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Phoenix Netball Club Constitution

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a) General- for the purpose of this Constitution.

Affiliated club- means our club Phoenix Netball Club



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Annual Report- means the report that is divulged to our members and associated persons when requested.

Association- is the organisation which Phoenix Netball plays within.

Chairperson- is the person who chairs meetings.

Club delegate- is the person(s) who represent the club at association meetings.

Council- is the groupings of club officials who form the council that is required by Lismore Netball Association.

Executive committee- Refers to the governing body Lismore Netball committee members.

Fundraising Officer- means the nominated or elected person in Phoenix Netball.

Netball NSW- means the controlling body for Netball in NSW.

President- is the nominated or elected person of Phoenix Netball Club.

Registered member- means any financial member of Phoenix Netball.

Secretary- is the nominated or elected person of Phoenix Netball Club.

Sponsorship Officer- means the nominated or elected person in Phoenix Netball club.

Treasurer- is the nominated or elected person of Phoenix Netball Club.

Vice President- is the nominated or elected person of Phoenix Netball club.

b) Type of Organisation.



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- Phoenix Netball Club, established in 2019, is a community sporting club offering a fresh perspective within the Lismore & District Netball Association. The club's structure includes roles such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Officer, and Sponsorship Officer, along with junior committee members and general advisers.

c) Colours of Uniform.

- The Phoenix Netball Club uniform is teal with black trim and features seven coloured squiggly lines, each representing a founding family.

d) Club Location.

- Phoenix Netball, based in Goonellabah NSW, competes in the Lismore & District Netball Association.

e) Objectives.

The objectives of Phoenix Netball are:

- 1) To further the interests of our members and promote and control the game of netball within the boundaries of our governing body Lismore & District Netball Association.



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- 2) To promote, regulate and control our members in matches between affiliated clubs, in carnivals and any other games that require support.
- 3) To affiliate with Lismore & District Netball Association with support from Netball NSW.
- 4) To adopt and adhere to Lismore & District constitution and their many policies and within the compounds of Netball NSW.

f) Code of Conduct.

- Players will receive the Phoenix Netball Club code of conduct at the start of each season, which must be signed and followed. Violations—such as skipping training, being absent without notice, or acting inappropriately—will result in club sanctions.
- Players, volunteers, coaches, and umpires must respect everyone on and off the court.
- Take responsibility for actions and choices.
- Play fair and follow rules.
- Act with integrity, honesty, and kindness.
- Ensure safety for yourself and others.

g) Umpiring and Coaching Expectations.

- Ensure umpires and coaches are prepared.
- Plan training sessions.
- Meet all teams, including playing teams and team white.



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- Confirm goals.
- Arrive early on game day; encourage and maintain positivity.
- Manage team rotations and provide care between games.
- Respond promptly to communications; promote open, honest dialogue, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct on and off the court.

h) Affiliation with Lismore & District Netball Association

- Phoenix Netball Club and its members will be affiliated with the Lismore & District Netball Association, upholding values of respect and transparency to maintain a trusted and respected partnership.

i) Affiliation with Netball NSW

- Phoenix Netball will affiliate with Netball NSW in matters that cannot be effectively or equitably resolved through the Lismore & District Netball Association, seeking guidance and direction as necessary.

j) Membership

- The Lismore & District Netball Association oversees our membership, and all registered members must follow its constitution and policies.
- Phoenix membership covers upfront umpiring fees for around 17 games each season (2 trial and 15 competition matches).



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- Phoenix Netball Club pays all association fees for finals and grand finals.
- Members are eligible to vote through our platform and have a voice in club decisions.
- Membership with Phoenix Netball and Lismore Netball Association ends if a person dies or is expelled under the member protection policy.
- Phoenix Netball may reject membership applications without explanation.
- All registered members will be financial members between 1st of January and 31st of December of the year in relation to which membership is paid.
- A registered member ceases to be financial if they fail to renew their membership or fail to pay money they owe to club from previous seasons.
- The annual membership fee will be justified once the association fees are ratified at their AGM in December by vote.

k) Register of members

- Phoenix club members will register themselves through the PlayHQ platform using their own app, after which the club will assign players to teams and register each team with the association during the scheduled registration period before the season begins.

l) Members Liability.



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- Members' liability for association or club debts is limited to any unpaid membership fees.
- Phoenix Netball will keep all club financials available for members' review at any time.

m) Affiliation of club with association

- To affiliate with the association, Phoenix Netball Club must have at least one team of registered Netball NSW members and pay an annual fee set by the council, based on the number of teams in the club.

n) Club delegates

- Phoenix Netball may nominate two registered club members as delegates to the association council.
- The club secretary must inform the association secretary of delegate names and addresses at least 7 days before the first council meeting each year.
- The club can replace a delegate for any council meeting by notifying the secretary in writing at least 24 hours prior.
- A delegate who misses three consecutive meetings is considered unreliable and must be replaced.
- If no Phoenix delegate attends a council meeting, the club accepts all decisions made but can request explanations in exceptional circumstances.



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- At meetings, delegates must sign the attendance book and declare their club; they cannot represent another club without formal instructions.
- Delegates must be senior club members familiar with netball issues.

o) Meetings.

- The club will hold monthly meetings aligned with association meetings to review agendas and discuss solutions for Phoenix Netball.
- The President will chair the meetings, the Secretary will record minutes, and the Treasurer will provide a report. All committee members are expected to participate.
- The Secretary must distribute meeting minutes within 7 days, and committee members should promptly complete assigned tasks.

p) Annual meeting.

- Given the size of the committee, all positions are typically filled each year by current members unless a member chooses to vacate their role, at which point the position is declared vacant and will be advertised exclusively to our members. During the year, committee members may nominate individuals from within our organization to join the committee; however, nominees must adhere to Phoenix Netball guidelines and align with the club's standards, ensuring



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they act without personal agendas or actions that might bring the club into disrepute.

q) Canteen duty

- The club is assigned duties each season by the association tournament director.
- Phoenix Netball must provide 4 members aged 14+ at every scheduled slot or during the start and end of play.
- The canteen crew must follow rules from the tournament director and instructions from the canteen supervisor.
- The canteen crew must meet all hygiene standards and food handling guidelines.

r) Social events

Phoenix netball should join all association events such as crazy hair day, pink day, and mental health round to support members. The club also needs to include members in social activities like trivia night, Easter hunt, tutu and tiara training sessions, and any event that lets players express themselves.

s) Policies

Phoenix Netball reserves the right to establish and enforce relevant policies necessary for the effective administration of netball activities



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within the organisation. Such policies include, but are not limited to, the Code of Conduct, social media Policy, and General Behaviour Policy.

t) Effect of, and altering this constitution

Effect of Constitution

- This constitution acts as a contract between:
- Lismore & District Netball Association and its affiliated clubs,
- each individual player,
- members with one another,
- and sets out that all members agree to accept and follow its provisions as applicable.

Altering Constitution

- This Constitution can be amended by a special resolution with 75% approval at the December meeting, provided 21 days' notice is given specifying the proposed change.
- Any changes may be updated on our website and reported to Lismore & District Association if needed.

u) Dissolution of Phoenix Netball Club

Phoenix Netball can only be dissolved by a special resolution, which requires at least a 75% majority vote at a specially convened meeting with a minimum of 21 days' written notice stating the purpose. Dissolution may



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take place if there are no members willing to manage the club and no suitable leader is available. If the club is dissolved, any remaining funds in the club account will be returned to the sponsors, or partially to players if a substantial amount remains. All equipment will be made available to members, and any additional items will be distributed either to the association or donated to a local school on behalf of Phoenix.