



Lowestoft Netball League

Constitution

LOWESTOFT NETBALL LEAGUE

1. Name

The league will be called *Lowestoft Netball League* and will be affiliated to the *All England Netball Association*.

2. Aims and objectives

- The aims and objectives of the club will be:
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in Netball.
- To promote the league within the local community and Netball.
- To manage the Lowestoft Netball League.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the league.
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.

3. Membership

To ensure all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

Membership should consist of officers and members of the league.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and rules and by joining the league will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the league has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:



Full member.



Junior member.

4. Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Executive/ Management Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Fees will be paid prior to participation within the league.



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5. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- ✓ Chair.
- ✓ Vice Chair.
- ✓ Secretary.
- ✓ Treasurer.
- ✓ Fixtures Secretary.
- ✓ Umpire Secretary.
- ✓ Any other relevant position.

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

6. Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of the above posts:

- ✓ Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.
 - ✓ The Management Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the league and held as and when required.
 - ✓ The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be: 6
 - ✓ The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the league.
 - ✓ The Management Committee will have powers to appoint subcommittees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business
 - ✓ The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations /constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
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7. Finance

All league monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the league.

The League Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on: 31 March.

A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

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

8. Annual General Meetings

Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be given by the League Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

9. Discipline and appeals

All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the league's child protection policy and procedures.

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 21 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.



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The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 21 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the league can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the league that remain will become the property of Norfolk Netball Association.

11. Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

12. Declaration

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Position: Club Chair

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Position: Club Secretary
