



CCNC CLUB CONSTITUTION 2025–26

1. Name of Club

The Club shall be called ****Cowick Cats Netball Club (CCNC)****.

2. Affiliation

CCNC shall be affiliated to ****England Netball**** and any relevant local leagues and county associations.

3. Aims and Objectives

- Promote and encourage participation in netball for all ages and abilities.
- Provide coaching, competitive and recreational netball opportunities.
- Create a supportive, inclusive, and safe environment for adults and children.
- Uphold the values, policies, and safeguarding standards of England Netball.
- Support member development through qualifications, volunteering, and leadership.

4. Membership

- Open to all, regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnicity, religion, or background.
- Membership categories:
 - Junior Member (Under 18)
 - Senior Member (18+)

- Coach / Volunteer / Official
- Parent Supporter
- **All members must:**
- Complete a registration form and health declaration.
- Agree to the Code of Conduct.
- Pay annual fees (inclusive of insurance and England Netball affiliation).

***Failure to pay membership fees or complete necessary membership forms at the beginning of each season will result in the revocation of the right to play or be a member of the club.**

5. Club Management Committee

5.1 Structure

The club shall be managed by a voluntary ****Management Committee**** comprising:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson (optional)
- Club Secretary
- Treasurer
- Safeguarding and Welfare Officer
- Junior Coordinator
- Fixtures Secretary
- Coaching Coordinator
- Umpiring Coordinator
- Social Media and Comms Officer
- Fundraising Officer

- General Committee Members (as needed)

5.2 Election and Terms

- Elected annually at the AGM.
- Minimum age for committee members: 18.
- Officers can be re-elected annually.

5.3 Meetings

- Committee meetings held at least quarterly.
- Quorum = 4 officers, including at least one of Chair/Secretary/Treasurer.

6. Safeguarding and Welfare

- Adheres to England Netball's Safeguarding Policy.
- Named Club Welfare Officer responsible for child and adult safeguarding.
- DBS checks required for all relevant roles.
- All junior activities supervised by qualified, trained, and responsible adults.

7. Code of Conduct

All members agree to:

- Respect all participants, coaches, and officials.
- Uphold fair play and inclusivity.
- Refrain from abusive, threatening, or discriminatory behaviour.
- Comply with club policies and England Netball regulations.

8. Training and Competition

- Regular weekly training for junior and senior squads.
- Participation in local leagues and regional tournaments.
- Clear player selection policy based on attendance, attitude, and ability.
- Qualified coaches assigned to each group.

9. Finance

- Managed by the Treasurer and overseen by the Committee.
- Club bank account in the name of CCNC.
- Dual signatories for transactions.
- Annual financial statement presented at the AGM.
- Funds used solely for club purposes and reinvestment in development.

10. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Held annually (preferably between May–July).
- All members (or guardians of juniors) invited.
- AGM agenda includes:
 - Chair's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Election of Officers
 - Review of Constitution (if needed)

11. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

- Called by the Chair or at least 25% of the club's membership.
- Decisions require a simple majority.

12. Disciplinary Procedures

- Managed confidentially by a Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
- Members may be warned, suspended, or expelled for serious breaches of conduct or safety.
- Decisions of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee are final.

13. Equity and Inclusion

- Committed to equality of opportunity.
- Zero tolerance for discrimination, harassment, or bullying.
- Inclusive coaching and participation for players with disabilities and diverse backgrounds.

14. Dissolution

- In the event of club closure, remaining funds and equipment shall be transferred to a local netball or youth sports organisation, as agreed at an EGM.

15. Club Branding and Identity

- Official club name: Cowick Cats Netball Club (CCNC)
- Logos:

- Black cat silhouette used across four styles (red, grey, black or clear backgrounds).
- Official branding on all kits, flyers, and communications.
- Members must wear official club kit for matches.

16. Policy Adoption

This constitution was adopted on dated **[INSERT DATE]** and will be reviewed annually.

Signed:

Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Safe Guarding Officer: _____ Date: _____