



WILTSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The County Association shall be called Wiltshire County Netball Association hereinafter known as Wiltshire Netball.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Wiltshire Netball will be responsible for developing the Sport of Netball throughout the County and for supporting its Affiliated Members, Players, Officials, Volunteers and Workforce.
- 2.2 Wiltshire Netball will ensure that the policies and procedures laid down by England Netball and Netball Southwest are adhered to when appropriate. This will include the England Netball Operating Standards, Terms of Reference and the Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy and the Gender Eligibility & Participation Policy that came into effect across the game from 1st September 2025
- 2.3 Wiltshire Netball will use its funds to the benefit of its Members.
- 2.4 Wiltshire Netball will encourage the development of facilities
- 2.5 Wiltshire Netball will organise such events that its members request

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership of Wiltshire Netball shall consist of Clubs, Educational Establishments, Youth Groups, Individuals and any other Organisations which affiliate to England Netball, Netball Southwest and Wiltshire Netball. This shall include Coaches, Umpires and Committee Members, both Club and County, and any other persons involved in the organisation of Netball. All such Members will be Registered Participants.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

4.1 Each Member shall pay an annual County Affiliation Fee for membership to Wiltshire Netball, together with the relevant Affiliation Fees to England Netball and Netball Southwest.

4.2 The Affiliation Fees for Wiltshire Netball shall be proposed annually and agreed by its Members at the Annual General Meeting.

4.3 Membership Fees are due on 1 September and are valid between 1 September and 31 August each year.

All fees shall be paid online to England Netball who will reimburse Netball Southwest and Wiltshire Netball direct.

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

5.1 The Executive Officers of Wiltshire Netball shall be:

Chair
Vice-Chair
Administrative Officer
Finance Officer
Netball Development Officer (non-voting)

6. WILTSHIRE NETBALL COMMITTEE

6.1 The management of the affairs of Wiltshire Netball shall be vested in the Wiltshire Netball Committee comprising:

(a) The Executive Officers

(b) Representatives of Working Groups as under:

Coaching Officer
Competition Officer
Media & Communications Officer
Officiating Officer
Safeguarding Officer
Talent & Performance Officer

(c) Representatives of Wiltshire Leagues:

Moonraker Netball Association
Salisbury Netball Association
Swindon Netball Association

- (d) Co-opted Members – Maximum 3
- 6.2 Wiltshire Netball Committee Officers may recruit Working Groups to facilitate projects and shall report on activities to the main Committee. Wherever possible, these Groups should include representatives from each area of the County.
- 6.3 The Committee shall draw up and maintain the Roles and Responsibilities for each position listed above.
- 6.4 At the Annual General Meeting each year the Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- 6.5 The Committee may fill any vacancy occurring during the year.
- 6.6 The Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by Wiltshire Netball at annually agreed Travel & Subsistence rates for travel, accommodation and other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the approved business of the Wiltshire Netball Committee.

7. ELECTIONS

- 7.1 Members shall vote on a list of nominations received for all Committee Roles with the exception of League Representatives, who will be decided by their respective Leagues.
- 7.2 Only fully paid-up Members, including Wiltshire County Social Members of any capacity shall be eligible to nominate, be nominated or vote. All Nominees must be present at the AGM or provide written confirmation of their willingness to accept the nomination.
- 7.3 Each nomination must be entered on the relevant form and a Proposer & Secunder, from different Clubs, must sign the form. Each affiliated Club, Organisation or Individual may have only one vote.
- 7.4 Election to each position would be by a simple majority.
In the event of a tie the Chair shall have the deciding vote.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held each calendar year on a date agreed by the Members at the previous year's Annual General Meeting
- 8.2 Confirmation of the Meeting shall be circulated at least 28 days beforehand.
- 8.3 The Chair of the Wiltshire Netball Committee shall Chair the Annual General Meeting. In the Chair's absence the Vice Chair will preside.

- 8.4 The business to be transacted shall be:
- (a) To receive Annual Accounts from the Finance Officer
 - (b) To receive Reports from Committee Officers
 - (c) To elect Officers of the Committee
 - (d) To consider any proposed resolution or amendment to the Constitution submitted in writing 14 days before the date of the Meeting proposed by either Wiltshire Netball or proposed and seconded by two Members entitled to vote.
- 8.5 To approve the annual County Fee.
- 8.6 To approve that the accounts have been independently scrutinised and examined
- 8.7 Any Club, Organisation or Individual affiliated to Wiltshire Netball shall be entitled to one vote. Proxy voting will not be allowed.

Any Club not attending will be fined at the rate agreed by the Meeting the previous year.

In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have the deciding vote.

9. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- 9.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by
- (a) Wiltshire Netball Committee or
 - (b) Upon written request from a minimum of 25% entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

Each request shall state the purpose for such a Meeting and shall set out the relevant proposal.

The Meeting shall be arranged within 28 days of the receipt of a request by the Administrative Officer and 14 days' notice of the Meeting and any resolution proposed shall be communicated to every Member entitled to vote.

10. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

- 10.1 The Quorum for a Meeting of the Wiltshire Netball Committee shall be 4.
- 10.2 The Quorum for an Annual General Meeting of Wiltshire Netball shall be 10.

11. DISCIPLINARY POWERS

- 11.1 Wiltshire Netball shall have the power to discipline in such a manner as the Wiltshire Netball Committee thinks fit. Any action considered to be prejudicial to the interests of the County or the Sport of Netball, or in breach of the Articles and Byelaws of England Netball shall be subject to disciplinary action.

All Disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with the Codes of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures issued by England Netball and adopted by Wiltshire Netball. Copies can be obtained from the Wiltshire Committee Administrative Officer.

12. ARBITRATION

- 12.1 If any dispute shall arise on the interpretation of this Constitution or the need arise to deal with any matter not provided for in this Constitution, reference shall be made to the Chair who shall refer the same to the Committee of Wiltshire Netball whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

13. DISSOLUTION

- 13.1 In the event of dissolution, any assets remaining after the settling of all debts and liabilities shall be dealt with in a manner to be determined by resolution of a General Meeting so as to promote the objectives of Wiltshire Netball or some other organisation with kindred aims. In the event of there being a deficit, the General Meeting shall decide how it should be met.