

# **ALL ENGLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

## **MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.1 Words and expressions in these Membership Regulations shall have the same meaning as in England Netball's Articles of Association.

1.2 In these Regulations:

**'Accredited Deputy'** means a person who is duly appointed by resolution and is a voting member of the body being represented.

**'Act'** means the Companies Act 2006

**'Articles of Association'** means the articles of association of the All England Netball Association Limited.

**'Article'** means a provision within the Articles of Association.

**'Authorised Intermediary'** means an intermediary appointed by the Board for the purposes of collecting Membership Fees.

**'Board'** the board of directors of England Netball for the purpose of the Act as appointed or elected from time to time under the Articles of Association.

**'Chair'** the individual appointed as the highest officer of an organisation.

**'Clubs'** a group of at least ten unique Individual Members admitted from time to time by the Board as Members in accordance with Article 11 (b) with at least three of the Individual Members being 19 years or older as of the 1 September of the membership year.

**'College'** means a registered group of Individuals who are students in full-time education at a further education college or institution, plus one lecturer.

**'Counties'** means the counties in a geographical area recognised by the Board from time to time.

**'County Associations'** means those associations admitted from time to time as county association members in accordance with Article 11 (b) and these Membership Regulations.

**'Disciplinary Charge'** means the allegations made against the Respondent which are the subject of investigation and determination by the Disciplinary Panel

**'Geographical Area'** means the boundaries of the County or Region as agreed by the Board.

**'Group Member'** any organisation appointed as a Group Member pursuant to Articles 15 to 18.

**'Honorary Life Member'** a person appointed as an Honorary Life Member pursuant to Article 13 (b).

**'Honorary Life Membership Club'** means a club to which all Honorary Life Members are eligible to join in accordance with Article 14.

**'Individual'** means a participant within a College, University or School who does not have their own affiliation to England Netball, County Association or Regional Association.

**'Individual Member'** a person appointed as an Individual Member pursuant to Article 13(a) and as provided for in Regulation 2.3(a).

**'Member'** any individual or organisation appointed as a Personal Member or a Group Member in accordance with the Articles of Association.

**'Membership Benefits'** a package of benefits offered to Members upon registration as a Member and receipt of the relevant Membership Fee(s).

**'Membership Contract'** the contract a Member enters into with England Netball for the services provided through membership and payment of the Membership Fee.

**'Membership Fees'** means the fees payable by Members to England Netball, to Regional Associations and to County Associations being the National Membership Fee, Regional Membership Fee and County Membership Fee respectively.

**'Netball'** the game of netball.

**'Netball Magazine'** means the official magazine of England Netball.

**'Non-Voting Group Member'** means a group member of England Netball entitled to attend but not vote at

general meetings of England Netball.

**'Personal Member'** a person who is either an Individual Member or an Honorary Life Member in accordance with Article 13.

**'Primary Club'** means the Club nominated by the Individual Member as their main club for competition purposes.

**'Primary County'** means the County nominated by a Club as their main County for competition purposes.

**'Region'** means the regions in a geographical area recognised by the Board from time to time.

**'Regional Associations'** means those associations admitted by the Board from time to time as regional association members in accordance with Regulations 2.6(d) and 4.2(d).

**'Regulation'** means a provision within these Membership Regulations.

**'Schools'** means those schools admitted by the Board from time to time as school members in pursuant to Article 11 (b).

**'Secretary'** the individual appointed from time to time to represent a Group Member.

**'Voting Group Member'** those group members designated as Voting Group Members in accordance with the Articles and thus registered as members of England Netball under the Act.

**'University'** means a registered group of Individuals who are students attending higher education institutions including universities, plus one lecturer.

1.3 References to writing include references to any visible substitute for writing and to anything partly in one form and partly in another form.

1.4 Words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa; words denoting the feminine gender include the masculine gender; words denoting persons include bodies corporate (however incorporated) and unincorporated, including unincorporated associations of persons and partnerships.

1.5 Headings are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the construction of these Membership Regulations.

## **2. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS**

2.1 In accordance with Article 11, England Netball shall have two classes of Member:

**(a) Personal:** persons who play, coach, umpire, officiate or organise Netball or are in any way connected with the game of Netball.

**(b) Group:** certain organisations as specified in these Membership Regulations.

2.2 The benefits of membership of England Netball will be not be available until the relevant Membership Fees have been paid to England Netball.

2.3 In accordance with Article 13, the sub-categories of Personal Member shall be:

**(a) Individual Member:** any person who plays, coaches, umpires, officiates or organises Netball or is in any way connected with the game of Netball having paid the full subscriptions eligible. Individuals Members may associate themselves with Group Members.

For the avoidance of doubt any references to subscriptions in this Regulation means Membership Fee.

**(b) Honorary Life Member:** any person who has been awarded Honorary Life Membership of England Netball as may be conferred by the Directors upon any person who has rendered special service to England Netball at national level. In accordance with Article 14, an Honorary Life Member may, at the discretion of the Directors, receive a notice of general meetings. An Honorary Life Member is automatically entitled to join the Honorary Life Members Club, which itself is not a member of a County or a Region and joins

England Netball directly.

Personal Members are entitled to participate in courses, awards and events organised by England Netball and any other service offered by England Netball. They are also eligible to serve as a member of a National Committee or Sub-Committee of England Netball. A Personal Member shall not be eligible for election or appointment within a period of four years prior to such proposed election or appointment, if they have a proven Disciplinary Charge under England Netball Disciplinary Regulations.

2.4 In accordance with Article 12 Individual Members shall not be entitled to receive notice of, attend or speak at, general meetings of England Netball unless as a representative or proxy appointed by a Voting Group Member. In accordance with Article 14, an Honorary Life Member may, at the discretion of the Directors, receive a notice of general meetings.

2.5 In accordance with Article 15 the sub categories of Group Member shall be:

**(a) Voting Group Members** those Group Members designated as Voting Group Members and thus registered as members of England Netball under the Act, who shall be entitled to receive notice of, and to attend, speak and vote at general meetings.

**(b) Non-Voting Group Members** those Group Members designated as Non-Voting Group Members, who shall be entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and speak at general meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

2.6 As provided for in Article 18 the sub-categories of Voting Group Members shall be set out in the Membership Regulations and consist of:

**(a) Clubs**

A Club is a group of at least ten unique Individual Members admitted from time to time by the Board as Members in accordance with Article 11 (b) with at least three of the Individual Members being 19 years or older as of the 1 September of the membership year shall be eligible for membership of England Netball, and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine.

A Club shall also be eligible for membership of the County Association in which their Club is located, denoted by the selection of a Primary County for the Club, and receive the benefits offered by that County Association.

A Club shall also be eligible for membership of the Regional Association in which their Primary County association is located, and receive the benefits offered by that Regional Association.

Each Club who is a Member shall be entitled to send an Accredited Deputy to attend, speak and vote at general meetings of England Netball.

**(b) County Associations**

A County Association is an association of Leagues, Clubs, Universities, Colleges and Schools, shall be eligible for membership of England Netball, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine. A County Association shall agree and determine its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations and provided it shall have been approved by the Board.

Each County Association who is a Member shall be entitled to be represented by their respective Chair or Accredited Deputy, to attend, speak and vote at general meetings of England Netball.

### **(c) Honorary Life Membership Club**

The Honorary Life Membership Club shall be entitled to send one accredited representative (duly appointed by the Honorary Life Membership Club and approved by the Board) to attend, speak and vote at general meetings.

### **(d) Regional Associations**

A Regional Association, which is an association of Counties as determined by the Board, shall be eligible for membership of England Netball, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine. A Regional Association shall agree and determine its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations and provided it shall have been approved by the Board.

Each Regional Association who is a Member shall be entitled to be represented by their respective Chair or Accredited Deputy, to attend, speak and vote at general meetings of England Netball.

### **(e) Secondary/Middle Schools (paying the higher rate schools' Membership Fees)**

School membership shall be open to:

- (i)** any school of any age range;
- (ii)** any other educational establishment at which students of less than 19 years of age, on 1 September of the current education year, are in full-time attendance.

Schools eligible for membership of England Netball shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board from time to time determine.

Each School paying the higher rate schools' subscription shall be entitled to send a representative, who must be in current employment at that School, to attend, speak and vote at general meetings of England Netball. Such representatives must be notified to and approved by the Board.

A School shall also be eligible for membership of the County Association in which their main school building is located, upon payment of the appropriate County Association Membership Fee for the School. Benefits of membership of a County Association will be not be available until the relevant County Association Membership Fee has been paid to the County, or England Netball on behalf of the County Association.

A School shall also be eligible for membership of the Regional Association in which their main school building is located, upon payment of the appropriate Regional Association Membership Fee for the School. Benefits of membership of a Regional Association will be not be available until the relevant Regional Association Membership Fee has been paid to the Region, or England Netball on behalf of the Regional Association.

Individuals within Secondary/Middle Schools are not eligible to participate within Member Clubs without paying the appropriate Membership Fee.

2.7 As provided for in Article 18 the sub-categories of Non-Voting Group Members shall be set out in the Membership Regulations and shall consist of:

#### **(a) College**

A college with students in full-time education, shall be eligible for membership of England Netball, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine in accordance with Article 11 (b).

Colleges who are a Member shall be entitled to send a representative (duly appointed by the College and approved by the Board) to attend and speak at general meetings, but not vote.

Each College is entitled to receive a copy of England Netball's handbook, annual report and accounts and the Netball Magazine as published.

Individuals within Colleges in England are entitled to attend courses, take awards or take part in events organised by England Netball by special invitation.

Individuals within Colleges are not eligible to participate within Member Clubs without paying the appropriate Membership Fee.

A College shall also be eligible for membership of the County Association in which their main college building is located, upon payment of the appropriate County Association Membership Fee for the College. Benefits of membership of a County Association will be not be available until the relevant County Association Membership Fee has been paid to the County, or England Netball on behalf of the County Association.

A College shall also be eligible for membership of the Regional Association in which their main college building is located, upon payment of the appropriate Regional Association Membership Fee for the College. Benefits of membership of a Regional Association will be not be available until the relevant Regional Association Membership Fee has been paid to the Region, or England Netball on behalf of the Regional Association.

**(b) Primary Schools (paying the lower rate schools' Membership Fees)**

Primary School membership shall be open to:

- (i) any school of Primary age range;
- (ii) any other educational establishment at which students predominantly of less than 11 years of age, on 1 September of the current education year, are in full-time attendance.

A school paying the lower rate schools' Membership Fees shall be eligible for membership of England Netball, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board from time to time determine.

Each School, shall be entitled to send a representative, who must be in current employment at that school, to attend and speak at general meetings of England Netball but not vote. Such representatives must be notified to and approved by the Board.

Each School is entitled to receive a copy of England Netball's handbook, annual report and accounts and the Netball Magazine as published.

A School shall also be eligible for membership of the County Association in which their main school building is located, upon payment of the appropriate County Association Membership Fee for the School. Benefits of membership of a County Association will be not be available until the relevant County Association Membership Fee has been paid to the County Association.

A School shall also be eligible for membership of the Regional Association in which their main school building is located, upon payment of the appropriate Regional Association Membership Fee for the School. Benefits of membership of a Regional Association will be not be available until the relevant Regional Association Membership Fee has been paid, to the Regional Association.

Individuals within Primary Schools are not eligible to participate within Member Clubs without paying the appropriate Membership Fee.

### **(c) Universities**

A University, shall be eligible for membership of England Netball, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine in accordance with Article 11 (b).

Universities who are Members shall be entitled to send a representative (duly appointed by the University and approved by the Board) to attend and speak at general meetings, but not vote.

Each University is entitled to receive a copy of England Netball's handbook, annual report and accounts and the Netball Magazine as published.

A University shall also be eligible for membership of the County Association in which their main school building is located, upon payment of the appropriate County Association Membership Fee for the University. Benefits of membership of a County Association will be not be available until the relevant County Association Membership Fee has been paid to the County Association.

A University shall also be eligible for membership of the Regional Association in which their main school building is located, upon payment of the appropriate Regional Association Membership Fee for the University. Benefits of membership of a Regional Association will be not be available until the relevant Regional Association Membership Fee has been paid to the Regional Association.

Individuals within Universities are not eligible to participate within Member Clubs without paying the appropriate Membership Fee.

### **3. MEMBER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

Each category of Member shall enjoy such rights and privileges as are contained in the Articles of Association and additionally:

**(a)** each Group Member shall be entitled to a copy of England Netball's handbook and Annual Report and Accounts.

**(b)** all Personal Members who are Individual Members shall receive a copy of the Netball Magazine in accordance with the Membership Contract.

**(c)** Individual Members, pupils at Schools and students at Colleges and Universities, who have paid the required Membership Fees, have the right to play Netball organised within England Netball.

**(d)** an Individual Member may be a member of more than one Club, but must select one Club as their Primary Club, notifying each Club of her decision.

**(e)** an Individual Member must pay the full annual Membership Fees.

**(f)** it is the Member's responsibility to ensure that the Membership Fees due are paid direct to England Netball or other Authorised Intermediary as appointed by the Board.

**(g)** no Group Member may enter a team for open tournaments or Individual Members for trials, courses or awards until all required Membership Fees have been paid

**(h)** Personal Members and Individuals have the right to take part in Netball through playing, umpiring, coaching, scoring, timekeeping, refereeing, mentoring, tutoring and testing, and may participate in the services supplied by England Netball

**(i)** each Personal Member shall provide England Netball their name and address to whom all communications are to be sent (such personal data to be stored in accordance with England Netball's data protection policies), and shall keep England Netball informed of any change in the name and/or address.

**(j)** each Group Member shall provide England Netball the name and address of its Secretary or other Accredited Deputy, to whom all communications are to be sent, and shall keep England Netball informed of any change in the name and/or address of such representative.

**(k)** any Personal Member is entitled to seek advice and/or technical assistance from England Netball

**(l)** in accordance with Article 108, Members shall be bound by and subject to and shall act in accordance

with the Articles of Association, these Membership Regulations, England Netball Codes of Conduct, procedures, byelaws and the Rules of the Game and any standing orders, decisions, rulings or other findings or orders of any nature made pursuant to any regulations or the Rules of the Game.

**(m)** each Group Member shall be responsible for ensuring that all of its players, officials, coaches, spectators, and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers, conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and refrain from violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language, whilst attending or taking part in a match, tournament or event in which the Member is involved.

#### **4. BECOMING A MEMBER**

##### **4.1 Personal Members**

###### **(a) Individual Member**

Application for membership as an Individual Member, shall be made by completing an application along with payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

###### **(b) Honorary Life Member**

Recommendation for the award of Honorary Life Membership may be made by the Directors or by any two Regional Associations.

The recommendation shall be forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and President at any time and must contain information to lend support to it.

The Directors shall consider each recommendation and have the power to confer Honorary Life Membership upon any person who has rendered outstanding service to England Netball at a national level in accordance with the criteria contained in the notes to the application form.

The award may be announced immediately and normally made at the next general meeting or other national event.

An Honorary Life Member shall be automatically invited for membership of the Honorary Life Membership Club and also granted the same rights and privileges as all other Personal Members.

##### **4.2 Group Members**

**(a) Clubs** - Application for membership by a Club shall be made by completing an application form. The Club will be considered to be based in and become a member of the County Association it selects as its Primary County as part of the application process. Upon acceptance of a Club's application the Board shall consider transfer of Primary County on request only if it is supported by the Counties and Regions concerned, and if the Board is of the opinion that it is in the interests of Netball or of the Club.

**(b) Colleges** - Application for membership by a College shall be made by completing an application form along with payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

**(c) County Associations** - Membership by a County Association of England Netball becomes active each season following payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

- Each County Association shall agree its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations.
- Each County Association shall have autonomy in organising and administering the game within its County but shall have no power to alter the official Rules of the Game or to overrule the decisions of the Board.

- Each County Association shall be administered by a County Committee and shall be responsible for the actions, decisions and finances of its Association.
- Each County Association shall be a constituent member of the Regional Association within whose boundaries it is situated.
- The boundaries of each County Association shall be agreed by the Board after consultation with the County Associations concerned.
- Where a geographical county is divided, the County Associations concerned shall agree upon the boundary dividing lines. These boundary lines shall be shown on an Ordnance Survey map of the County and forwarded to the England Netball Head Office for approval by the Board.
- The Regulations of all leagues and tournaments within the jurisdiction of a County Association shall ensure that every player taking part shall be a Personal Member of England Netball, pupils in full-time education at England Netball member schools to England Netball.
- Each County Association shall be responsible for disseminating relevant information from England Netball to Group members for which it is their Primary County and any Individual Members who are a member of the County.
- National competition shall normally take place in accordance with the fixture dates published in advance by England Netball.

**(d) Regional Associations** - Membership by a Regional Association of England Netball becomes active each season following payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

- Each Regional Association shall comprise County Associations, as determined by the Board, and each County Association shall be a member of its constituted Regional Association.
- There shall be nine Regional Associations constituted as follows:
  - East comprising the County Associations of: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex East, Essex Thurrock, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk
  - East Midlands comprising the County Associations of: Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire
  - London and South East comprising the County Associations of: Essex Metropolitan, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey
  - North East comprising the County Associations of: Durham North, Durham South and Cleveland, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear
  - North West comprising the County Associations of: Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Merseyside
  - South comprising the County Associations of: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire North, Buckinghamshire South, Guernsey, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Sussex
  - South West comprising the County Associations of: Avon, Cornwall, Devon East, Devon West, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Jersey, Somerset, Wiltshire
  - West Midlands comprising the County Associations of: Birmingham, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Staffordshire South, Warwickshire, Worcestershire
  - Yorkshire comprising the County Associations of: Humberside, Yorkshire North, Yorkshire South and Yorkshire West
- The boundaries of each Regional Association shall be determined by the Board after consultation with the Regions within the affected Regional Association(s) and its constituent County Associations.
- Each Regional Association shall agree its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations or other Regulations.
- Each Regional Association shall be an autonomous body responsible for carrying out the administrative plans made and the policies formulated by the Board under the terms of these Membership Regulations, but shall have no power to alter the Official Rules of the Game or to overrule the decisions of the Board.
- Each Regional Association shall serve as a forum to coordinate and organise activities, regional competitions, arrange technical courses, elect representatives to serve on National Committees and



- in particular to plan and help in the growth and development of Netball within the Region.
- Each Regional Association shall be administered by a Regional Management Board.
  - Each Regional Management Board shall be responsible for the actions, decisions and finances of its Regional Association.
  - Each Regional Association shall be responsible for disseminating relevant information from the National Committees to its member County Associations.

**(e) Schools** - Application for membership by a School shall be made by completing an application form along with payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

**(f) Universities** - Application for membership by a University shall be made by completing an application form along with payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

### 5.1 England Netball Membership Fees/National Membership Fees

England Netball Membership Fees may be set according to criteria established by the Board and approved in accordance with Article 24(b). The Membership Fees may vary within the sub-categories of Personal Members depending on the criteria including but not limited to Membership Fees dependent on age categories.

Membership Fees payable from 1 September each year are advised on the England Netball website: **[www.EnglandNetball.co.uk](http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk)**.

Membership Fees for new Personal Members may be submitted any time.

Membership Fees are valid from the date cleared funds are received by England Netball until 31 August.

The Board may appoint an Authorised Intermediary as an agent for England Netball, for the purposes of collecting annual Membership Fees from Members, on such conditions as the Board may determine and may at any time remove such appointment.

### 5.2 Regional Membership Fees and County Membership Fees

Regional Associations and County Associations may also set Membership Fees in accordance with their constitution. All Individual Members registered to a Club will be required to pay the County Membership Fee of the Club's Primary County and the related Regional Membership Fee.

If an Individual Member wishes to access the benefits of another Regional Association or County Association they will be required to pay the respective Membership Fees.