



## **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.
- If a session is cancelled on the advice of our safe-guarding officer eg extreme weather, unsafe playing surface. The session will not be rescheduled or reimbursed.
- A month's written notice must be given and sent to the club secretary's email by members wishing to cancel their membership. No refund will be given for the month this occurs within.

## **10. Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- Held annually (preferably between May–July).
- 14 days' notice given prior to date

- All members (or guardians of juniors) are 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. Equality 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, the 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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and will be reviewed annually.

### Signed:

Chairperson: Nicola Stewart \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ 17.07.25 \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Kerry Wills \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_ 17.07.25 \_\_\_\_\_

Safeguarding Officer: Janko Kingdom \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ 17.07.25 \_\_\_\_\_