



## Reading and District Netball League

### Constitution

1. The league shall be called the Reading and District Netball League, hereafter referred to as RDNL.
2. RDNL and its members will be bound by the policies and procedure of All England Netball Association Ltd.

### 3. Aims & Objectives

The aims and objectives of the RDNL shall be to:

- Promote netball within the local community
- To offer competitive opportunities in netball
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of RDNL
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment

### 4. Membership

- 4.1 RDNL shall consist of committee members, clubs, teams and team members.
- 4.2 Membership of RDNL 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 RDNL. No 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 RDNL.

- 4.3 In accepting membership a person agrees to abide by the constitution and rules of RDNL and the rulings of the RDNL Committee.
- 4.4 Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:
- Full member – Player
  - Full member – Umpire
  - Junior member – Player
  - Junior member – Umpire
  - Honorary member (President & Vice Presidents)
- 4.5 All teams, players and umpires shall affiliate to: All England Netball, Berkshire Netball and South Region Netball.

## 5. **Membership Fees**

- 5.1 Membership fees shall be stipulated by the RDNL Committee and communicated to members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2 Fees will be paid annually (September – August) before participation in RDNL matches.
- 5.3 The RDNL Committee may decide upon other charges or subscriptions at its discretion.

## 6. **RDNL Committee**

- 6.1 RDNL will be managed by the RDNL Committee.
- 6.2 The RDNL Committee shall be made up of the following members:
- President
  - Vice Presidents
  - Chairman
  - Vice Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Meeting Secretary
  - Fixtures Secretaries
  - Umpiring Secretary
  - Umpiring Administrator
  - Publicity & Results Secretaries
  - Division Representatives
- 6.3 The roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer must be occupied by members of at least three different RDNL clubs.
- 6.4 No one club may have more than two members on the RDNL Committee except in exceptional circumstances where three may be permitted – this must be agreed at the AGM.

- 6.5 RDNL Committee members shall hold their position for a period of 12 months, being elected annually at the RDNL AGM. All RDNL Committee members (except President and Vice Presidents) shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-appointments.
- 6.6 The roles of President and Vice President are honorary life roles. However, should a person holding one of these roles become unsuitable (as deemed by the RDNL Committee) then that person will be stripped of their honorary title and replaced at the next AGM.
- 6.7 Any casual vacancy occurring or deemed necessary by the RDNL committee may be filled by the RDNL Committee until the next AGM.
- 6.8 Meeting of the RDNL Committee shall be convened by the Chair and the RDNL Committee shall meet as required but not less than 6 times a year.
- 6.9 All RDNL Committee members must attend not less than 50% of RDNL Committee meetings to be considered for reelection at the AGM.
- 6.10 The quorum for the purpose of making decisions at RDNL Committee level shall be 6.
- 6.11 Every decision at a meeting of the RDNL 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.
- 6.12 The RDNL 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.
- 6.13 The RDNL Committee may delegate some or all of its powers and decision making to a sub-committee. Any sub-committee must act only in accordance within the authority delegated to it by the RDNL Committee.
- 6.14 The RDNL Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the RDNL.

## **7. Finance**

- 7.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of the RDNL shall be applied to further the objectives of the RDNL and for no other purpose, other than charitable donations to registered charities.
- 7.2 All RDNL monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the league.
- 7.3 The RDNL Treasurer and Chairman will be responsible for the finances of the RDNL.
- 7.4 The financial year of the RDNL will end on 30<sup>th</sup> May.
- 7.5 An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

## **8. Annual general Meeting and other Meetings**

- 8.1 Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the RDNL Secretary. Not less than 28 clear days' notice to be given to all members.
- 8.2 The AGM will receive a report from officers of the RDNL Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.
- 8.3 Nominations and Elections of RDNL Committee members are to take place at the AGM.
- 8.4 All members shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the league and shall have equal voting rights.
- 8.5 The quorum for general meetings shall be 15% members present and eligible to vote.
- 8.6 An Extraordinary General meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the RDNL Secretary signed by not less than 15 members. The RDNL 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.

## **9. AGM and EGM Voting procedures**

- 9.1 Each member shall be entitled to one vote.
- 9.2 A motion shall be carried by a single majority of those present and voting.
- 9.3 The RDNL Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

## **10. Property and Staff**

- 10.1 Responsibility for all property and assets owned by the league rests with the RDNL Committee.

## **11. Complaints, Discipline and Appeals**

- 11.1 Complaints of any nature must be submitted in writing to the RDNL Secretary or RDNL Chairman within 7 days of an event or incident. Complaints will be dealt with at RDNL Committee level and interested parties may be invited to state their case as deemed necessary by the Committee.
- 11.2 The RDNL Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member or team and shall have the authority to impose punishment or fines in accordance with the RDNL rules.
- 11.3 Decisions on any question or matter arising, which is not provided for in the constitution or rules, shall be dealt with by the Committee.

11.4 There shall be the right of appeal to Berkshire Netball against any decision made by the Committee.

## 12. Dissolution Procedures

12.1 A resolution to dissolve the RDNL 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 league that remain will become the property of England Netball or some other organisation with similar objectives to those of RDNL.

## 13. Review of the constitution

13.1 The constitution shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

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

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

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


### Declaration

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

SIGNED: .....  ..... DATE: 7/8/17

Name: ..... CARAN SMITH .....

RDNL President

SIGNED: .....  ..... DATE: 9/8/17

Name: ..... NIKKI SMITH .....

RDNL Chair