

# **Welwyn Hatfield Netball League**

## **Constitution - May 2024**

1. **TITLE**  
The League shall be called the Welwyn Hatfield Netball League and shall be affiliated to the Hertfordshire County Netball Association (and thence to England Netball (EN)).
2. **OBJECTIVES**  
To plan and help with the growth and development of netball within the Welwyn Hatfield area.
3. **MEMBERSHIP**  
The following shall be eligible for ordinary membership of the League:
  - a. Netball Clubs
  - b. Youth Clubs
  - c. College of Education
  - d. Schools
4. **GOVERNANCE**  
The League should be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers:  
Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Fixtures Secretary  
Officiating Secretary  
Registration Secretary  
Welfare Secretary  
Representatives for Div 1, 2 & 3  
Stanborough Liaison Representative, Website and data lead (These offices can be held in addition to one of the other offices)  
  
This Committee will be known as the Executive Committee and will make decisions on urgent matters.  
  
A full Committee will consist of the Executive Committee members plus 1 representative from each team.  
  
The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than three members with power to vote. Team secretaries are to be notified of General Meetings. All officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Officers standing for re-election do not require re-nomination. The Secretary should be notified a week before the AGM of any nomination for Officers.
5. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
  - a. The AGM shall be held before the first week in September.
  - b. 1 representative from each team shall attend.
  - c. Voting: One representative from each affiliated team. Voting shall be by a show of hands.
6. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at the request in writing from the Captains of two affiliated teams or at the request of the Executive Committee.
7. **CONSTITUTION**  
No alteration shall be made in the Constitution except at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Proposed alterations must be notified to the secretary one month before the meeting. Any changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority vote.

8. **LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
A Committee Meeting shall be convened:
- a. Not less than 2 times a year.
  - b. At the request in writing from the Captains of two affiliated teams.
  - c. To investigate written complaints.
  - d. 1 representative from each team shall attend.
  - e. Voting: One representative from each affiliated team (if necessary the casting vote may be made by the Chairman). Voting shall be by a show of hands.
9. The League fees shall be determined by the Treasurer and formally approved by the Executive Committee.
10. All players shall be members of England Netball and Hertfordshire County Netball Association. The fees to be determined by each organisation.
11. All funds or other property of the League shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the League but shall be applied towards the furtherance of the League Objectives or for any charitable purposes.
12. In the event of dissolution of the League, the funds remaining will be paid to Hertfordshire County Netball Association to be used at their discretion.
13. **INDEMNITY**  
Honorary officers and members of the Executive Committee and its Sub-Committees shall be indemnified by the League against all costs and losses for which may become liable by reason of any duty performed for or with the authority of the Executive Committee.

This Constitution cancels all previous League Constitutions and shall take effect from the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024