



**SHEFFIELD STORMERS NETBALL CLUB**

**HANDBOOK**

**2017/2018**



## **Introduction**

Welcome to Sheffield Stormers Netball Club. This handbook contains all the relevant current information for players, parents and coaches related to the club.

Sheffield Stormers Netball is a development club that allows players to aspire to their desired standard. The club has an athlete centred approach, providing opportunities and having structures in place for players to reach their potential.

The club is open to all who wish to train and compete in a fun, exciting environment where the player's interest is at the centre of decisions made. Sheffield Stormers deliver weekly training sessions and also enter into a number of leagues and tournaments.

We hope you enjoy being part of the Sheffield Stormers Netball Club and look forward to the forthcoming season.



## **Who can play?**

Sheffield Stormers is open to both female and male participants, of a variety of ages.

## **When is training?**

Depending on your age, training and competitive matches take place at various times as indicated below.

- **Saturday 10am-12pm: U12's, U14's, U16's training**
- **Mondays 6pm-7.30pm: Stormers 4<sup>th</sup> SY League Squad**
- **Mondays 7.30pm – 9.00pm Elite Squad, Northern League Squad 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> SY League Squads**

### **Where are training and matches played?**

Sheffield Stormers Netball Club is based at the new world-class facility of the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield.



### **Contact Information**

*For any further information or details, please do not hesitate to get in contact via the details below.*

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### **Key Information**

- The club began in March 2003

- Since then the amount of members has dramatically increased, and we currently have over 200 affiliated members.
- A men's team has been formed.
- Any players that are deemed to have a disability are encouraged to be part of our club where training sessions are tailored to cater for all.
- Sheffield Stormers promote an ethically sound club, adhering to relevant policies and frameworks.
- All coaches at the club are suitably qualified.
- All persons associated with the running and development of the club have undertaken a Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS).
- The club is committed to supporting all coaches and umpires through Continued Professional Development opportunities.
- All individuals are encouraged to be involved in a variety of aspects of the club.
- Each year the club raises money to support a specific charity. This year it is St Luke's Hospice.
- Membership fees:
  - Club affiliation = £40 juniors
  - £60 seniors
- Weekly training sessions are charged at £5.00 Juniors per 2 hour session. Seniors charged at £5.00 per 1 ½ hours.
- All monies are at the discretion of the club, and no individual will not be allowed to take part for financial reasons.

## **Constitution**

### SHEFFIELD STORMERS NETBALL CLUB

#### **1 Name**

The club will be called SHEFFIELD STORMERS NETBALL CLUB.

#### **1a) Affiliation**

Sheffield Stormers shall be affiliated to the South Yorkshire County Netball Association who shall be registered to the ALL ENGLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION.

#### **2 Purpose/object**

The purposes of the club are to promote the amateur sport of netball in Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in netball
- 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 ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

#### **3 Membership**

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club. All members will be subject to the regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

- 1) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in netball on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other belief. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 2) The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- 3) The club committee may refuse membership or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or netball into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

*Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:*

- Full member
- Associate member
- Junior
- Life member

#### **4 Membership fees**

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Executive/Management committee or determined at the AGM. Fees will be paid: England Netball/SYCNA annually in September or by weekly subscription.

#### **5 Officers of the club**

The officers of the club will be:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Honorary Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fixtures Secretary
- Publicity Officer
- Coaching Representative
- Umpiring Representative
- Development Representative
- Fundraising Representative
- Junior Representative
- Over 18's Representative

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

#### **6 Committee**

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Development Representative, Coaching Representative, Over 18's Representative.

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 4 per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be: 5.

The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearing.

## **7 Finance**

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. The financial year of the club will end on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signature of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.

### **7a) Non Profit Making**

All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

## **8 Annual General Meetings**

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of audited accounts.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGMs will be 25.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for the EGM will be the same as for the AGM.

## **9 Discipline and appeals**

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 10 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.

There will be a right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

**10 Dissolution**

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body.

**11 Amendments to the constitution**

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

**12 Declaration**

*Sheffield Stormers Netball Club* hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED:..... DATE:.....

Name:.....

Club Chair

SIGNED:..... DATE:.....

Name:.....

Club Secretary



## **Competitive League Information**

**U12's:** The girls of this age are entered into various competitions throughout the season that have a participation emphasis.

**U14's:** The club enters the local league, where weekly matches are played on a Tuesday evening between Feb-April.  
The club enters the Regional league with matches being played on Sundays commencing in January

**U16's:** The club enters the local league, where weekly matches are played on a Tuesday evening between Jan-April.  
The club enters the Regional league with matches being played on Sundays commencing in January

**Seniors:** The club enters the local league, where weekly matches are played on a Tuesday evening between Sep-Feb.  
The club enters the Northern league with matches being played on Sundays commencing in Late September

## **Key dates**

All training dates are posted on the website

[www.sheffieldstormers.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldstormers.co.uk)

## **Rules**

Sheffield Stormers is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes it is important that members, coaches and administrators associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others and adhere to the rules below:

All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.

All members must respect opponents.

Members should keep to agreed timing for training.

Members must wear suitable kit and trainers.

Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly. Any members who are having financial difficulty should contact Head Coach Kate Vivian, as it should not be a barrier to playing. This will be treated as confidential.

Members are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol or drugs on the club premises or whilst representing the club.