

ACADEMY NETBALL CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called Academy Netball Club.
2. The Club will be affiliated to Berkshire of the All England Netball Association Ltd.
3. **Aims & Objectives**

Academy Netball Club (ANC) is a competitive, fun, inclusive and supportive club for all ages and abilities in the Newbury area. We aim to develop every player to achieve their full potential, with a focus on wellbeing and fostering a lifelong love of netball.

The aims and objectives of the club shall be to:

- Promote netball and the club within the local community
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball
- Manage training sessions
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The Club shall consist of the officers and the members.
- 4.2 Membership of the Club shall be open, and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions to any person in the area prepared to accept and support the objectives of the Club. No club member, participant, volunteer or official will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, marital status, social class, colour, race, ethnic origin, creed or disability, or will be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be relevant to their participation in the Club.
- 4.3 In accepting membership a person agrees to abide in the constitution of the Club and the rulings of the Club Executive Committee.
- 4.4 Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:
 - Full member
 - Junior member
- 4.5 Members may resign from membership at any time by giving notice to the Club Secretary.

5. Membership Fees

- 5.1 Membership fees shall be stipulated by the Club Committee, taking members' personal circumstances with regard to employment and education into account.
- 5.2 Fees will be paid annually, in two instalments (Sept and Jan).
- 5.3 The Club Committee may decide upon other charges or subscriptions at its discretion.

6. Officers

- 6.1 The officers of the Club shall be: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Representative (this person must be U18), Club Safeguarding Officer and any other relevant position.
- 6.2 These officers shall hold for a period of 12 months, being elected annually at the Club AGM. All Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-appointments.
- 6.3 Any casual vacancy occurring may be filled by the Committee.

7. Committee

- 7.1 The club will be managed through the Committee consisting of the following roles: Chairs, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Club Captain, Kit manager, Umpire secretary, Social media secretary, Social secretary, Safeguarding officer, Fundraising officer, Junior rep and General rep. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Club Committee.
- 7.2 Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Secretary and the Committee shall meet as required but not less than 4 times a year.
- 7.3 Meetings will be in-person, not hybrid or online, unless in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.4 Committee members are expected to attend at least 50% of meetings during the year.
- 7.5 The quorum for the transaction of business at Committee meetings shall be 6.
- 7.6 Every decision at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present and every voting member having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 7.7 The Club Captain shall be responsible for considering any application for membership and shall decide if this application should be accepted. The decision shall be made in a non-discriminatory manner.
- 7.8 The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the Club, driving a positive club culture and ensuring the Club is making progress towards its vision and objectives.

8. Finance

- 8.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of the club shall be applied to further the objects of the Club and for no other purpose.
- 8.2 All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
- 8.3 The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club.
- 8.4 The financial year of the club will end on 31 March.
- 8.5 An statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

- 8.6 Any cheques drawn against Club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.

9. Annual General Meeting and other Meetings

- 9.1 Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 28 clear days' notice to be given to all members.
- 9.2 The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Committee and a statement of the accounts.
- 9.3 Nominations for officers of the Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- 9.4 Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.
- 9.5 All members shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the Club and shall have equal voting rights.
- 9.6 The quorum for general meetings shall be 15% members present and eligible to vote.
- 9.7 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than 15 members. The Committee shall have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of its members. The EGM should be held within 21 days of receipt of a valid requisition.

10. Voting Procedures

- 10.1 Each member shall be entitled to one vote.
- 10.2 A motion shall be carried by a single majority of those present and voting, except when the motion is a constitutional amendment which shall require a two-thirds majority.
- 10.3 The Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

11. Property

- 11.1 Responsibility for all property owned by the Club rests with the Committee.

12. Discipline and Appeals

- 12.1 The Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be a detriment to the Club.
- 12.2 There shall be the right of appeal to the Committee, against any decision made by an officer of the Club.
- 12.3 The appeal shall normally be considered within 14 days of it being received by the Secretary.

13. Dissolution Procedures

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- 13.1 A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- 13.2 In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of England Netball or Newbury Netball League.

14. Review of the Constitution

- 14.1 The constitution shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.
- 14.2 The constitution will only be changed through agreement at an AGM or EGM. Any alteration to the constitution shall require two-thirds majority of members present and voting.
- 14.3 In the event of any question or matter arising, which is not provided in the constitution, shall be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Declaration

Academy Netball Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.