

Club Constitution

NAME

- 1.1 The club shall be called Newcastle Town Netball Club.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The aim of the club is to promote and develop the game of Netball in the local area; from juniors through to adults.
- 2.2 Netball will be played in accordance with the rules of the England Netball.
- 2.3 Teams will play in the Stoke on Trent Area Winter and Summer league, West Midlands Regional League (Senior), Staffordshire Junior League, West Midlands Junior Regional League (pending qualification) and the Newcastle Summer League, in accordance with their rules.
- 2.4 Back to netball sessions will be provided to encourage those wishing to take up netball, at a social level.
- 2.4 The club will encourage teams to be represented on all leagues and county committees.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of the club is open to all individuals, according to England Netball guidelines, should they be required, and is secured and approved on payment of registration and subscription fees.
- 3.2 Registration fees will include affiliation, training and match fees.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- 4.1 The registration fees shall be agreed at the AGM and be paid via Engage, in an upfront payment or instalments.

HONORARY OFFICERS

- 5.1 The club is organised and run by a group of volunteers from within the club, and is headed by the founder member and chairperson.
- 5.2 The committee will consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, assistant secretary, minuting secretary, treasurer, safeguarding officer, complaints officer, team captains or representatives and associate members.
- 5.3 The officers of the group will be elected annually.
- 5.4 The committee will have the power to make decisions throughout the season, for the good of the club and netball.
- 5.5 The committee will meet at least once each term, i.e. minimum of 3 times per year.

DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Training will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday evening in term time, at Newcastle Under Lyme School between 6-9pm.
- 6.2 Tuesday evening is formally designated for the club's youth development, with U11 and Senior training on a Wednesday.

CLUB RULES

- 7.1 A panel of selectors, consisting of the chairperson, vice chairperson, team captains and senior and junior representatives, will decide on squad changes.
- 7.2 Squads will be named by the first two weeks of the Autumn by the Chairperson, Senior Coach and Junior Coach, where applicable.
- 7.3 Selection will be based on progression through from the U11-U16 and then from Stars to Regional, as far as possible.
- 7.4 Selection will be based on trial in the Summer term, in the first instance and the selection guidelines from England Netball will be used by a team of selectors, from within the Club.
- 7.5 Feedback will not be offered, after trials, though coaches will speak to players and/or parents, at request, via email.
- 7.6 New players may be introduced into the club following discussion with the chairperson/senior/junior coach and the team captain. Their position within a particular team will be reviewed in the same way as all other club members.
- 7.7 Captain and vice-captains, shall be voted by their own team members each season.
- 7.8 Captains will be responsible for their teams match ball and bibs, and for the organisation of play during matches, along with their vice-captains.
- 7.7 A lack of commitment to training could jeopardise player's selection for matches.
- 7.8 The captain will be responsible for the completion of the results sheets, and the forwarding of them to the results officer.
- 7.9 In an U18 team, a responsible adult will take control of the team, including selections and results sheets
- 7.10 All players, parents, guardians, coaches and officials are responsible for their own conduct during games, and should play in accordance with England Netball, local league rules and NTNC codes of conduct.
- 7.11 The club will encourage players from all teams to develop their umpiring and coaching skills; and to work towards gaining England Netball awards.
- 7.12 If payment of registration and subscription fees are not met by any club member, the committee has the right to withdraw that individuals' membership of the club.
- 7.13 Support will be offered for non-payment of fees on an individual basis, with extenuating circumstances considered by the committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.1 Any change in the clubs constitution or rules must be agreed at the AGM. All registered club members have voting rights.

8.2 The AGM will follow the end of the Stoke on Trent Winter season.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

9.1 An extra ordinary general meeting may be convened by:

9.11 By order of the committee

9.12 Upon written request by members.

Players Code of Conduct

1. Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Never argue with the umpires or coaches' decisions.
4. Control your temper.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and your team thus your team's performance will benefit, and so will your own.
6. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play, whether by your team or by your opponents.
7. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or unfair advantage of any players.
8. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Do not be a show-off.
9. Co-operate with coaches, team-mates and opponents; without them you do not have a game.

SPORT SHOULD BE FUN

Signed: _____

Please Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Coaches Code of Conduct

1. Be reasonable in your demands on the players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
2. Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
3. Ensure players are placed into teams that fit their ability level and progress stage.
4. Avoid over-playing talented players. 'average' players need and deserve equal time.
5. Remember that netball is fun and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing a game.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities are appropriate for the coaching session.
7. Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents as well as the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
8. Follow the advice of a doctor or physio in determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
9. Remember players need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise and set a good example.
10. Be supportive yet honest in selection of teams, particularly in Performance and Development.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Parents Code of Conduct

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate netball.
2. Remember, children are involved in netball; for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child always to play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of the games is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
7. Do not question the umpire's judgement and never his or her honesty.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
9. Recognise the value and importance of volunteers and coaches. They give up their time resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
10. Support your own child's journey and don't compare them to others, in a way that is derogatory or unsupportive.
11. Respect that the club will make the best decision they feel for your child, though it may not always be the decision you agree with.
12. Approach coaches and volunteers with respect and understand that communication needs to adhere to the messaging guidelines.

**Remember volunteers
are always welcome
GIVE IT A TRY**

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Umpires Code of Conduct

1. Have a duty to exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game, to apply them fairly and to effect control of the game so as to ensure the safety of the players.
2. At all times, umpire consistently, independently (an attitude of mind characterised by integrity) and with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern the game, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
3. Conform to a standard of mental and physical fitness which enables them to effectively and efficiently control matches.
4. Maintain a complete knowledge and up-to-date interpretation of the official rules of netball, and be fully conversant with rules, regulations and scoring systems applicable to the event.
5. Remember they are the controllers of the game and their decisions should not be influenced by spectators, team officials or players.
6. Exercise self-control at all times and not commit any action likely to bring the game into disrepute.
7. Be on time at the correct venue for all matches which they are officiating.

**The best umpires are unobtrusive, ruling correctly
But judiciously, ensuring the game is enjoyed by players, spectators and themselves.**

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Volunteers Code of Conduct

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All volunteers must:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with players, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by England Netball and the club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications, DBS checks and appropriate insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over coaches or players to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances
- Encourage players to value their performances and not just the results.

Signed: _____

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Date: _____

