

Loxton Netball Club Incorporated

Constitution



1. Name

The club shall be called the "LOXTON NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED"

2. Objects

The objects of the club are:-

- 2.1 To Promote and develop the game of Netball.
- 2.2 To affiliate with the Riverland Netball Association.
- 2.3 To govern, regulate, control and promote the interests of netball players in the Loxton area.
- 2.4 To invest and deal with the monies and/or property of the Club in such a manner as from time to time may be determined by the Committee.
- 2.5 To establish, maintain and control funds for the benefit of the sport of Netball.
- 2.6 To do any other lawful things incidental or conducive to forgoing objects.

3. Membership

3.1 The Members of the Club shall be:-

- 3.1.1 Players or non-players who pay an annual fee (April – March) determined at the Annual General Meeting. This will also include membership of the Loxton Sports Club.
- 3.1.2 Life Members.

3.2 A list of Members and Life Members shall be kept by the Secretary and updated annually.

4. Termination of Membership

Membership of the Club may be terminated by either:-

- 4.1 Resignation in writing, or
- 4.2 Failure to renew membership
- 4.3 Expulsion by the Committee.

5. Office Bearers

The Office Bearers of the Club shall consist of the Patron and the Executive Committee.

6. Committee

The following people shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting:-

- 6.1 President
- 6.2 Vice President
- 6.3 Secretary
- 6.4 Assistant Secretary
- 6.5 Treasurer
- 6.6 Committee of not less than Five (5) people

7. Powers of the Committee

The Committee shall have the following powers and authority:-

- 7.1 The general management of the Club.
- 7.2 The control of all funds of the Club.
- 7.3 To appoint any sub-committee and chairperson thereof for any purpose they deem necessary and for a period of time as deemed necessary.
- 7.4 The powers conferred under the Associations Incorporation Act.

8. Committee Meetings

- 8.1 The Committee shall meet monthly during the netball season to conduct the business of the Club.
- 8.2 Each team shall be represented on the Committee as an Office Bearer or Committee Member to help disseminate information and represent teams.
- 8.3 The Committee shall appoint:-
 - 8.3.1 Two Riverland Netball Association Delegates or proxies;
 - 8.3.2 One Show and Recreation Centre delegate or proxy;
 - 8.3.3 One Loxton Sports Club delegate or proxy;
 - 8.3.4 Two Riverland Umpires Association delegates or proxies;
 - 8.3.5 One game organizer for times and umpires each Saturday.

9. Duties

9.1 President

The President shall preside at all Committee and Special General Meetings when present and shall have a casting vote in all matters. He/She may also attend all Sub-Committee meetings. He/She shall be required to present a report on the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

9.2 Vice President

The Vice President shall provide such assistance as may be required by the President and preside at meetings when the President is unable to attend.

9.3 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep all minutes of Committee Meetings (and forward to committee members) and Special General Meetings, conduct correspondence under the direction of the Committee and maintain a register of all members. He/She shall advertise the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings.

9.4 Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary whenever necessary, book courts through the Loxton District Council for both games and practices and register the players with the Riverland Netball Association at the beginning of each season.

9.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive contributions of the members and other monies. He/She shall keep correct accounts of income and expenditure, pay all monies into a bank account in the Club's name, and ensure that all monies for disbursement shall be paid by cheque bearing the signature of at least two of the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. He/She shall be responsible to produce an authorized statement by an independent person as nominated by the Committee and presented at the Annual General Meeting and shall be responsible for the management of the funds and property of the Club.

10. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October of each year and shall be called by Public Notice and by Newsletter addressed to all members with Fourteen (14) days' notice. The Annual General Meeting shall be chaired by the retiring President or Vice President and the order of business shall be:-

- 10.1 Reading and submission of previous Annual General Meeting minutes by retiring Secretary.
- 10.2 Consideration of President's and Treasurers reports for the year review.
- 10.3 Election of Officers for ensuing year.
- 10.4 Consideration of any matter of any broad policy.

11. Special General Meeting

- 11.1 A special General Meeting shall be called:-
 - 11.1.1 At the discretion of the Committee;
 - 11.1.2 On receipt by the Secretary of requisition stating the object of the meeting and any other business signed by any two financial members. No other business shall be dealt with:
- 11.2 The Secretary shall advise members by Public Notice of the time and date of the meeting which shall be called within Seven (7) days of receiving a requisition of such meeting and not less than Eight (8) days prior to the meeting.
- 11.3 Members will also be informed by Newsletter.

12. Voting at Meetings

- 12.1 At Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings of the Club all members shall have one vote.
- 12.2 Voting at all meetings shall be by show of hands unless at least two members demand a ballot, whereupon a ballot shall be taken.
- 12.3 If the vote is even the President has a casting vote.

13. Quorum

The Quorum for all Meetings of the Club shall be not less than Five (5) members of the Club.

14. Audit

- 14.1 The accounts and activities of the Club shall be subject to audit by an auditor appointed for the purpose by the Club.
- 14.2 The report of the Auditor and the accounts of the Club shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Club which shall be held within five months after the end of the financial year.

15. Financial Year

Financial Year means each period of Twelve (12) months beginning 30 September and ending 1 September each year

16. Playing Fees

- 16.1 The fee for playing members both Senior and Junior shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and become payable in April the following year.
- 16.2 If the fee is not paid by the third match the player become ineligible to play.

17. Umpires' Payment

The Committee shall determine the amount to pay qualified umpires (including those graded internally by the Riverland Umpires' Association) per game and this shall be paid at the end of the season.

18. Life Membership

- 18.1 Any member may submit a recommendation in writing to the Committee for a person to be considered for Life Membership in view of their service. A vote will be taken on this recommendation.
- 18.2 Life Members shall be issued with a suitable badge and have their names recorded in the minute book.

19. Player Recognition

Any player who has played for the Club for ten years shall be issued with a suitable badge.

After Twenty years as a player, recognition shall be given by the addition of a bar to the ten-year badge and waiving of playing fees.

20. Interpretation of Rules

If any matter shall arise for which the rules do not provide or if there be doubt as to the interpretation thereof, the Committee shall have the final and conclusive right to determine the matter, and reaching such determination, shall have regard to the Constitution and Rules of the Riverland Netball Association and the South Australian Netball Association and the Model Rules of the Associations Incorporation Act from time to time, and any such determination of the Committee shall be conclusive and binding on all members.

21. Alteration of Constitution Rules and By-Laws

No alteration, repeal or addition to this Constitution and By-Laws shall be made except:-

- 21.1 At a Special General Meeting called especially for that purpose and upon giving Seven (7) days' notice to members of the proposed alteration, repeal or addition. The Rules applicable to a Special General Meeting shall apply.
- 21.2 At the Annual General Meeting, provided that notice of meeting gives Seven (7) days' notice of the proposed alteration, repeal or addition.
- 21.3 No such alteration, repeal or addition shall be effective unless it is carried by a majority of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

President: _____

Dated: _____