***CONIFER GROVE NETBALL CLUB CONSTITUTION***

1. **NAME**

The name of the club shall be the **Conifer Grove Netball Club (the Club).**

1. **RELATIONSHIPS**
2. The club shall include the Conifer Grove School netball teams plus senior and collegiate teams under the name CONIFER GROVE NETBALL CLUB.
3. The Club shall promote a positive working relationship with the Conifer Grove School and their junior players
4. The Club shall affiliate to the Papakura Netball *Centre*
5. **OBJECTIVE**

To foster the development of netball in Conifer Grove

1. **GOALS**
2. To foster and develop netball at Conifer Grove Primary School
3. To provide a local netball club for players to join after leaving primary school
4. To provide a high standard of organisation and coaching for all players
5. To encourage enjoyment of the game
6. To encourage the development of skills and identify potential
7. To encourage the participation of young women between the ages of 12-19 years, when they often drift away from the sport
8. To develop and encourage umpiring skill at all ages
9. To provide a local club that is accessible to players of all standards
10. To develop and encourage fair play and respect of the umpire
11. **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership to the Club shall be from 1st March in any current year for one year

1. **EXECUTIVE**

The Executive Committee shall be made up of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Umpire Coordinator, Coach Coordinator, Junior Club Coordinator and Senior Club Coordinator

The Executive Committee shall meet once a month (during the netball season), within one week of the Papakura Netball Centre meetings. Where insufficient agenda items arise the President may cancel the meeting but circulate issues for comment by email.

1. **CLUB MEETING**

The Executive Committee must call a general club meeting at least twice during a season (not including the AGM). All teams must be represented by at least one person at the meeting. On matters requiring a vote each person attending who is a coach, manager, paid up player, parent of a paid up collegiate or junior player or member of the Executive is allowed one vote. Those holding more than one of these positions are not entitled to multiple votes.

1. **OPERATIONS**
2. The Club shall operate in an informal manner however all decisions made by the Executive Committee or at a Club meeting must be approved by a majority of those present, by a show of hands if necessary. No proxy voting permitted.
3. An agenda shall be circulated to the Executive Committee prior to each meeting.
4. Minutes shall be kept and circulated to the Executive committee after each meeting. For club meetings minutes will be circulated by email to those that attended the meeting and provided their email address.
5. The offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Coaching Coordinator and Umpires Coordinator, Junior Club Coordinator and Senior Club Coordinator shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.
6. Guidelines for operations shall be agreed on at the first Executive Committee meeting of each season.
7. The Executive Committee organisation reserves the right to limit the number of teams and players in any year based on the availability of coaches and umpires.
8. All players intending to play, must attend trials and be part of the selection process.
9. **FINANCE**

The funds of the club shall be applied only to further the Objectives and Goals as set out in Clause 3 and 4. The bank account will require two signatures from within the Executive Committee on any cheque with designated signatories to be decided by the Executive Committee but must include the President and Treasurer.

1. **PRIVATE PECUNIARY BENEFIT**

No part of the funds shall be used for the private benefit of any member or person. However this will not preclude reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred on behalf of the club.

A member may provide services to the club. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm’s length transaction (being the open market value).

The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any replacing document.

1. **ALTERATION OF RULES**

Any alteration to the rules will only be made at an Annual General Meeting and must be passed by a 75% majority vote of those present at the meeting.

Provided that no alteration will be approved if it affects the private benefit clause, the non-profit objectives and the winding up clause.

1. **WINDING UP**

Upon winding up of the club, after payment of all costs, all surplus assets shall be distributed to the Conifer Grove School to assist the continuing development of netball.

***GUIDELINES FOR CONIFER GROVE NETBALL OPERATIONS***

1. **TEAM SECTIONS**

**School Teams**

All girls should have the opportunity to play netball while attending Conifer Grove School.

1. Teams will be selected in year groupings, beginning with Middle school (age 7). The number of teams will be set by the number of coaches available each season.

Our club will uphold the ideals of Future Ferns netball, promoting non-competition, enjoyment and the development of skill for the first two years of netball.

Parents need to understand and support the Future Fern sport principles.

1. After two years of Future Ferns netball, players should be graded by ability. This will help ensure maximum enjoyment of the game for all concerned.
2. Team selections will be made after pre-season trainings and selection games. Three selectors will select teams. Two club appointed selectors plus the coach of each team shall make up the panel.
3. We are able to cater only for children attending Conifer Grove School in this age group.
4. Year 7 and 8 students attending Conifer Grove School have priority for team selection. Second priority will be given to ex pupils, third to all other players.

**Senior and Collegiate teams**

Where possible, the assistance of an independent selector would be helpful. Players will be graded on ability.

There will be no automatic selection from school teams. Where trialists exceed the number of players the club can accommodate, priority for selection will be given to players who fit the following criteria:

* Have shown past commitment to the school club
* Are qualified umpires (junior badge) or coaches (Intro to Coaching Cert)
* Have a sister already playing for the club
1. **FUNDRAISING**

A fundraising goal may be set by the Executive Committee at the start of a season to meet specific spending requirements, for example junior uniforms, training equipment and prize giving. The identified spending and target will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

1. **CLUB SPIRIT**
2. Encouraging club and team spirit is important. We want players to support one another and enjoy feelings of personal success and satisfaction.
3. We want to be recognised as a club promoting fair play and respect for umpires.
4. We want our players to develop umpiring skill and respect for umpires.
5. Parents and supporters should be made aware of our goals as a club and asked to support the club’s philosophy of respect for all players and umpires on and off the court.
6. **CLUB COMMITMENT**

All players over 18 and parents of players under 18 will be required to complete club duty at the PNC when the club is rostered by the PNC. Players or parents who are named coaches or umpires will not be expected to do this.

All players must sign a contract with the club outlining their commitment. The coaching coordinator will formulate these.