

## 1. Name

The club will be called Chester Netball Club 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 club within the local community
- to ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- to provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- to ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment
- to offer development opportunities to club members in playing, coaching, umpire and administration
- to provide an enjoyable and friendly club environments.

## 3. Membership

Membership shall consist of offers to members of the club. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and the club by-laws and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conducts that the club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- full paying member
- non paying member
- junior playing member
- life member (honorary membership to recognise exceptional service to the club).
- Student / non waged member

## 4. Membership Fees

Membership fees will be set annually and determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Fee's will be paid monthly by direct debit.

## 5. Officers of the club

The Officers of the club will be:

Club President

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Safeguarding Officer

Membership Secretary

CAPS co-ordinator

Coaching Co-ordinator

League Co-ordinator

Umpire Co-ordinator

Any other members agreed at the AGM

## **6. Committee**

The club will be managed through the Committee consisting of the officers listed above. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Committee.

Committee meetings will be convened by the secretary of the club and held no less than 4 times per year.

**The quorum required for business to be agreed at the Management Committee meetings will be 5.**

The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that effect the organisation of the club.

The committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

## **7. Finance**

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. The financial year of the club will end annually on 5<sup>th</sup> April. An audited statement of the annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of any two of the five signatories who will be appointed at the start of the new season.

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

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

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

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

Elections of the officers are taken place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

All members of the club are expected to attend the AGM. Any apologies must be sent in writing to the secretary. The quorum for AGMs will be 75% of the full membership.

The committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Notice of the EGM will be given by the club secretary. Not less than 5 clear days notice to be given to all members. All other procedures for EGMs will be the same as the AGM.

#### **9. Discipline and appeals.**

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the secretary.

The committee will meet to hear complaints within 8 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate action including the termination of membership.

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 5 days of the hearing.

There will be a right of appeal to the committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 8 days of the secretary receiving the appeal.

#### **10. Dissolution**

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

#### **11. Equality Policy Statement**

This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity.

*Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.*

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously according to club disciplinary procedures.

#### **12. Amendments to the Constitution**

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

#### **13. Declaration**

CHESTER netball club hereby adopts and accepts the constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

### Signatures of agreement:

Role	Name	Signature
Club President	Pam Lucas	_____
Chair Person		_____
Secretary		_____
Treasurer	Natalie Rigby	_____
Safeguarding Officer	Karen Spencer	_____
Membership Secretary	Hayley Speakman	_____
CAPS Co-ordinator	Michelle Sutton	_____
Coaching Co-ordinator	Sam Rigby	_____
Junior League Co-ordinator	Kelli Hutton	_____
Senior League Co-ordinator	Debbie Kimpton	_____