



## Club Constitution

1. The Club shall be called Stratford Thunderbirds Netball Club
2. The Club will be affiliated to Warwickshire County of the All England Netball Association Ltd.
3. **Aims & Objectives**

To promote the personal development for all club members, participants, volunteers and officials of the Club in relation to netball and, where appropriate, provide routes to opportunities to enhance and increase individual skills.

The aims and objectives of the club shall be to:

  - Promote netball and the club within the local community
  - To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball
  - Manage training sessions
  - To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
  - 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 The Club shall consist of the officers and the members.
  - 4.2 Membership of the Club 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 the Club. No club 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 the Club.
  - 4.3 In accepting membership a person agrees to abide to the constitution of the Club and the rulings of the Club Executive Committee.
  - 4.4 Members will be enrolled as Junior members.
  - 4.5 Members may resign from membership at any time by their parent/guardian giving notice to the Membership Secretary.
5. **Membership Fees.**
  - 5.1 Membership fees shall be stipulated by the members at the General Meeting the Club Executive Committee.
  - 5.2 Fees will be paid annually.

5.3 The Club Executive Committee may decide upon other charges or subscriptions at its discretion.

## 6. Officers

6.1 The officers of the Club shall be: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Junior Representative (this person must be U18), Club Safeguarding Officer, Kit Secretary and any other relevant position.

6.2 These officers shall hold for a period of 12 months, being elected annually at the Club AGM. All Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-appointments.

6.3 Any casual vacancy occurring may be filled by the Executive Committee.

## 7. Executive Committee

7.1 The club will be managed through the Executive Committee consisting of: Chair, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Kit Secretary, Safeguarding Officer, Team Manager Representative and Junior Representative. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Club Executive Committee.

7.2 Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Secretary and the Committee shall meet as required but not less than 3 times a year, or once per school term.

7.3 The quorum for the transaction of business at Executive Committee meetings shall be 5.

7.4 Every decision at a meeting of the Executive 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.

7.5 The Executive 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.

7.6 The Executive Committee may delegate some or all of its powers and making to a sub-committee. Any sub-committee must act only in accordance within the authority delegated to it by the Executive Committee.

7.7 The Executive Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

## 8. Finance

8.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of the club shall be applied to further the objects of the Club and for no other purpose.

8.2 All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

8.3 The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

8.4 The financial year of the club will end on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

8.5 A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

8.6 Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.

## **9. Annual General Meeting and other Meetings**

- 9.1 Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 28 clear days' notice to be given to all members.
- 9.2 The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Executive Committee and a statement of the accounts.
- 9.3 Nominations for officers of the Executive Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- 9.4 Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.
- 9.5 One parent/guardian for each Junior Member will be entitled to vote at the general meetings of the Club and shall have equal voting rights.
- 9.6 The quorum for general meetings shall be 15% of Junior members' parents/guardians present and eligible to vote.
- 9.7 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than 15 eligible parent/guardians of Junior members. The Executive 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.

## **10. Voting Procedures**

- 10.1 One parent/guardian for each Junior member shall be entitled to one vote.
- 10.2 A motion shall be carried by a single majority of those present and voting, except when the motion is a constitutional amendment which shall require a two thirds majority.
- 10.3 The Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

## **11. Property and Staff**

- 11.1 Responsibility for all property owned by the Club and for the employment of any paid staff and volunteers rests with the Executive Committee.

## **12. Discipline and Appeals**

- 12.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be a detriment to the Club.
- 12.2 There shall be the right of appeal to the Executive Committee, against any decision made by an officer of the Club.
- 12.3 The appeal shall normally be considered within 14 days of it being received by the Secretary.

## **13. Dissolution Procedures**

- 13.1 A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- 13.2 In the event of dissolution, any physical assets of the club that remain will become the property of either Stratford Leisure Centre or local school (to be decided by the Executive Committee) and financial assets shall be donated to the charity Sported.

## **14. Review of the Constitution.**

- 14.1 The constitution shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.
- 14.2 The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.
- 14.3 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 the parents/guardians of Club Junior members (one parent/guardian per Junior Member will be eligible to vote). No resolution involving an amendment to the constitution may be proposed or amended from the floor of a meeting.
- 14.4 In the event of a proposal for amending the constitution being submitted, the Secretary shall inform the membership of the proposed motion not less than 14 days before the AGM.
- 14.5 Any alteration to the constitution shall require two-thirds majority of eligible parents/guardians present and voting.
- 14.6 In the event of any question or matter arising, which is not provided in the constitution, shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

**Declaration**

Stratford Thunderbirds Netball Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

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

Name: .....

**Club Chair**

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

Name: .....

**Club Secretary**