



Market Harborough Netball League

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Constitution

1. Title

- 1.1 The League shall be called Market Harborough Netball League (MHNL), hereafter to be referred to and 'the League' and shall be affiliated to the All England Netball Association Limited (hereafter called the AENA).

2 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 Co-operate with the AENA and with the region to promote and encourage the game of netball.
2.2 Plan and help in the growth of netball within the geographical area under its jurisdiction.
2.3 Organise such events as the members desire.
2.4 Adopt the rules and regulations as laid down by AENA.
2.5 Keep a watching brief on netball facilities within Market Harborough.
2.6 Employ the funds of the League as shall be deemed to be in the best interests of the game.

3 Membership

- 3.1 The membership of the League shall be open to any person who has registered within a team affiliated to the AENA and playing in the MHNL.
3.2 Clubs wishing to play in the winter league must be affiliated to AENA.
3.3 All AENA affiliated members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and any extraordinary meetings of the League. Membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the Committee for any offence considered contrary to the Constitution.
3.4 The League Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any application to the League.
3.5 All members shall be bound by the Constitution and any other rulings of the League Committee and by the current rules of the game.

4 Officers

- 4.1 The officers of the League shall be as follows:
- Chair (Executive Officer)
 - Vice Chair (Executive Officer)
 - Treasurer (Executive Officer)
 - League Secretary (Executive Officer)
 - Affiliations Secretary
 - Fixtures Secretary
 - Umpiring Officer
 - Coaching Officer
 - Tournament Secretary
 - Match Reports
 - Social Media, League Tables and Website Officer
 - Sponsorship, Advertising and Marketing Officer
 - Social Events Co- Ordinators

The Chair of the Youth League automatically becomes a Committee member, this is the only non-elected Committee position and does not confer voting rights on the post holder.

5 Election of Officers

- 5.1** All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the League, from and by the members of the League with nominated members from those teams who will play in the League the following season.
- 5.2** All officers are elected for a period of one year but may be re- elected to the same office or another office the following year.
- 5.3** All officers of the League shall be affiliated to AENA.

6 General Committee

- 6.1** The affairs of the League shall be controlled by a General Committee, comprising of the Executive and non- Executive Officers of the League. The General Committee shall meet not less than four times a year.
- 6.2** Where a team is not represented within an Officer's Role it must nominate an ordinary member from the team who will form part of the General Committee.
- 6.3** It is the Executive Committee's role to interpret the rules and to ensure that the League and its players adhere to them and, to rule on any rule infringements as and when they arise.
- 6.4** The duties of the General Committee shall be:
 - 6.4.1** To control the affairs of the League on behalf of the members
 - 6.4.2** To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the League through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by members and, the Treasurer should provide an annual report at every AGM. The League shall maintain a bank account and the Treasurer is authorised to undertake financial transactions as required via on line banking.
 - 6.4.3** To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

7 General Meetings

- 7.1** The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held not later than the end of September each year. 21 clear days' notice shall be given to members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to each team captain by email. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days before the meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to the team captains not less than 7 days before the meeting.
 - 7.1.1** The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:
 - 7.1.2** Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any general meeting held since the last AGM
 - 7.1.3** Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer
 - 7.1.4** Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Chair
 - 7.1.5** Elect the officers of the League
 - 7.1.6** Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda
 - 7.1.7** Nominations can only be made by members and must be seconded by another member
- 7.2** At all general meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chair or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the League or members attending the meeting. Decisions made at a general meeting shall be a simple majority of votes from those members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.
- 7.3** A quorum for a General Meeting shall be five officers of the League and five other members from the League.
- 7.4** Each team in the League shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

8 Extraordinary General Meetings

- 8.1** An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened:

- 8.1.1 By order of the League Committee
- 8.1.2 Upon the written request to the Chair of the Committee, by five or more members entitled to vote at the General Meeting
- 8.1.3 Each requisition shall state the purpose for which a meeting is required and shall set out any resolution, which is desired to propose.
- 8.1.4 The meeting shall be held within 28 days of receipt of the requirements by the Chair and 14 days' notice of the meeting and any of the resolutions proposed shall be given to each team captain.

9 Discipline

- 9.1 The Executive Committee shall discipline in such a manner as it thinks fit, an individual or team who has been guilty of conduct considered by the League to be disgraceful or detrimental to the interests of the League or the name of netball. Written notice from the League's Chair shall be given to teams or individuals involved in such instances.

10 Indemnity

- 10.1 Any Honorary Officer and any member of the League Committee and / or its sub Committees shall be indemnified by the League against all costs and losses which she/ he may incur or sustain in relation to the executive of the duties of their office, or by reason of any duty performed for and with the authority of the League Committee.

11 Arbitration

- 11.1 If any dispute shall arise on the interpretation of this Constitution or the need arises to deal with any matter not provided for in this Constitution, reference shall be made to the Executive Committee. The Chair will hold the deciding vote in such cases and her decision is binding.

12 Alterations to the Constitution

- 12.1 Any proposed alterations to the League Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a member of the League and seconded by another member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two thirds of those members present at the meeting, assuming a quorum has been achieved.

13 Dissolution

- 13.1 The League shall only be dissolved at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 13.2 In the event of the dissolution of the League, the Executive Committee shall realise the assets and property of the League and call in all monies to the League.
- 13.3 After discharge of all debts and liabilities, any remaining surplus shall be given to such sporting organisation as agreed at the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 13.4 The consent of the benefactor shall be sought before the disposal of any property or assets, which have been donated or have come to the League as a result of Grant Aid.

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