



MILTON KEYNES INDOOR NETBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

The League shall be known as Milton Keynes Indoor Netball League or MKINL for shortened purposes.

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

- 1.1 Application for membership of the League shall be considered each year by the committee.
- 1.2 Every Club who wishes to enter the forthcoming season must register at the MKINL AGM.
- 1.3 Clubs shall supply the name, email and telephone number of two Club contacts. For Clubs with more than one team, contacts shall be provided per team. If any of this information subsequently changes, the League Secretary, must be informed of those changes in writing. By giving this information, Club contacts agree that their details are used as per the MKINL Privacy Policy.
- 1.4 All Clubs must provide the League with names, telephone numbers and emails of their Club affiliated umpires.
- 1.5 Every Club registered to MKINL must send a representative to the North Bucks Annual General Meeting. Failure to send a representative will result in a deduction of points to be set by the committee.
- 1.6 Should a Club/team/player(s) persistently fail to comply with a League rule(s), the committee, at their discretion, may apply an additional penalty and/or exclude the Club/team/player(s) from the League.
- 1.7 Entry to a specific division may be determined by an assessment arranged by MKINL Committee, between teams of an appropriate standard.
- 1.8 The committee may, in its absolute discretion, expel any member for contravention of the constitution and its rules, for unsportsmanlike behaviour, or for conduct deemed prejudicial to MKINL.
- 1.9 For teams to retain their position or qualify for promotion that team should retain at least five original players re-registering for the forthcoming season. If this is not the case then entry to a specific division may be determined by an assessment arranged by the committee.
- 1.10 *Individuals (player/coach/umpire) if pregnant, should only participate with written approval from a medical professional (ie Dr or midwife) and in accordance with any guidelines issued by England Netball.*

2. AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF MKINL

- 2.1 To promote the sport of Netball.
- 2.2 To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.
- 2.3 To offer competitive adults netball covering all abilities and to promote youth netball.
- 2.4 To provide its services in a way that is fair to all members.

3. COMMITTEE

For meeting purposes the Committee shall consist of:

- 3.1 The Honorary Officers
- 3.2 The Executive Officers
- 3.3 Club representatives by invitation
- 3.4 All elected committee members must remain impartial and are required to promote MKINL. Committee members are obliged to uphold the aims and objectives of the League. They must keep all matters confidential and refrain from using any information gained for their own advantage. If a member is found not to have done so, instant expulsion from the Committee will take place.
- 3.5 To ensure fairness there should be a maximum of two Committee members per Club on the Committee at any one time.
- 3.6 Committee members must attend at least 50% of MKINL Committee Meetings in order to re-stand.

4. HONORARY OFFICERS

The Honorary Officers shall be:

- 4.1 The Chair
The Vice Chair
The Secretary

The Treasurer
The Officiating Officer

- 4.2 The position of an Honorary Officer on the MKINL Committee cannot be held by any member who holds a similar position on any other adult netball league within the North Bucks area, including any of the above positions on North Bucks Netball Association Committee. This would be deemed a conflict of interest.

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall be all or a combination of the following:

- 5.1 Affiliations Officer
Fixtures Officer
PR Officer
Minutes Secretary
Duty Officer
Results Officer
Venues Officer
- 5.2 The Honorary and Executive Committee Officers shall be elected at the AGM by the Club representatives present at the meeting. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the committee as and when required; five committee members present shall form a quorum. Their terms of reference are to decide on any matters relating to the League.
- 5.3 The Committee is empowered to deal with all the business of the League between Annual General Meetings.
- 5.4 The Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of all League rules, processes and policies throughout the course of the season. All Clubs registered to MKINL must adhere to all rules and processes as set out by the Committee.
- 5.5 Should any small inconsequential mistakes be found within this document (i.e. punctuation, grammar) these can be amended without recourse back to the members providing the meaning remains unaltered.
- 5.6 The Committee may appoint a sub-committee and may delegate to such committee executive powers within defined limits.
- 5.7 The Committee shall not incur liabilities in excess of the League's current resources.
- 5.8 MKINL shall hold no responsibility for personal injury or loss of belongings whilst undertaking any sporting activity organised by the League.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 The **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) shall be held once every calendar year after completion of the winter season. Notice of the AGM shall be sent to every Club not less than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Agenda will be sent to all clubs 14 days prior to the meeting.

6.2 **Business to be transacted:**

To receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

To elect the Honorary and Executive Committee members

To consider any proposals received from member Clubs

Notification of fees for the forthcoming season

- 6.3 No part of the Constitution shall be amended and no resolution passed at a previous General Meeting shall be rescinded unless notice to this effect is given on the Agenda and agreed by vote at a General Meeting.
- 6.4 Items for the agenda must be sent to the Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the AGM date.
- 6.5 All Clubs playing in the MKINL must be represented at the AGM by one of their Club members. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to exclusion from the League.
- 6.6 If required, the Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Each Club must send a representative to the EGM. Each representative must be an affiliated member of MKINL. Failure to attend an EGM will result in a deduction of points to be set out by the Committee.
- 6.7 An EGM can be called by no less than a third of member Clubs. The request must be received in writing by the Committee. The request must detail the reason for the request. If the Committee fail to respond to the request within 28 days the members can organise the EGM themselves giving the Committee notice.
- 6.8 Voting procedure: all matters at a General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote.
- 6.9 Persons eligible to vote at General Meetings:

Every Club in attendance at an Annual General Meeting (AGM), who is registering for the forthcoming season and who finishes the season as the same Club is eligible to a single vote. Teams that merge to form a Club after registering at the AGM, will be classed as a single Club and will therefore be eligible for a single vote at the next AGM

The Chair shall have a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes. In the case of a motion directly affecting the Chair, the Vice Chair shall take the vote and subsequently officers in line where necessary.

7. AFFILIATIONS

7.1 In order to participate in the MKINL, a player must be affiliated to England Netball, North Bucks Netball Association and Milton Keynes Indoor Netball League and confirmation received by the Affiliation Officer. All players must have their affiliation lodged with England Netball and their subscription paid **prior** to participation in the MKINL. Failure to do so will result in any points gained for any match(es) in which a non-affiliated player(s) participated being deducted in addition to a penalty of point(s) per match played with a non-affiliated player(s). Player(s) will be excluded from further participation until they are affiliated. Point's deduction to be set by the Committee.

8. REGISTRATION

8.1 A full list of players (registered players), with complete names, must be submitted to the Affiliation Officer by the Friday before the first fixture of the season. Where a Club has more than one team in MKINL, players must be registered for a particular team, i.e. team A, B, C etc. and the Affiliation Officer must be given the full team lists by the Friday before the first fixture of the season. Any failure to comply will result in the offending team being penalised any points gained for the match(es) concerned together with an additional penalty of point(s) deduction to be determined by the Committee. Multi-team Clubs must be seeded.

8.2 Any Club who knowingly and deliberately provides false information regarding the identity of players when registering, or naming players on League forms may be subject to disciplinary action and may be expelled from the League. Disciplinary action may be taken against the Club.

8.3 All players must be over 14 years in line with EN rules.

9. FIXTURES

9.1 All MKINL matches must comply with the Official Netball Rules of England Netball. Each team should be familiar with the current England Netball Rules and the MKINL Rules and Regulations.

9.2 Every attempt will be made to hold a MKINL rules forum each year in order that members may voice their suggestions for rule changes for the following season.

10. UMPIRES

10.1 All Clubs must provide at least one qualified umpire for every team entered in the MKINL. Umpires may need to provide evidence of their qualification on request.

10.2 Umpires may be subject to assessment by a suitably qualified representative of MKINL.

11. ACCOUNTS

11.1 The Leagues financial year will run from 1st June to 31st May

11.2 The Accounts will be prepared by the Treasurer and verified by a suitably qualified independent Accountant appointed by the Committee.

11.3 All cheques, mandates & BACS payments will be quantified by two Committee members one of which will be the Treasurer.

12. DISSOLUTION

12.1 In the event of dissolution, any assets of MKINL that remain will be dispersed equally to other organisations whose objectives are similar to those of the League.