



## CONSTITUTION

### 1. Name

The Club shall be known as 'Stevenage Storm Netball Club', and in this constitution from now on, will be called 'The Club'.

### 2. Aim

The aims and objectives of The Club will be:

- to offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball;
- to promote The Club within the local community;
- 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.

### 3. Officers and Committee

a) The Club shall be governed by a management committee consisting of the following officers:

Chairperson  
Treasurer

Vice Chair  
Child Protection Officer

Secretary

b) The management committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club by the committee and the club members (or a parent/guardian representative). The officers of the Club will serve for one year, but will be eligible for re-election at the next AGM. The committee shall have the power to fill such vacancies that may occur on the committee during their year of office. In addition to this, any coach in the club shall have the right to sit on the committee.

c) Committee meetings shall be held every 6-8 weeks. Decisions will be made by a simple majority. In the case of an equal number of votes for and against the Chairperson will have the casting vote. The Secretary shall take the minutes of the meeting, and make them available to all committee members.

d) Other roles e.g. social secretary, publicity officer, kit organizer, fund raising officer will be offered to all club members and invited to management committee meetings as deemed necessary by the management committee.

e) The Committee has the power to co-opt any relevant member to form a sub-committee, as may be considered necessary for the good of the Club.



#### **4. Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- a) There will be an AGM of all Club members (or Parent/Guardian representative). All fully paid members of the Club (or Parent/Guardian rep) shall be entitled to attend any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club, and shall be entitled to one vote on any separate issue.
- b) The business to be conducted at the AGM shall be:-
- i) to read and pass the minutes of the previous AGM;
  - ii) to receive reports from the Chairperson and Secretary;
  - iii) to receive a report from the Treasurer on the financial affairs of the Club and to approve the accounts;
  - iv) to elect the Officers of the Committee for the coming year (nominations can be sent to the Secretary 7 days before the AGM);
  - v) to discuss any business received in writing by the Secretary and included on the agenda.
  - vi) to discuss 'Any Other Business' that needs to come to the attention of all Club members.

#### **5. Accounts**

The Treasurer shall keep a proper record of the accounts of the Club, so that the Committee may be advised of the financial position at any time. She/He will also prepare an Annual Statement of Accounts for the Club, to be presented at the AGM. The Club shall hold a banking account in the name of STEVENAGE STORM NETBALL CLUB. Cheques will need to be signed by 2 of the following - Treasurer, Chairperson, and Child Protection Officer (Sophia, Diane, Julia).

#### **6. Membership**

##### **a) Annual Subs**

The Treasurer will cost out the season's expenditure, and the Committee can decide on annual subscriptions. Club members will need to pay England Netball Affiliation fees. Members joining during a season will pay subs on a pro rata basis.

##### **b) Training sessions**

All members are expected to attend training sessions. Failure to attend regularly (e.g. missing 3 consecutive sessions) without good reason, will result in loss of Club Membership. Depending on numbers, this could mean going on a waiting list to rejoin the Club. Reasons for non-attendance will be reviewed by the Committee. These may include illness, injury, holiday etc. A weekly register will be taken to monitor attendance.

## **7. Codes of Conduct**

There shall be a code of conduct set up for all playing members.

There will be a Parents/ Guardians charter to be read and agreed by all members.

## **8. Honorary Membership**

The Committee shall have the power to give Life Membership to any members they feel have given outstanding service to the Club.

## **9. Rules Of Play**

The Club shall abide by the latest 'England Netball Rules of Play', and any subsequent rules laid down by the Leagues participated in.

## **10. Kit**

Club colours are red and black.

## **11. Complaints and Suggestions**

Any complaints and suggestions shall be made in writing to the Club Secretary, and shall be dealt with at the next Committee meeting.

## **12. Social Activities**

Various events, including fund raising events, to be organized by any Club Members.

## **13. Amendments**

Amendments to these rules may only be made at the AGM, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club. Amendments should be received by the Secretary, in writing, 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## **14. Equity Statement**

This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

*Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.*

The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to Club disciplinary procedures.

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