will be given by the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date.
Elections of officers will take place at the AGM.
All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
Voting shall be one vote per member.
The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of the Club membership, including at least one representative from each team.

10.) Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary.
The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged.
The outcome will be notified to complainant and the member whom the complaint was lodged against.
There will be the right to appeal.

11.) Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Club that remain shall become the property of the County Netball Association.

12.) Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution shall only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

Effective date 13th July 2008

Signature Date.....

Name

Signature Date.....

Name