KINGSTON & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

June 2026

1. Name & Constitution

a) This league shall be called the Kingston & District Netball League and hereinafter called 'KDNL'
b) All players, umpires and team officials and the Management Committee must be affiliated to England Netball (hereafter known as EN) through the Surrey County Netball Association (SCNA)
c) KDNL is an adult women's netball league for women and girls aged 14 years and older.

2. Objectives

a) To promote and encourage the game of netball
b) To foster and encourage sportsmanship between all clubs, teams and individuals
c) To raise the standard of play, umpiring and coaching

3. Committee

The League's Committee (the Committee) shall consist of six (6) elected officers (the Executive Committee):

- Chairperson,
- Vice Chairperson,
- Secretary,
- Senior Results Secretary (Div 1-6)
- Junior Results Secretary (Div 7-12)
- Treasurer

and the representatives from the winners of each division. In the event of duplication of clubs, divisional runners-up followed by Knockout Cup and rally winners will be selected to form a Full Committee of a minimum of ten (10).

No club can be represented on the executive committee by more than one person.

A minimum of six (6) Committee members shall be needed to form a quorum at each committee meeting.

All disciplinary issues will be discussed by the Committee and referred to The Surrey County Netball Association (SCNA) if deemed necessary. The League also reserves the right to take the disciplinary action it deems appropriate in accordance with rules

An Executive Committee member shall not vote on behalf of the club to which they are affiliated.

In the event of an Executive Committee member needing to step down mid-way through the season due to unforeseen circumstances; the Committee will agree a suitable temporary replacement until the next AGM.

The Committee's decisions/ruling on any matter referred to it will be accepted as final.

4. Management

The League shall be governed by the Executive Committee and supported by the (Full) Committee who will manage the conduct of the KDNL in accordance with the rules and regulations of EN, the EN Codes of Conduct, this Constitution and the detailed rules of the KDNL.

The Executive Committee will comprise the six (6) Officers who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business – where decisions can be made by the Executive Committee, for example day to day running of the league.

The Full Committee shall meet whenever necessary and have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the League whether specially provided for in this Constitution, the KDNL rules or not. Five (5) members of the Full Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each member of the Committee shall be required to attend all formal committee meetings and have one vote. There will be at least one Full Committee per half season; plus a scheduled rules review meeting.

If a member is connected with a team or club concerned in a dispute or protest, they shall not sit on the Committee whilst the dispute or protest is being decided. In the event of voting being equal on any matter, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

All penalties or suspensions (imposed upon teams or players) shall be at the discretion of the Committee and shall be issued within 21 days of a grievance raised.

Appeals must be received within 14 days of receipt of the sanction. The Committee's decision on these matters is final.

5. Discipline and Complaints

All concerns or complaints relating to the EN Codes of Conduct should be made directly to EN using their Disciplinary Regulations. Please see the EN website for further information and guidance.

Any other concerns or complaints should be sent by email to the Executive Committee. In the event of a conflict of interest between Executive Committee members and the subject of the complaint, other members of the Full Committee will substitute.

In the event of an appeal, the matter will be taken to the Full Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

6. Safeguarding

All members are expected to act in accordance with the EN 'Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Netball Policy'. **Members are reminded thar players as young as 14 may be playing in KDNL.**

Any concerns or complaints against or involving Young People and Adults at Risk must be referred to EN's Lead Safeguarding Officer. Please see the EN website for further information and guidance.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held wherever possible in June each year and teams invited and represented shall be allowed one vote per club provided that they are affiliated to EN through the Surrey County.

Nominations for Executive Committee, representatives and notice of any proposals to be submitted to the meeting must be sent in writing to Secretary by the 30th April before the AGM (this is also the team registration date). Rule changes and submissions will be discussed by the Full Committee prior to the AGM. Those rules which are agreed (by Full Committee vote) will be presented at the AGM for full ratification by vote.

The KDNL Secretary shall give 21 days' notice clubs of the place, day and hour of the Annual General meeting.

All clubs currently participating in the KDNL, must have at least one adult, affiliated to EN, representative attend the League Annual General Meeting for the duration of the whole meeting. A person can only represent one club. Failure to attend may result in your club not being entered into the League for the following season.

At this meeting the following business shall be transacted: -

a) The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting shall be read and confirmed. Any matters arising shall be dealt with.
b) The Annual Reports and Balance Sheet shall be presented and adopted
c) Amendments to Constitution and Rules reviewed and voted upon for the following season
d) Election of the Executive Committee

8. Other Provisions

Application and eligibility for admission to the league will be as described in KDNL rules. All teams should understand that their home matches must be played within the KDNL boundary.

Registration of players, match and umpiring regulations are described in the KDNL Guidance and Rules and must be complied with by teams participating in the KDNL. Failure to comply may result in a team being refused entry to or expulsion from the KDNL and/or points deducted during the season.

The KDNL's committee decision is final on all matters.