



BERKSHIRE PREMIER NETBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

1. BERKSHIRE PREMIER NETBALL LEAGUE

- 1.1 The name of the League shall be the Berkshire Premier Netball League (BPNL). It shall be governed by the rulings of England Netball.

2. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 2.1 All players must join Berkshire Netball Association (BN), Netball South (NS) and England Netball (EN) EN Membership incorporates the region and county fee within the annual membership fee.

3. MEMBERS & FEES

- 3.1 The members of BPNL shall consist of all teams who register to play for the following season, at the last seasons AGM and/or those teams who qualified to enter the league at the Application Rally.
- 3.2 Each team must register a point of contact and a second point of contact at the AGM. The Club Secretary is responsible for paying all monies due to the league and providing requested paperwork.
- 3.3 Membership fees to England Netball, NS and BN must be paid by the 1st September. All EN ID numbers are to be registered with the League Secretary before playing in the BPNL and all teams and players must be registered on Engage to enable EN Membership to be verified, else players are not permitted to play.
- 3.4 BPNL court fees are due by **31 August (apart from in exceptional circumstances)**. Teams who do not pay by this date will be required to pay a penalty of £25 and will not be allowed to play any matches until all fees have been received in full.

4. OFFICERS

- 4.1 Executive Officers of the League shall be:
- a) Chairperson
 - b) Secretary & Fixtures Coordinator
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) EN membership & Results Secretary
 - e) Umpiring Secretary
 - f) Safeguarding Officer
- 4.2 Officers shall be elected annually at the AGM and serve from the end of that meeting until the end of the following AGM.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 5.1 The voting members of the BPNL shall be:
 - a) Executive Officers
 - b) Two Division Representatives (One for Division One, One for Division Two. Anyone holding one of these roles, can do so for a maximum of two years.)
- 5.2 There shall be no more than one member from any one team on the Committee, unless agreed at the AGM whilst voting the Executive Officers.
- 5.3 The Committee have the power to co-opt members as necessary (who have no voting powers).
- 5.4 Four Committee Members shall form a quorum. Each team has one vote.
- 5.5 The event of a split decision, at a committee meeting, the Chairperson shall have the deciding vote.

6. THE ROLE OF THE BERKSHIRE PREMIER NETBALL LEAGUE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the League.
- 6.2 Developing and enforcing the Rules of the BPNL.
- 6.3 Their powers shall extend to all matters arising from the general conduct of the League, even if these are not specifically provided for in this Constitution and the Rules.

7. CODES OF CONDUCT, COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

- 7.1 All players, officials and spectators associated with BPNL shall be expected to adhere to the most recent Codes of Conduct issued by England Netball (EN) which establishes the minimum expected standards of behavior. Any breach, failure, refusal or neglect to comply with EN's Codes of Conduct may result in a person being liable to Disciplinary Action in accordance with EN's Disciplinary Regulations if their conduct is inappropriate, incorrect, improper, unlawful or unsporting.
- 7.2 Complaints of any nature shall be submitted in writing to the BPNL Secretary or BPNL Chairman within seven (7) working days of the incident, outlining the full details of the Disciplinary Offence. Complaints shall be dealt with at BPNL Committee level in line with EN's most recent Disciplinary Regulations and interested parties may be invited to state their case as deemed necessary by the Committee. The Committee may decide to forward the Complaint to Berkshire Netball's (BN) Disciplinary Secretary if the Committee feels it is not the Appropriate Authority to deal with the matter in a fair, transparent and objective manner, free of bias or prejudice.
- 7.3. The BPNL Committee shall have the power to take Disciplinary Action against any player or team, and shall have the authority to impose sanctions and/or fines in accordance with the Recommended Sanctions stipulated in EN's Disciplinary Regulations.
- 7.4. There shall be the right of appeal to Berkshire Netball against any decision made by the Committee.

- 7.5 No member of the Committee shall adjudicate on any matter affecting a Club of which they are affiliated or a member. They shall withdraw from the Committee Meeting whilst the matter is under consideration.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held annually.
- 8.2 Clubs wishing to put forward alterations to the Constitution and Rules or any subject to be discussed at the AGM will give notice of such business, in writing, to the Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the AGM.
- 8.3 The Notice of AGM shall be circulated no later than 3 weeks prior to the AGM, together with the nomination papers for the Executive Officers and Committee Members.
- 8.4 Nominations for the election of Officers shall be proposed and seconded.
- 8.5 Each team must send two representatives to the AGM. Failure to do so will result in a £50 fine being levied and possible exclusion from the League for the next season.

9 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- 9.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened:
a) By order of the BPNL Committee; or
b) Upon the written request of 2/3rds of the Teams in the BPNL.
- 9.2 Each request shall state the purpose for which the Meeting is required and shall set out any resolution which it is desired to propose;
a) Such resolution shall be proposed and seconded by two members
- 9.3 The Meeting shall be held within 35 clear days of receipt of the request by the Secretary. Notice and EGM and Agenda shall be circulated no later than 21 clear days before the meeting to all Team Secretaries in the league.
- 9.4 No other business will be discussed at the meeting.

10. EQUITY STATEMENT

No participant, volunteer, job applicant or employee will receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, marital status, social class, colour, race, ethnic origin, religious belief or disability, or will be disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which are not relevant to performance.

11. INDEMINITY

Any officer and any member of the Berkshire Premier Netball League shall be indemnified by the BPNL against all costs and losses which they may incur or sustain in relation to the execution of the duties of their office, or by any reason of any duty performed for or with the authority of the BPNL.

12. ARBITRATION AND MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 12.1 If any dispute shall arise on the interpretation of this Constitution or the need arises to deal with any matter not provided in this Constitution, reference shall be made to the BPNL Secretary who shall refer the same to the BPNL Committee whose decision shall be binding on all parties;
- 12.2 Payments to individuals other than petty cash expenses shall be sanctioned by the BPNL Committee.
- 12.3 In the event of dissolution the BPNL shall settle all its debts and liabilities and will seek legal advice that proper procedures have been followed and that evidence exists that the BPNL have been fully discharged of their liabilities. Any funds remaining will be transferred to other organisations whose objects are similar to those of BPNL or to other purposes approved by the Charity Commissioners.

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