



Thames Ditton Junior Netball Club

Constitution

1 Name of the Club

- The club will be called Thames Ditton Junior Netball Club, and may also be known as TD Juniors. It will be affiliated to the England Netball.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball.
- To strive to improve and develop the netball skills of all members.
- To promote the club within the local community and netball.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club.
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.
- To promote friendship and sportsmanship with the Club.

3 Membership

- Membership of the club is open to any female between the ages 10-16.
- If membership applications exceed maximum stated numbers, then the committee reserves the right to conduct trials to select new members.

- All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept the regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.
- Members will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- Individuals shall not be eligible for selection of any club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club committee.

4 Sports Equity

- 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 definition 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.

5 Affiliation

- The Club and all its members shall be affiliated to England Netball.
- Affiliation fees shall be included in annual membership fees.

6 Structure

- The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Kit Manager who will also act as coaches.
- The Club will consist of 6 squads – U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16.
- U11, U12 and U13 squads will train together as will U14, U15 and U16 squads.
- Selection of players for matches shall be the responsibility of the Coaches. Every consideration will be given to ability, skills, attendance, consistency, fitness, discipline and confidence.

7 Finances

- The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- The financial year of the club will run from 1st June to 31st May.
- All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- A statement of annual accounts will be compiled by the Treasurer prior to the AGM.
- Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- Match fees, determined by the Treasurer, will be payable by players selected to play matches.

8 Annual General Meetings

- The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of May to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.

8 Amendments to the constitution

- The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

9 Rules

- The Club's expectation is that players attend a minimum of 75% of training sessions, with the exception of injury. Attendance will be taken into consideration in selection. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into account.
- The Club's expectation is that players be available to play for a minimum of 75% of the season, with the exception of injury. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into account.
- Players must arrive at training sessions in time to start promptly.
- Players must arrive at matches at least 30 minutes before the starting time in order to do a thorough warm up.
- When a player is not available for training or a match, she must inform the Secretary as soon as she is able.
- Players must show respect at all times towards other players, coaches, umpires, spectators and match officials. Disrespect will be disciplined.
- All players must abide by the England Netball Official Netball Rules.
- Club kit must be worn for all training sessions and matches.

11 Safeguarding

- Thames Ditton Junior Netball Club is firmly committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all young people to play netball. It accepts its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people and protect them from poor practice, abuse and bullying.
- All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the Club's child protection policy and procedures.

12 Declaration

Thames Ditton Junior Netball Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name	Heather Horler	Position	Secretary
Sign		Date	

Name	Fiona Watkin	Position	Treasurer
Sign		Date	