

Constitution of the Cheshire County Netball Association

1. NAME

The County Association shall be called the **CHESHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION** (hereinafter called **Cheshire Netball**.)

2. AFFILIATION

The County Association shall be affiliated to the All England Netball Association Limited (hereinafter called England Netball) and to the North West Region Association (hereinafter called the Region)

3. OBJECTS

Cheshire Netball is established to:

1. Co-operate with England Netball and with the Region to promote and encourage the game of Netball.
2. Plan and help in the growth of Netball within the geographical area under its jurisdiction.
3. Organise such events as members desire.
4. Adopt the rules and regulations laid down by England Netball
5. Employ the funds of Cheshire Netball as shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the game.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Cheshire Netball shall consist of:

1. **Clubs** – A netball club with at least seven registered participants, which may be a netball section of a Sports Club or the netball section of a youth or community club or college, which affiliates to Cheshire Netball.
2. **Schools** – Any school of any age range or any other educational establishment at which students are under 19 years of age, on the 1st September of the current educational year and which is affiliated to Cheshire Netball.
3. **Registered Participants** – Any persons who play, coach, umpire or organise Netball or who are in any way concerned or connected with Netball and who affiliate to Cheshire Netball.

All members (elected and appointed) shall be bound by this Constitution and any other rulings of the County Management Board and by the current rules of the game.

5. MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Each member shall pay an annual subscription towards the expenses of Cheshire Netball, together with appropriate fees to England Netball.
2. The scale and rate shall be fixed and agreed annually by Cheshire Netball.
3. Membership fees are due on the 1st September and must be paid by the date required and agreed by England Netball. They shall be valid between 1st September and 31st August.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. The Executive Officers of Cheshire Netball shall be:
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

No Executive Officer is permitted to hold more than one Executive Officer position.

7. COUNTY MANAGEMENT BOARD

1. The management of the affairs of Cheshire Netball shall be vested in the County Management Board comprising:
 - a) The Executive Officers
 - b) 10 General Members comprising:
 - Membership Manager
 - Competitions Manager
 - Coaching Manager
 - Match Officials Manager
 - Player Performance & Development Manager
 - Club Liaison Manager
 - School Liaison Manager
 - Welfare Manager
 - Volunteer Manager
 - Communications Manager
 - c) 3 Appointed Members as follows:
 - Under 18 Squad Coach
 - Under 16 Squad Coach
 - Under 14 Squad Coach
 - d) 1 Advisor as follows:
 - Netball Development Officer
2. The Management Board shall draw up and maintain a job description for each position above.

8. ELECTIONS

1. Members would consider and vote on a list of nominations received for:
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - General members
2. Only fully paid up members shall be eligible to be nominated or be able to nominate someone else. All nominees must be present at the AGM or must have submitted written confirmation in advance of the AGM of their willingness to accept nomination to any position.
3. Nominations must be proposed and seconded at the AGM by members entitled to vote.
4. Election to each position would be by a simple majority.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in every calendar year on a date to be fixed by the County Management Board (to be arranged 28 days prior to the date). Notification of the Annual General Meeting and will be circulated at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM.
2. Business to be transacted shall be:
 - a) To receive reports and accounts from the Executive Officers covering the past season.
 - b) To elect Members of the Management Board
 - c) To consider any proposed resolution or alteration to the Constitution submitted in writing 14 days before the date of the meeting which has either been proposed by Cheshire Netball or has been proposed and seconded by two members entitled to vote.
 - d) To appoint an Auditor who shall not have been a member of the County Management Board for the preceding year.

3. The following shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote at a general or extra-ordinary general meeting:
 - (a) any club affiliated to Cheshire Netball
 - (c) any school affiliated to Cheshire Netball
 - (d) any Registered Participant as defined above
 - (e) members of the current County Management Board;
4. Voting procedure at General Meetings shall be as follows:
 - (a) each person entitled to attend and vote shall be permitted to cast no more than one vote
 - (b) no proxy voting will be allowed
 - (c) a simple majority only of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to pass any resolution or elect any officer. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a second and/or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

10. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

1. An extraordinary General Meeting may be convened:
 - a) By order of the County Management BoardOr
 - b) Upon written request to the Secretary from five or more entitled to vote at a General Meeting.
2. Each requisition shall state the purpose for which a Meeting is required and shall set out any resolution which it is desired to propose.
3. The Meeting shall be arranged within 28 days of the receipt of the requisition by the Secretary and 14 days notice of the Meeting and of any resolution proposed shall be given to every member entitled to vote.

11. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

1. The quorum for a meeting of the County Management Board shall be 4.
2. The quorum for a General Meeting of Cheshire Netball shall be 10.

12. FINANCES

1. The Treasurer shall maintain 2 accounts with Lloyds TSB as follows:
 - a) A general account to be used for the general expenses of Cheshire Netball
 - b) An affiliations account to be used for the sole purposes of affiliation fees paid by members to be submitted to England Netball
2. Each account shall only allow withdrawals by cheque which must be countersigned by any 2 of the 3 Executive Officers of Cheshire Netball
3. Each account must be fully audited by an Auditor appointed at the AGM of Cheshire Netball.

13. INDEMNITY

1. Any member of the County Management Board shall be indemnified by Cheshire Netball for all costs and losses which she/he may incur or sustain in relation to the execution of the duties of her/his office, or by reason of any duty performed for or with the authority of the County Management Board.

14. ARBITRATION

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

15. DISSOLUTION

1. If upon the winding up or dissolution of Cheshire Netball, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Cheshire Netball but shall be given or transferred to some other organization or organization(s) having objects similar to the objects of the Cheshire Netball and which further develop amateur sport.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Proposals to alter the Constitution at the AGM shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, not later than 28 days before the AGM, either by the County Management Board or proposed and seconded by two Members entitled to vote at the General Meeting.