



# Island Netball League Constitution – June 2025

## 1. TITLE

The Association shall be called Island Netball League.

It may on occasion be abbreviated to INL

## 2. MISSION STATEMENT

INL aims to contribute towards England Netball's strategic vision to deliver to netball.

At local level INL will promote safe, equal and inclusive opportunities for people to take part in Netball at a level appropriate to their needs and aspirations.

INL aims to achieve this by taking positive action to develop Netball as a sport.

## 3. OBJECTS

The objects of INL are:

To further the interests of Netball within the Isle of Wight

Adopt and enforce the rules, regulations, resolutions and rulings of England Netball, with regard to duty of care, equity, code of conduct, health and safety, and requires all member clubs, bodies and individuals to do the same.

Strive to deliver the mission set out above and achieve the minimum operating standards set out from time to time by England Netball.

## 4. GOVERNANCE

4.1 INL shall be governed by the INL Committee. The role of the Committee shall be to further the objectives of INL, by establishing policies.

4.2 INL adopts those rules, regulations, policies, resolutions and rulings of England Netball as applicable to members of England Netball.

## 5. COMMITTEE

The INL Committee is a group of individuals who form a group to collectively govern and deliver the objects on behalf of the membership.

The committee shall be elected at the AGM, and the composition shall be 11 roles as listed below:

- 1 Chair
- 2 Vice Chair
- 3 Secretary
- 4 Treasurer
- 5 Umpiring Secretary
- 6 League Secretary
7. Juniors
8. Safeguarding
9. Tournament Rep
10. Social
11. Fundraising

5.1 The INL Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year, and as deemed necessary by the Chair.

5.2 The Secretary shall record minutes of the proceedings of the INL meetings in the files kept for the purpose: copies will be available to the Committee

5.3 The Committee shall have the authority to co-opt any further members they consider will support their role.

5.4 INL members must act in accordance with the powers set out in this constitution and must exercise independent judgement taking reasonable care, skill and diligence when doing so.

5.5 Every proposal shall be determined by a majority of votes voting on the question.

5.6 Each Club may have a representative at committee meeting but voting rights as per 5.7

5.7 Voting rights on any proposals will be as follows:

1 voting right for 1- 11 committee members as listed above

1 vote per club by a club representative entered in the current league.

All members eligible to vote must be present at the meeting.

In the event of a tie of votes, the Chair shall have a second and casting vote.

5.8 All Elected members must hold a current membership of England Netball throughout their term.

5.9 All vacant positions and those up for re-election will be openly advertised, details sent direct to member clubs, at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

5.10 There shall be a quorum of one third of the elected members of the Committee, which must include the Chair or Vice Chair.

5.11 INL committee members must avoid conflicts of interest, not accept benefits from third parties and declare any actual or perceived interests to the other INL committee members as soon as they arise.

5.12 At the start of each League if necessary INL committee can look at/adjust rules and make changes as appropriate

## 6. INDEMNITY & INSURANCE

Every member of INL shall be indemnified by the INL Committee to the full extent of the Counties resources, and it shall be the duty of the INL Committee, wherever funds permit, to pay all costs, losses and expenses which any such person may properly incur or for which they may become liable by reason of contract entered into or act or things done by them in good faith in the discharge of their duties.

## 7. POWERS OF THE INL COMMITTEE

The INL Committee may delegate its delivery and technical support responsibilities to groups and individuals as it may deem necessary.

## 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in July; all netball clubs in the INL will be invited. Voting rights as per 5.7

8.2 Business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be;

i To receive annual reports

ii To adopt an audited Statement of Accounts

iii To elect Members of the Committee as appropriate

iv To consider any proposed resolution submitted in writing 14 days before the date of the General Meeting.

v To agree the Membership Fees

8.3 All nominations and proposals must be received by the INL Committee at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

8.4 No person attending shall be permitted to more than one vote each.

8.5 A quorum of a General Meeting shall be one third of elected members, which must include Chair or Vice Chair.

8.6 At General Meetings all resolutions shall be passed by simple majority of those present and entitled to vote.

8.7 The minutes of all general meetings will be taken by the Secretary. In the absence of the Secretary the Chair will appoint a member of the committee to cover this role.

8.8 An EGM may be called by no less than 4 members of the committee, by notice in writing to the Secretary, giving reasons for the need for such a meeting. Fourteen days notice will be required. A quorum shall consist of two thirds of all IW clubs.

## 9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 The financial year shall be 1st September – 31st August.

9.2 The account balance sheet and report shall be presented at the AGM.

INL is a 'not for profit' organization, all funds generated will be paid towards the furtherance of its objects. All funds or other property of INL shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the IWN Committee.

9.3 Payments to individuals, other than petty cash expenses, shall be sanctioned by the INL Committee and subject to the appropriate employment/contractual legislation.

9.4 Costs will be met for members' travel to regional and national meetings, subject to prior approval by the committee.

9.5 The funds of the committee shall be kept in an account in the name of Island Netball League

9.6 All cheques and orders for payment of money from the account shall be signed by at least 2 of Roz Davitt, Lorraine Seaman, Amy Lacey, Jane Bates

9.7 The membership fees for each EN member shall be recommended by the INL committee to the AGM, taking into account the England Netball & Netball South fees.

## 10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

No alterations, additions or amendments may be made to the constitution except by specific resolution at the AGM or an EGM, when two thirds of the votes cast must be in favor.

Proposals must be received in writing at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

Agreed changes will be phased in, as decided by the meeting.

## 11. INTERPRETATION AND MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

If any dispute arises about the interpretation of the constitution, or the need arises to deal with any matter not provided for in the constitution, the secretary should be informed and the matter referred to at the next committee meeting. The committee will decide on the matter with due regard to the relevant clauses in the protocols and terms of reference of England Netball and Netball South; the decision will be binding.

## 12. COMPLAINTS

Any complaints to INL will be taken to the next committee meeting to consider any complaint received. Dependent on the nature of the complaint this may then be passed onto EN.

## 13. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution where there are funds remaining after satisfying all the debts and liabilities, the INL Committee will donate any remaining monies to a local school/ facility.

In the event of dissolution where there are not sufficient funds remaining to satisfy all the debts and liabilities, the individual members of the INL Committee are responsible for absolving those debts and liabilities. These debts and liabilities may be divided equally between the INL Committee members at the time of dissolution but remain joint and several.

#### 14. MISCELLANEOUS

All members of INL should ensure that INL complies with all relevant and applicable laws and regulations in England.

To be reviewed yearly at AGM

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_