

CONSTITUTION

- NAME:** 1. The Association shall be called the Dudley Netball League.
- AIMS:** 2. The League shall promote the social and educational well-being of its members, irrespective of age.
- ORGANISATION:** 3. (i) The League shall be run by a committee consisting of members appointed as follows:-
- a) Persons elected by the Annual General Meeting as detailed in Rule 3 (ii).
 - b) One person nominated for each division of the League.
 - c) The committee has the power to co-opt at their discretion, up to three persons to join the committee.
- (ii) The Annual General Meeting will be held as soon as possible after 1st March each year and will elect as necessary a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match & Registration Secretary, Umpiring Co-ordinator, Publicity Officer, Fundraising Officer and a Tournament Organiser.
- (iii) Each member of the committee may hold office for a period of three years commencing at the Annual General Meeting.
- (iv) Honorary Life Membership of the League shall be awarded at the discretion of the League.
- MEETINGS:** 4. (i) A representative from each team/club must attend the Annual General Meeting and the Secretaries Meeting. Failure to attend will incur a fine of £10 per team.
- (ii) The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the Secretary as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting approves the membership of the committee.
- (iii) Regular committee meetings shall be held as deemed necessary by the Chairman.
- (iv) Seven days notice of all meetings shall be given to members save in the case of special meetings when three days notice shall be given.
- (v) A quorum shall be five members present.

- (vi) The Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the committee in an advisory capacity.

VACANCIES:

- 5. (i) Any committee member resigning their post during their term in office should notify the Chairman.
- (ii) A person appointed to such a casual vacancy shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting.

DUTIES:

- 6. The duties of the committee shall be:-
 - (i) To supervise the running of the League on behalf of its members.
 - (ii) To be responsible for the organisation, maintenance and discipline of the League.
 - (iii) To establish and maintain the League's funds as appropriate and to ensure that proper accounts thereof be kept.
 - (iv) The committee shall have the power to make a decision upon any matter not governed by the rules. The committee will not tolerate any incidents of dissent or abuse. Penalties for such incidents will be decided by the committee and may include a fine, deduction of points, suspension and/or expulsion from the League.

LEAGUE FUNDS:

- 7. (i) All accounts shall be maintained at a bank approved by the committee.
- (ii) Cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer, together with either the Chairman or Secretary.
- (iii) The financial year shall terminate on 31st January each year and an annual independent audit of all books and accounts shall take place as soon as possible thereafter.

DISCIPLINE:

- 8. The committee will investigate any written complaint received concerning a League member.

COMPLAINTS:

- 9. (i) All complaints must be put in writing and sent to the Secretary who will then notify the Chairman.
- (ii) All relevant parties will be contacted.
- (iii) The Chairman will form a sub-committee to deal with each complaint who will make a decision on any action to be taken.

- APPEALS:**
10. (i) All members have a right to appeal within 14 days of receipt of decision, after which the committee's decision is final.
- (ii) The appeal will be heard by the Chairman plus a new sub-committee formed by members not on the existing complaint sub-committee.
- MINUTES:**
11. (i) The Secretary shall maintain a minute book in which the names of those persons at each meeting are recorded, together with resolutions and proceedings.
- (ii) Copies of all minutes of the committee shall be submitted as soon as may be after each meeting to the Chairman of the committee and after approval, shall be circulated to all committee members.
- CONSTITUTION:**
12. Amendment to the Constitution can only be made by resolution at the Annual General Meeting. Any such amendment becomes effective as at the day following the Annual General Meeting.
- PROPOSALS:**
13. Proposals for alteration to the Constitution or General Rules, or nomination for office of the League, shall be made in writing, submitted to the League Secretary giving at least three weeks notice before the Annual General Meeting and be seconded by a member of another Netball Club.
- VOTES:**
14. Each team and any Honorary Life Members shall hold one vote on any proposal at the Annual General Meeting or any extraordinary meeting.
- ENTRY TO THE LEAGUE:**
15. (i) Any team in debt from the previous season will not be allowed entry to the League.
- (ii) The teams achieving 1st and 2nd placings in their division shall automatically be promoted, the two finishing at the bottom shall be relegated for the equivalent following season.
- (iii) Any new teams wishing to enter the League shall be allocated a place by the Committee. Existing teams will be promoted to divisions where vacancies arise as a result of teams withdrawing. This to be at the discretion of the Committee.