

Cumbria Premier Netball League

Constitution

1 Name

Will be called Cumbria Premier Netball League (hereinafter will be referred to as The League), and may also be known as CPNL. Participants of Cumbria Premier Netball League will be members of England Netball via their club membership.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the League will be (as per League Rules):

- Provide a high level of competition for top clubs in the county
- Improve the standard of club Netball
- Provide Opportunities for umpiring at this level
- Assist in breaking down geographical barriers within the county
- Provide social contact and friendly competitive competition

3 Membership

- (a) Membership of the League is open to any team in Cumbria.
- (b) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the League will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the League has adopted.
- (c) Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) League teams shall be eligible to take part in the business of the League and vote at general meetings.

4 Committee

- (a) The business of the League shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Results Secretary and Safeguarding Officer who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All committee members must be members of the League.
- (c) If required, the committee shall elect a Vice Chair from among its number.
- (d) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the league.
- (g) The Committee will have powers to appoint and advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (h) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the League rules/regulations/constitution.
- (i) The committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the League and be held as necessary.
- (j) Only the posts listed above will have the right to vote at committee meetings.

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- (k) The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be 3.

5 Finances

- (a) The league treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the league.
- (b) The financial year of the league will run from 1st September and end on 31st August.
- (c) All league monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the league.
- (d) An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Any cheques drawn against league funds should hold the signatures of the treasurer and one other – who can be a member of the Treasurer's club.

6 Annual General Meeting

- (a) The league shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in on a convenient date in either June or July to:
- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Elect the officers on the committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- (b) Notice of the AGM will be given by the League Secretary with at least 14 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (c) Nominations for officers of the committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.
- (d) Proposed changes to the League rules and constitution shall be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate at least 7 days before an AGM.
- (e) All teams have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (f) The Chairman of the league shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- (g) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

7 Amendments to the Constitution and Rules

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM.

8 Discipline and appeals

- (a) All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the league's child protection policy and procedures. The league Safeguarding Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.
- (b) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

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- (c) The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 21 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- (d) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 10 days of the hearing.
- (e) There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

8 Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the league can only be passed at an AGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any league funds. Any assets of the league that remain following this will become the property of Cumbria County Netball Association.

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