



MK DONS NETBALL CLUB CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. CLUB NAME

The Club is named MK Dons Set Netball Club.

2. STATUS

The club is a voluntary body for the amateur sport of netball. The membership of the club shall consist of those members as defined in rule 5.

3. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aims & objectives of the club shall be to provide an opportunity for young people regardless of their race, class or sexual orientation to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities through the amateur sport of Netball. To promote associated activities to encourage recreational and social skills among our members.

4. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4.1. The management of MK Dons Set shall be the responsibility of the management committee.

4.2. The management committee shall consist of the following:

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Administrator
- Child Protection Officer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Other committee members to a max of five

The minimum number on the management committee will be no less than three.

4.3. The management committee shall answer any questions regarding the constitution.

4.4. In the event of equality of votes the chair of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

4.5. The minute secretary (committee member) will minute meetings of the management committee. Meetings shall be held at least every three months.

4.6. The management committee have the power to decide subscriptions and any other costs.

4.7. Are responsible for the publicity of the club so we can develop a good public image in the local community and elsewhere.

4.8. To submit reports for the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

4.9. To work with other relevant organisations interested in meeting the needs of young people in the club.



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5. ELIGIBILITY AND TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1. The Management Committee shall be responsible for considering applications for membership.
- 5.2. Membership of the club will be open to:
 - All youngsters between the ages of 11 years and 18 years. They will be considered as junior members.
 - Parents/guardians of junior members.
 - Individuals over the age of 16 years who have shown an interest in the needs of young people and in the work of the club.
- 5.3. In accepting membership a person agrees to abide by the constitution of the club and the rules of the management committee.

6. CONDUCT OF THE CLUB

The club shall be conducted in accordance with the policies laid down by the Management Committee.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- 7.1. An AGM has to be organised each year (not more than 15 months after the preceding event), giving at least 28 days notice to members.
- 7.2. Attendance of the meeting shall be open to all members of the club, managers, volunteers and parents of the members
- 7.3. Any member wishing to submit an item for discussion at the AGM shall do so in writing to the chairperson not less than 21 days prior to the date of the event.
- 7.4. The main business of the AGM shall be to receive an annual report, to receive audited statements of accounts for the preceding year and to elect the officers for the new management committee.
- 7.5. The chairperson shall receive nominations for officers' posts not less than 14 days prior to the AGM. Nominations can only be accepted from persons eligible to vote at the AGM.
- 7.6. All members over the age of 18 years shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and the chairperson shall have the casting vote. A junior member shall be entitled to speak on matters raised at the AGM.
- 7.7. A quorum of no less than 10 members eligible to vote are needed for the AGM to proceed.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

Dates of general meetings shall be determined at previous meetings. In addition, the chair may call a meeting when he/she considers it necessary or upon written request of at least three members. All questions raised at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote of those present and entitled to vote. The chairperson shall have the casting vote.



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9. FUNDING & FINANCE

- 9.1. All funds raised on behalf of the club shall be applied to further the aims of the club and for no other use.
- 9.2. The club treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finance of the club.
- 9.3. The committee for approval at the AGM shall submit the audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year.
- 9.4. The funds of the club shall be lodged at a building society in an account in the name of MK Netters Netball Club and all cheques etc. drawn on these accounts shall be signed by the treasurer of the club and one other, either the chairperson or an appointed officer.
- 9.5. The club funds will be achieved as follows:
 - By monthly subscriptions from players
 - By raising funds by lawful means
 - From donations towards operating costs
 - From sponsorship
 - From grants

10. DISCIPLINE & APPEALS

The management committee shall have the power to take disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member guilty of conduct deemed to be to the detriment of the club.

There shall be the right of appeal to the management committee against any decision made by an officer of the committee.

The appeal should normally be considered within 14 days of it being received by the secretary.

11. EQUITY POLICY STATEMENT

This club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definitions of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.



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12. ALTERATIONS TO THESE RULES

The Management Committee may amend the alteration of this document after proper consultation at the AGM.

13. DISSOLUTION

If the club shall be dissolved any funds or club property is to be distributed as agreed by the management committee to another organisation with similar objectives.