



**Hinckley Ladies  
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## Hinckley Ladies Netball Club

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“Our mission is to provide an environment that promotes netball for participation, competition and fun for all within the local community regardless of age, ethnic origin, race or ability”



## 1. Names

- 1.1. The Club will be called HINCKLEY LADIES NETBALL CLUB (HLNC) and will be affiliated to ENGLAND NETBALL (EN)

## 2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1. The aims and objectives of the Club will be:
  - 2.1.1. To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball
  - 2.1.2. To promote the Club within the local community
  - 2.1.3. To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club
  - 2.1.4. To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment
  - 2.1.5. To co-operate with any league(s) in which HLNC is participating, eg: COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION (CWNA), to promote and encourage the game of netball
  - 2.1.6. To adopt the rules and regulations laid down by the EN and the league(s) in which HLNC are participating in (as per 2.1.5)
  - 2.1.7. To deploy the funds of HLNC as shall be deemed to be in the best interests of its members

## 3. Equity Statement

- 3.1. The Club (HINCKLEY LADIES NETBALL CLUB) is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so, it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:  
***"Sports equity is fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society"***
- 3.2. The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- 3.3. The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- 3.4. All Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity
- 3.5. The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to Club disciplinary procedures.
- 3.6. The Club will promote the inclusion of disability where reasonable within the relevant league regulations and rules.

## 4. Membership

- 4.1. Membership will consist of officers and members of the Club
- 4.2. All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and Codes of Conduct that the Club has adopted
- 4.3. Members shall be enrolled in one of the following categories:
  - 4.3.1. Full member (+18)
  - 4.3.2. Full member (-18)
  - 4.3.3. Social member (training only member/coach/umpire)
  - 4.3.4. Junior member (U16 playing member)

- 4.3.5. Super-sub member (member who can only commit to around 50% of matches/training)
- 4.4. Length of service awards will be presented to members of HLNC at the presentation evening ending the season in which they reached the following membership milestones:
  - 4.4.1. 10-years. Recognition at presentation evening and a small gift (suggested potted plant or similar).
  - 4.4.2. 20-years. Recognition at presentation evening and a plaque added to club court surround/sheltered benches.
  - 4.4.3. 30-years. Recognition at presentation evening, trophy awarded, and updated plaque on our court surround/sheltered benches.
  - 4.4.4. 40 years. Recognition at presentation evening, a trophy named in their honour to be awarded at future presentation evenings, and updated plaque on our court surround/sheltered benches.

## **5. Membership Fees**

- 5.1. Membership fees for senior and junior players will be set annually and agreed by the Executive Committee. These will be published before the start of each season.
- 5.2. Membership fees will be collected by order of the committee. Full membership fees apply for the winter season for the applicable membership category, irrespective of attendance.
- 5.3. Membership fees include match & umpire fees for winter league fixtures together with general costs of running the club.
- 5.4. Membership fees will be paid in full at the start of the season, by monthly standing order or as agreed by the Treasurer.
- 5.5. All membership fees are subject to change at any point and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee before the start of every season.

## **6. Officers of the Club**

- 6.1. The Executive Officers of the Club will be:
  - 6.1.1. Chair
  - 6.1.2. Vice Chair
  - 6.1.3. Membership & General Secretary
  - 6.1.4. Treasurer
  - 6.1.5. Fixtures & Umpiring Secretary
  - 6.1.10 Safeguarding Officer
- 6.2. The Non-Executive Officers of the Club will be determined by the Executive Committee as required based upon the needs of the Club. This generally includes: Juniors Representative, Tournaments & Events Officer, Fundraising Officer, Facilities Officer, Communications Officer.
- 6.3. Both Executive Officers and Non-Executive Officers will be elected annually at the AGM. All Officers (excluding Chair and Vice Chair) will hold the position for one year and then retire or be re-elected.
  - 6.3.1. The Chair and Vice Chair roles must be held for two consecutive seasons before stepping down to either retire, or put themselves up for re-election at the club AGM

- 6.4. If an Executive or Non-Executive Officer is no longer deemed fit to hold their position on the Committee during the season, a vote of no confidence must be carried out whereby 51% or more of the Executive and Non-Executive Officers collectively agree that the Officer in question must stand down from their role on the Committee.

## **7. Committee**

- 7.1. The Club will be managed through the Executive Committee consisting of the Officers of the Club.
- 7.2. The Executive Committee will be convened by the Chairperson of the Club and will hold no less than four meetings per year.
- 7.3. All Executive Officers will be required to attend all meetings, with Non-Executive Officers invited or as required when they have business or matters arising.
- 7.4. The quorum required for business to be agreed at the Executive Committee meetings will be 51% of the attendees of any meeting.
- 7.5. The Executive Committee will be responsible for adopting new policies, Codes of Conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the Club.
- 7.6. The Executive Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Executive Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- 7.7. The Executive Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club rules/regulations/Constitution. The Executive Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- 7.8. Neither Chairperson or Vice Chairperson will hold the position of captain in any team to ensure impartiality to any matters arising, including disputes and disciplinary matters (as per Section 10: Disciplinary and Appeals).

## **8. Finance**

- 8.1. All Club monies will be banked into an account held in the name of the Club.
- 8.2. The financial year of the Club will end at the close of every netball season (AGM).
- 8.3. A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 8.4. Any cheques drawn against Club funds should hold the signatories of two nominated officers.
- 8.5. The club will pay a maximum of 50% towards a members Level 1 or Level 2 coaching qualification, providing the member commits to a minimum of two seasons of (paid) coaching for the club, from the point of them gaining their coaching qualification. The club will pay for a maximum of one coaching course per person, per season.
- 8.6. Payments for club coaches will be decided on an individual basis, based on experience.

## **9. Annual General Meetings**

- 9.1. Notice of the AGM will be given by the Membership & General Secretary. No less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.
- 9.2. The AGM will receive a report of the Executive Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.

- 9.3. Nominations for officers of the Executive Committee will be sent to the Membership & General Secretary prior to the AGM.
- 9.4. Elections of Officers are to take place at the AGM.
- 9.5. All members who attend the AGM, and are over the age of 16 or are playing in a senior league, have the right to vote at the AGM. There will be no voting by proxy.
- 9.6. All motions passed at the AGM will stand until the next AGM or any EGM in the meantime.
- 9.7. The number of members present for the AGM, will be no less than 25% of the membership of the Club, who are eligible to vote (see 9.5).
- 9.8. The Executive Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) outside of the AGM. Procedures for an EGM will be the same as for the AGM.
- 9.9. A provisional date for the following years AGM will be set as the final agenda point at each AGM.

## **10. Discipline and Appeals**

- 10.1. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Chairperson.
- 10.2. The Executive Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The Executive Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- 10.3. The outcome of a disciplinary hearing will be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.
- 10.4. There will be the right of appeal to the Executive Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Executive Committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Membership & General Secretary receiving the appeal.
- 10.5. Any instances of bullying being discovered within the Club by senior or junior members, will be taken very seriously. Any form of verbal, written and electronic bullying along with inappropriate behaviour within Club time, will be brought before the Executive Committee and may be subject to disciplinary measures. The publication of full names, addresses, ages and schools of any U18 members of the Club will be seen as misconduct and all parties will be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee.
- 10.6. All club members are required to adhere to England Netball's Safeguarding Policy. If a member is found acting outside of this policy's guidelines, the Executive Committee will take disciplinary action immediately.

## **11. Dissolution**

- 11.1. A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- 11.2. In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Club will remain the property of England Netball.

## **12. Amendments to the Constitution**

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

**13. Declaration**

13.1. Hinckley Ladies Netball Club hereby adopts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of its members.

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....

Name: .....  
(Chair)

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....

Name: .....  
(Membership & General Secretary)