

CONSTITUTION

- 1. THE TITLE** The LEAGUE shall be called
THE GREATER MANCHESTER JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

2. THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The League is established to:

- 2.1 Promote and develop the game of Netball for Junior Netball Clubs and the Junior sections of Netball Clubs in Greater Manchester
- 2.2 Promote competition
- 2.3 Encourage a competitive spirit within a structured framework
- 2.4 Promote a wide participation
- 2.5 Ensure Duty of Care and Equal Opportunity

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of the League shall be a Junior Club or the junior section of a Netball Club with an unlimited number but at least seven players for every team in every age group entered in the League
- 3.2 All clubs shall be affiliated to England Netball Ltd. either directly as members of a Netball Club, or as a Junior Netball Club paying their own insurance.
- 3.3 For the purpose of registration the number of TEAMS shall be limited in any one season by the number of courts available for the organisation of matches

4. RULES OF THE GAME

The rules of the game shall be the current rules of the International Federation of Netball Associations and the current England Netball rules for High Five.

5. OFFICERS

- 5.1 The Management Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Results Secretary and Child Protection Officer
 - 5.1.1 The President and Vice President are conferred for as long as the member is willing to stand.
 - 5.1.2 The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected for a term of two years. The Vice Chairperson automatically takes up the position of the Chairperson at the end of the Chairpersons two years and a new Vice Chairperson is elected.
 - 5.1.3 All other officers shall be elected at an Annual General meeting. They are eligible for re-election and do not require re-nomination.
 - 5.1.4 Nomination for officers must be submitted in writing to the secretary proposed by a registered club and seconded by another registered club and signed indicating the consent of the nominee.
 - 5.1.5 One representative of each club with teams playing in the League.

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE LEAGUE

- 6.1 The affairs of the League in accordance with the constitution shall be vested in the Management Committee comprising of Officers of the League and Club Representatives.

- 6.2 The Management Committee may invite any person having specialist knowledge to attend any meeting in an advisory capacity and without having voting power.
- 6.3 A quorum shall consist of fifty percent of the Officers.
- 6.4 In the event of a casual vacancy the Officers shall have the power to appoint a replacement until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6.5 The Officers shall normally meet five times a year.
- 6.6 It shall be the duty of the Management Committee to administer the funds of the League.
- 6.7 Voting at meetings shall be one vote per member club. An officer may vote on any issue using a club vote.
- 6.8 The Chairman has a second and casting vote on any issue if carrying the vote of a club.
- 6.9 Clubs may send a second representative as an observer to the Management Committee meetings.

7. GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1 The League shall hold an Annual General Meeting in every calendar year and not more than thirteen months after the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent in writing to every club not less than 42 days before the date specifying the date specifying the time and place of the meeting and requesting resolutions and nominations for Officers which shall be returned not less than 28 days before the meeting'
- 7.3 A copy of the agenda and resolutions shall be sent to all clubs not less than 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4 The purpose of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - 7.4.1 To receive and if approved adopt the Annual reports of the Officers, the audited balance sheet and statement of accounts, and any proposed resolution submitted.
 - 7.4.2 To elect the Management Committee Officers.
- 7.5 Each Club in the League shall have one vote on any item on the agenda. The vote shall be by a show of hands. A request for a poll may be made by the Chairman, or a Club, before the show of hands is made. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
- 7.6 All other General Meetings shall be extraordinary General Meetings and may be convened at any time:
 - 7.6.1 By order of the Management Committee.
 - 7.6.2 By a request in writing by not less than five clubs.
 - 7.6.3 Each request shall state the purpose of the meeting and shall set out any resolutions which it is desired to propose thereat
 - 7.6.4 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held within 42 days of the request.
 - 7.6.5 14 days notice of the meeting and all resolutions proposed shall be sent to all Clubs
 - 7.6.6 No business other than the proposed resolutions shall be transacted and no amendment to any resolution shall be allowed.
- 7.7 The quorum for all General Meetings shall be 50% of the Clubs eligible to vote.
- 7.8 A motion to dissolve the League may only be made at an Annual General Meeting, and to effect the dissolution 75% of the memberships shall vote in favour of the dissolution. If upon dissolution surplus funds, assets, or property whatsoever remains, the same shall not be paid to the member Clubs, but shall be applied to a sports' organisation with similar objectives to the League.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 All League fees shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid by the due dates.
 - 8.1.1 Affiliation fees shall be paid by all clubs to England Netball by 31st October. All clubs participating in the league must be affiliated to England Netball.

- 8.1.2 All players must be affiliated to England Netball via a netball club or by the league affiliation to England Netball.
- 8.2 Clubs shall pay a registration fee for each team to be sent with the entry form.
- 8.3 Half the match fees must be paid before the first fixture of the season. The second instalment must be paid by 31st March.
- 8.4 Failure to pay fines imposed by the league will mean a team is ineligible for league entry the following season.

9 DISCIPLINARY POWERS PROCEDURES AND APPEALS

The Management Committee shall have the power to discipline in such a manner as it thinks fit any Club or Player guilty of conduct considered by the Management Committee to be disgraceful or prejudicial to the interest of the League and the Game of Netball. The power of discipline shall include the power to recommend England Netball current disciplinary procedures (AENA Ltd Governance Article 6) on receipt of written notification of the facts or circumstances that a Club or Player may have been guilty of such conduct.

10. INDEMNITY

The Officers of the League, Members of the Management Committee, and Club Representatives shall be indemnified by the League against all costs, actions, claims or demands for which they become liable by reason of duty performed with the authority of the Management Committee.

11. ARBITRATION

If any dispute shall arise in the interpretation of the Constitution, or the need arises to deal with any matter not provided for in this Constitution, reference shall be made in writing to the Secretary who shall refer the same to the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

The league adopts England Netball's policies for the Officers terms of Reference, Child Protection Policy and Equity Policies.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns regarding Child Protection during any event organised by the Greater Manchester Junior Netball League, contact the Child Protection Officer, Mrs Paddy Anderson from Bramhall Netball Club. Tel 0161 439 3178