

BIRMINGHAM CITY NETBALL CLUB

Constitution

1. The Club shall be called Birmingham City Netball Club.
2. The aims of the Club shall be:
 - a. to provide opportunities for girls to play netball at their appropriate level.
 - b. to develop individual players, focusing on skills, fitness and attitude.
 - c. to foster and encourage sportsmanship.
 - d. to raise the standard of play, umpiring and coaching.
 - e. to enter tournaments, national competitions and local leagues, including adult leagues.
 - f. to prepare girls for entry to senior clubs in adult Netball Leagues.
 - g. To run a Little League in summer to introduce girls in school years 3 to 6 to netball and to bring them up to readiness for Club membership.
 - h. To provide opportunities for girls in year 8 and above to gain skills and qualifications in coaching, umpiring and team management through the Club and Little League.
3. There shall be two classes of membership: Playing Members and Associate Members.
4. Playing Membership shall be open to all girls in school years 3 to 11 who show evidence of ability in and commitment to the sport. The Club will not discriminate unfairly against any player or intending player. Discrimination on the grounds of ability and commitment is not considered unfair in a competitive club.
5. The optimum playing membership shall be 20 per School Year.
6. Playing members are required to affiliate to England Netball, and to pay the appropriate affiliation fee to the Club Treasurer when and if required.
7. All members of the Committee shall be Associate Members ex-officio. Associate Membership shall be open to parents and guardians of all playing members and to any adults who wish to promote the aims of the Club, subject to the agreement of the Committee.
8. The sovereign body of the Club shall be the General Meeting. Each Associate Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings. Playing members shall be entitled to attend but not to vote. At all other times the authority of the Club shall be vested in the Committee.
9. A General Meeting shall be held at the discretion of the Committee, or upon receipt of a written request signed by at least ten Associate Members. Fourteen days' notice of

General Meetings shall be given.

10. Items for inclusion in a General Meeting should be submitted to the Secretary with the request for a meeting.
11. The members of the Committee shall be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer and the Coach or Coaches. Any other person may be co-opted as a member of the Committee.
12. A Coach or Coaches may be appointed by the Committee. The Club may remunerate any Coach for his or her services, but the Coach shall not be employed by the Club under a contract of service.
13. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at a General Meeting.
14. Nominations for members of the committee must be proposed and seconded.
15. Reports and balance sheets shall be presented by the appropriate Committee members at the General Meeting.
16. A General Meeting may appoint an Audit Committee to scrutinise and report on the Accounts of the Club. The Club will make the report of the Audit Committee available to all Associate Members.
17. A monthly subscription shall be paid by all Playing Members. Payment shall normally be made by monthly Standing order. Subscriptions are due in every month of the year and are not tied to specific terms or activities. The Club may pay England Netball Affiliation fees out of club funds for members who have an unbroken record of subscription payments by bank standing order over the past six months. Subscriptions shall be reviewed annually by the Committee, and may be set at different rates for different age groups.
18. The Committee may, on application, waive subscriptions in whole or in part for children of families on means-tested benefits.
19. The Club shall hold a Bank current account with three signatories. Cheques drawn on the Club's account must be signed by any two signatories. The Club may operate Internet Banking in accordance with its Bank's conditions.
20. The committee shall meet at least once per year and at other times as deemed necessary.
21. All Members of the Club shall abide by the Rules of the Club and the Code of Conduct that applies to them. Any member who acts contrary to the Rules and Code of Conduct shall be subject to the Club's Disciplinary Policy.
22. This Constitution and Rules may not be altered unless approved by a General Meeting held in accordance with paragraph 8. All Associate Members shall be given fourteen days' notice of any amendment.

23. The Club may be dissolved following the passing of a Resolution of Dissolution at a Special General Meeting held in accordance with Paragraph 8. The assets of the club shall be applied to such netball-related organisation or organisations as are specified in the Resolution of Dissolution; in the absence of which the assets shall be applied to England Netball.

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Rules

1. New members may attend two training session for free. Thereafter a monthly subscription shall be paid by all Playing Members.
2. Parents and guardians should pay subscriptions by monthly standing order which should continue during school holidays including the summer holiday. England Netball Affiliation fees should be paid within two weeks of a request. Playing members who are in arrears may be refused participation in the Club's activities.
3. Players must have a Club's registration form completed for them and signed by a parent or guardian. Players and parents / guardians must sign and abide by the relevant Code of Conduct.
4. Players should regularly attend training and practice sessions, and make a serious effort there. Players should also engage in activities outside of the Club to promote and maintain their personal fitness.
5. Where there is a conflict, the Club should normally have first call on a player's leisure activities.
6. For matches players should wear full Club kit and take care of their kit at all times. For training sessions club training T-shirts should be worn.
7. Players should show courtesy and sportsmanship at training and when playing matches. Umpires' decisions should be accepted with good grace.