



## **Constitution**

### **1. Name**

The Club shall be called Southdown Netball Club and will be affiliated to the All England Netball Association.

### **2. Aims & Objectives**

The aims and objectives of the Club will be:

- 2.1. To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in Netball for all members
- 2.2. To provide the opportunity for members to improve their Netball skills in a fun, safe and enjoyable environment,
- 2.3. To put the emphasis on participation for all levels of ability, especially in the high fives age groups
- 2.4. To promote the club within the local community and local Netball Leagues
- 2.5. To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- 2.6. To provide all its services in a way which is fair to everyone
- 2.7. To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

### **3. Membership**

- 3.1. Membership shall consist of Officers, Members and Honorary Life Members of the Club
- 3.2. All Members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club, shall be deemed to accept these regulations and Codes of

Conduct that the Club has adopted.

3.3. Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

Junior Member  
Intermediate Member  
Senior Member – Under 18  
Senior Member – Over 18

3.4. Membership capacity will be set by the Committee from time to time. If necessary, a waiting list to join will be operated by the Secretary.

#### **4. Membership Fees**

4.1. Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Committee

4.2. Annual membership fees will be payable no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June. Payment arrangements will be set by the Committee.

4.3. All membership fees will include affiliation to England Netball (except High Fives), court fees, league costs, umpiring fees and entry into tournaments

4.4. Any membership fee refunds will be at the total discretion of the Committee

#### **5. Officers of the Club**

5.1. The Officers of the Club will be the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary

5.2. The Officers of the Club will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting

5.3. All Officers will retire each year, but will be eligible for re-election

5.4. Any vacancy for an Officer of the Club which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member, proposed by one and seconded by another, and approved by a simple majority of the Committee.

#### **6. Committee**

6.1. The Club will be managed through the Club Committee.

- 6.2. The Club Committee will consist of the Officers of the Club, along with up to 7 additional persons – elected annually at the Annual General Meeting
- 6.3. The Club Committee will have the power to appoint advisors to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business
- 6.4. Committee Meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and held no less than four times per calendar year.
- 6.5. The quorum required for business to be agreed at the Club Committee meetings shall be 5.
- 6.6. The Club Committee shall be responsible for adopting new Policies, Codes of Conduct and Rules that affect the organisation of the Club.
- 6.7. The Club Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary
- 6.8. The Club Committee shall have the power to elect Honorary Life Members of the club. Any election shall not take effect unless and until confirmed at the Annual General Meeting following the date of such election.
- 6.9. Any matter not covered by the Constitution shall be dealt with by the Club Committee, the decision of which shall be final.

## **7. Finance**

- 7.1. All Club monies will be banked in a bank account held in the name of the Club.
- 7.2. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club
- 7.3. The Club Treasurer will keep proper Accounting records.
- 7.4. A Statement of Annual Accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting
- 7.5. All cheques drawn against Club funds will hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus on of either the Chairman or Secretary.

## **8. Annual General Meetings**

- 8.1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days notice will be given to all Members.
- 8.2. The AGM will receive a report from Offices of the Club Committee and a Statement of the Accounts.
- 8.3. Nominations for Officers of the Club Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM
- 8.4. Election of Officers is to take place at the AGM
- 8.5. All members have the right to vote at the AGM

## **9. Extraordinary General Meetings**

- 9.1. The Club Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) outside the AGM.
- 9.2. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM

## **10. Voting Procedures**

- 10.1. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy
- 10.2. A motion shall be carried by a simple majority of those present and voting, except when the motion is a constitution amendment, which shall require a two-thirds majority.
- 10.3. At any meetings of the Club Committee, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

## **11. Discipline and Appeals**

- 11.1. The Club Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules, regulations and/or constitution.
- 11.2. Disciplinary hearings of the Club Committee will be held in accordance with our Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedures.
- 11.3. All complaints shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary

11.4. The Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any Member who breaks the club's Code of Conduct or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render themselves unfit for membership of the Club.

11.5. No Member shall be suspended or expelled unless at least two thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of suspension or expulsion

## **12. Dissolution**

12.1. A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM, through a majority vote of the membership

12.2. In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of East Grinstead Junior Netball League.

## **13. Amendments to the Constitution**

13.1. Amendments to the Constitution will only be made at an AGM or an EGM

13.2. The Constitution will only be changed through agreement by a two thirds majority vote of those present at an AGM or EGM

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Signed: (Chairman)

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Signed: (Secretary)

PA Baker