Club Constitution

1. The Club shall be called ***DIDSBURY NETBALL CLUB***.

2. The Club will be affiliated to ***CHESHIRE*** of the All England Netball Association Ltd.

3. Aims and objectives

To promote the personal development for all club members, participants, volunteers and officials of the Club in relation to netball and, where appropriate, provide routes to opportunities to enhance and increase individual skills.

The aims and objectives of the club shall be to:

- Promote netball and the club within the local community
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball
- 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, in line with the club's approach to participation and performance detailed on its website.
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment, within the club's approach to participation and performance detailed on its website.

4. Membership

The membership of the Club shall consist of the officers and the members consisting of the following categories:

- Parents and Guardians of all registered players
- Registered participants – a person who plays, coaches, umpires or organises netball, or who is in any way concerned or connected with netball, and registered with England Netball through the Club
- Honorary Officers.

Membership of the Club shall be open, and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race or of political, religious or other opinions to any person in the area prepared to accept and support the objectives of the Club. No club member, participant, volunteer or official will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, marital status, social class, colour, race, ethnic origin, creed or disability, or will be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be relevant to their participation in the Club.

In accepting membership, a person agrees to abide in the constitution of the Club and the rulings of the Club Executive Committee.

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Members may resign from membership at any time by giving notice to the Club Secretary.

5. Membership Fees.

Membership fees shall be stipulated by the Club's Committee at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall distinguish between members who are in full time employment, members who are unemployed or in full-time education and junior members.

Fees will be paid by monthly or annual subscription through Spond as specified by the Committee.

The Club Executive Committee may decide upon other charges or subscriptions at its discretion.

6. Officers

The officers of the Club shall be:

Executive Committee: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer.

General Committee: Club Volunteer Co-ordinator, Team Manager representative and any other relevant position.

These officers shall hold for a period of 12 months, being elected annually at the Club AGM. All Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-appointments.

Any casual vacancy occurring may be filled by the Executive Committee.

7. Executive Committee

The club will be managed through the Executive Committee consisting of: ***CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY, SAFEGUARDING OFFICER and TREASURER***.

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Club Committee.

A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Secretary or Chair and the Committee shall meet as required but not less than 4 times a year.

The quorum for the transaction of business at Executive Committee meetings shall be three.

Every decision at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present and every voting member having one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

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The Executive Committee shall be responsible for considering any application for membership and shall decide if this application should be accepted. The decision shall be in accordance with a non-discriminatory policy.

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

The Executive Committee may delegate some or all of its powers to a sub-committee. Any sub-committee must act only in accordance with the authority delegated to it by the Executive Committee.

8. Finance

All monies raised by or on behalf of the club shall be applied to further the objects of the Club and for no other purpose.

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 on 31st August.

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

Day to day banking will be the responsibility of the Treasurer; any payments drawn against the Club's reserves will require the signatures of two members of the Executive Committee.

9. Annual General Meeting and other Meetings

An Annual General Meeting ('AGM') shall be held in the month of May to which all Members are invited to attend.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary or Chair, or Vice-Chair. Not less than 28 clear days' notice to be given to all members.

The agenda and proposed resolutions for the AGM shall be circulated no later than 14 days before the meeting to all members entitled to vote.

Business to be transacted at the AGM:

- to receive the minutes of the last AGM, statements of accounts and reports of the last season from the Executive Committee
- to elect Honorary Officers
- to consider any proposed resolution submitted in writing 14 days before the meeting, which has been proposed and seconded by two members entitled to vote.

- honorary Officers may be proposed and seconded by two members entitled to vote and submitted 14 days before the date of the meeting.
- Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM. Nominations for officers of the General Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- The quorum for general meetings shall be 75% of committee members, either physically present or online.
- An Extraordinary General meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than 15 members. The Executive Committee shall have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of its members. The EGM should be held within 21 days of receipt of a valid requisition.

10. Voting procedures

Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Committee Members – one vote

Parents and Guardians – one vote each

Registered players aged 16 and over – one vote

Each Honorary Officer – one vote

No person shall be permitted to have more than one vote on each proposal except for the Chair who shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

A motion shall be carried by a single majority of those present and voting, except when the motion is a constitutional amendment which shall require a two thirds majority.

11. Property and Staff

Responsibility for all property owned by the Club and for the employment of any paid staff and volunteers rests with the Executive Committee.

12. Discipline and Appeals

The Executive Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be a detriment to the Club.

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There shall be the right of appeal to the Executive Committee, against any decision made by an officer of the Club.

The appeal shall normally be considered within 14 days of it being received by the Secretary.

13. Dissolution Procedures

A resolution to dissolve the club 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 club that remain will become the property of England Netball *or some other club with similar objectives to those of the club.*

14. Review of the constitution.

The constitution shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.

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

Additions to, or alterations of the constitution shall be agreed by the Committee not less than 21 days before the date of the AGM or EGM, or with a request for a special meeting of Club members. No resolution involving an amendment to the constitution may be proposed or amended from the floor of a meeting.

In the event of a proposal for amending the constitution being submitted, the Secretary shall inform the membership of the proposed motion not less than 14 days before the AGM.

15. Declaration

DIDSBURY NETBALL CLUB hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

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