

# Newtonhill Netball Club

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be Newtonhill Netball Club (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”).

### 2. AREA

The area of responsibility of the Club shall be Newtonhill and environs (hereinafter referred to as “the Area”).

### 3. OBJECTS

1. The objects of the club shall be:-
  - a. To promote the benefit of young people in the area by enabling them to participate in the sport of netball, thereby providing them with a high quality, enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of activity and personal development.
  - b. To liaise with local and statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and local residents in a common effort to advance and promote the sport of netball, so that the conditions of life of the young people may be improved and their physical, mental and spiritual capacities developed.
2. In furtherance of the Objects but not otherwise the club may exercise the following powers:-
  - a. To encourage the participation of adults and young people in the work of the Club.
  - b. To keep under review the leisure time facilities available both for individuals and Clubs within the Area and to promote the development of existing and the creation of new facilities.
  - c. To promote and support competitions, meetings, social events and other events as are considered desirable.
  - d. To consider representation, from all interested parties, in respect of the work of the Club and to consider such action as maybe appropriate in respect thereof.
  - e. To provide information as to the activities of the Club to any interested party or to the general public.
  - f. To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets or publications in the audio or visual media or to contribute to such as the Club may think desirable.
  - g. To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills, cheques and other instruments, and to operate bank accounts in the name of the Club.
  - h. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions; provided that in raising funds the Club shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant statutory regulations.
  - i. To co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the Objects or similar purposes and to exchange information and advice with them.
  - j. To do anything further which the club may deem appropriate in pursuit of the foregoing Objects.

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3. The pursuits of the foregoing Objects and the exercising of the powers or any other deliberations of the Club, shall not be affected by any considerations of class, colour, race or party politics.

## **4. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership of the Club shall be open to all individuals in the Area Admission to membership shall imply an agreement to abide by the terms of this Constitution and any other Rules which shall be made by the Club.
2. The Club retains to itself the right to refuse any application for membership or to terminate any membership, already granted, on any grounds which appear to be reasonable.
3. The Club shall have the right to divide membership into such categories, as to it, appear reasonable.
4. The whole rights, powers, privileges, duties and obligations of the Club shall be vested in its Management Committee.

## **5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The Management Committee shall consist of:-
  - a. Chair
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Other individuals appointed by the Club at the Annual General Meeting from amongst its members.
2. The members of the Management Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following their appointment, but will be eligible for re-election.
3. The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt persons to fill casual vacancies on the Management Committee as they feel necessary.
4. The Management Committee shall have the power to invite whomsoever they wish to attend meetings of the Management Committee, as they deem necessary.

## **6. MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The Management Committee shall meeting at such intervals as the Chair may determine having regard to the business to be transacted but not less than once per term.
2. The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees, and Chair thereof, as it may deem necessary to discharge the obligations imposed on the Management Committee by this Constitution or such Rules that the Management Committee may make. The members of said sub-committees may be appointed from amongst the members of the Management Committee and/or may comprise such other persons that the Management Committee deem fit.
3. The Management Committee may, by majority vote, remove from the Management Committee any elected member of that Committee who fails to attend three or more

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consecutive meetings or at least half the Management Committee meetings called within a period of nine months, but provided that such member has received from the Secretary of the Management Committee 14 days prior notice in writing that such a motion will be laid at a meeting of the Management Committee properly called.

4. The quorum for meetings of the Management Committee shall be three elected members, including one of the executive.
5. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Management Committee. In the absence of the Chair, those who are present shall appoint one from amongst their number to preside at the meeting.

## **7. GENERAL MEETINGS**

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of June in each year, the quorum for which shall be three.
2. A Special General Meeting of the Club may be requisitioned by the Management Committee or by five members of the Club by written requisition deposited with the secretary. In the latter case the written requisition shall contain notice of the purpose for which the Special General Meeting is being requisitioned.
3. The said Special General Meeting shall be held within thirty days of a motion of the Management Committee that a Special General Meeting shall be held, or on receipt of a written requisition by the Secretary as aforesaid. Only the business referred to in the motion of the Management Committee or the written requisition, shall be considered at the Special General Meeting.
4. At least 14 days prior notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary for each General Meeting of the Club, to each of the members. The said notice shall contain the date time and place of the meeting and the business to be considered. Any motion which a member wishes to be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall have been submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
5. The Chair of the Management Committee shall chair any General Meeting of the Club and shall have, at any General Meeting as well as at any Management Committee Meeting a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
6. Voting at any General Meeting as well as at the Management Committee Meeting shall be by a show of hands, but at any General Meeting on a motion being passed by simple majority of those present and entitled to vote, a vote shall be conducted by way of poll.
7. The Secretary of the Management Committee shall ensure any written Minutes are kept of the deliberations of the Management Committee, and of any General Meeting.

## **8. FINANCE**

1. Proper books of account shall be kept by the Treasurer of the Management Committee.
2. The Financial Year of the Club shall be 31<sup>st</sup> May in each year.
3. Monies received on behalf of the Club shall be paid into a Bank Account in the name of the Club at a Bank approved of by the Management Committee.
4. All cheques drawn against the Club's account shall be signed by any two of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary from the Management Committee.

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5. The Treasurer shall report to each meeting of the Management Committee the financial position of the club in such manner as the Management Committee shall, from time to time, determine.
6. The Treasurer shall lay before the Annual General Meeting of the Club a statement of accounts, which shall have been independently checked by a third party skilled in the preparation of accounts, and shall answer questions thereon, if so required.

**9. DISSOLUTION**

1. The Club shall not be wound up except by Resolution carried by a majority of two thirds of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting of the Club called for that purpose.
2. The disposal of the funds standing at credit of the Club, in the event of it being wound up, shall be disposed of as is decided by a simple majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Club called for the purpose, provided that no motion to dispose of the said funds other than to such other charitable organisation or organisations having objects similar to that of the Club or for a charitable purpose for the benefit of youth in the Area or part thereof shall be lawful.

**10. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION**

1. No changes in the Constitution shall be lawful unless adopted at a General Meeting called, inter alia, for the consideration of such change. Any such change shall be adopted if passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.

This is an accurate and true copy of the Constitution of Newtonhill Netball Club as adopted at the Annual General Meeting of such on the Sixteenth day of June 2011.

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