

CONSTITUTION



1. The League shall be known as “Abu Dhabi Netball League”, for publicity purposes only and if in the future a new sponsor comes forward, the name maybe changed again (SE 2000).
2. The objectives of the Abu Dhabi Netball League (ADNL) are to:
 - a) Be a body within the Abu Dhabi region for the administration, promotion and development of Netball;
 - b) Encourage participation and achievement in Netball in the Abu Dhabi Region and the United Arab Emirates;
 - c) Enforce the rules and regulations of Netball and IFNA;
 - d) Promote and organize social, educational, recreational and other sporting activities to enhance the services of the Abu Dhabi Netball League to, and on behalf of, the local community;
 - e) Seek and obtain improved facilities for the enjoyment of Netball;
 - f) Provide information, assistance and resources to its Members;
 - g) Develop and train players, officials and other personnel involved in Netball;
 - h) Promote the health and safety of all participants in Netball by encouraging and promoting Netball as a sport to be played in a manner which upholds the principles of fair play and is free from performance enhancing drugs;
 - i) At all times act on behalf of, and interests of, the Members and Netball.
3. Membership is open to all ladies interested in playing Netball. All members of the league should be above the age of 16 or turn 16 within the year. Abu Dhabi Netball League Membership Categories shall be:
 - a) Individual Membership
 - b) Team Membership
4. The subscription for membership shall be agreed at each Annual General Meeting and shall apply to the incoming year commencing the first week of September. Subscriptions will be reviewed at each AGM as necessary.
5. The league shall consist of three (3) nominated and selected Committees. The functions of these Committees are to ensure efficient running of all operations of the league and social events.
 - A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
(Four members)
 - i. Chairperson
 - ii. Vice Chairperson
 - iii. Secretary
 - iv. Treasurer

The Executive Committee shall have the option:

- To request that a team vacating a position on any of the Committees put forward a replacement to represent them.
- To fill a vacancy temporarily when any Committee member is unable to perform her function for any reason, i.e. leave, sickness.
- To co-opt additional members either for general or specific purposes.

- To invite anyone to a Sub-Committee meeting, whether a member of the league or not, to give views or advice (although the guest will not participate in any Committee decisions).
- The quorum for a committee meeting should be half plus one. The Chairperson (or representative) should be present at all votes. One (1) vote per registered team and casting vote by the Chairperson if the decision is tied. (SE 2000)

B. The Games Committee shall consist of the following:
(Twelve members)

- i. Two Executive Committee Members
- ii. Three Umpire Coordinators
- iii. Three Fixtures & Results Representatives
- iv. Three Equipment & Facility Coordinators
- v. First Aid Coordinator

C. The Sub-Committee shall consist of the following:

- i. Two Executive Committee Members
- ii. Team Captains & Vice Captains
- iii. Three Social Coordinators
- iv. Publicity Secretary (PR)
- v. One Umpire Coordinator
- vi. One Fixtures & Results Representative
- vii. First Aid Coordinator
- viii. One Equipment & Facility Coordinator

The members of the Games and Sub-Committee shall be put forward by team members so that there is at least one representative per league (Premier, Championship and Social). These representatives shall then be approved by voting at the AGM of the Netball League, and shall hold office until termination at the next AGM. They shall be eligible for re-election.

The Chairperson has the casting vote in the event of a tied decision.
In the absence of the Chairperson, her Vice Chairperson will Chair meetings.

6. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held no later than August of each year, and members shall be given notice in writing at least seven (7 days) before such meeting. Election of office bearers will come from nominations from the floor. The Chairperson as well as rest of the committee will be selected for a one year period.
7. The AGM of the Netball League shall be held each year at an appropriate time as decided by the existing Executive Committee. The quorum of an AGM shall be quarter of the total registered members, plus one.
 - a) The voting will be simple majority. In the event of a tied vote the Chairperson of the meeting will cast a deciding vote.
 - b) The declaration by the Chairperson in good faith that a resolution has been passed or lost by a particular majority shall be final, conclusive and binding on all members, whether present at the meeting or not, unless raised at a future meeting.
 - c) The Chairperson will present a brief report to all members on the year's activities. This will cover the minutes of the previous AGM and any EGM held since.
 - d) The Treasurer will present a financial report and a copy of the statement of account will be made available to members.
 - e) Where appropriate, Committee members will report on their spheres of activities.
 - f) Committee members will be appointed as laid down in Section 5 of the Constitution.
 - g) Any member wishing to propose a resolution for consideration at such a meeting shall send a copy of the resolution proposed to the Secretary. Try to leave at least seven (7) days before the meeting, for inclusion in the Agenda.

- h) Ideas for the following years League will be discussed.
 - i) Any other business will be considered.
8. Extra-ordinary General Meeting (E.G.M.)
- a) An EGM meeting can be called at anytime by the Executive Committee on the written request of any member, supported by a minimum of twenty (20) signatures (two league teams, plus three reserves from each team)
 - b) Members to be notified two (2) weeks in advance of an EGM.
9. The financial year of the Abu Dhabi Netball League shall end on the 31st day of May in each year, and may be altered from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- a. The Executive Committee shall prepare an Annual Report for presentation at the AGM which contains:
 - i. The audited annual financial statements, and
 - ii. An annual report of the year's activities.
10. Minutes of all Committee meetings, AGM and EGM's will be handed to all Team Captains, as soon as they are available.
11. The Constitution of the League may be changed at an EGM or an AGM. A copy of which will be handed to all Team Captains.
12. The training of individual teams will be entirely up to the teams themselves. However, if they should have any queries, the Games Committee will try and help out where possible.
- a) The Rules of the game shall be those of IFNA, to which the league is affiliated.
 - b) The Committee shall have the right to make such by-laws and Local Rules (provided that they are not inconsistent with the rules of Netball) as it may consider necessary for the general management of the Netball League and for regulating the playing of the game of Netball in Abu Dhabi, provided that members shall have the right to repeal or amend any by-laws.
 - c) It is also up to the individual teams to provide at least one umpire or more when requested by the Games Committee.
13. All players must be registered with the League before they can play in a league match.
- a) To register a player, the player must complete a registration form signed by the player and should be accompanied by their subscription fee and handed in at least 7 DAYS before their first match.
 - b) Any registered player may change teams ONCE in a season with the written consent of both captains and handed to the Games Committee 3 DAYS before a match is due.
 - d) A player shall be deemed as either a member of the "Premier" or "Championship" team for her club, from the second league game onwards. If after this, a "Premier" side player is dropped to the "Championship" side she shall remain in the "Championship" side for a further three (3) games before she may play for the "Premier" side again. A player from a "Championship" side who is promoted to the "Premier" side for a game may return to the "Championship" side for the very next game. Once an original "Championship" side player plays two (2) consecutive games for the "Premier" side, she will be considered a "Premier" side player and all rules pertaining to a "Premier" side player will then come to effect. (SE 2000)
 - e) The Netball League can accept no liability for injury to members, or guests, or any third party caused by playing netball.
14. Configuration of the Premier, Championship and Social League for 2011 - 2012 Season:
- a) There will be a Premier, Championship and Social League.
 - b) 6 or 8 teams per league.

- c) Ranking tournament will run over 5 weeks.
- d) Top 4 Premier League teams will be placed based on last year's standings.
- e) Awards will be based on standings and performance in the second half of the season.

15. Point Allocation throughout the Season

- a) 5 points will be awarded to the team that wins a game.
- b) 3 points will be awarded to both teams for a draw.
- c) 1 point will be awarded to a team who scores half or more of the other team's score i.e. 20 / 11.
- d) If a team forfeits, points will be allocated to the opposing team as a 20-0 win.

16. Unsportsmanlike conduct towards an umpire:

A. Penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct toward Umpires

- i. 1st time – warning
- ii. 2nd time – Send off from 5 minutes.
- iii. 3rd time – Send off for the remainder of the match and team gets penalized 2 league points.

17. Pool Players

There are no pool players within the ADNL 2011-2012 season.

- a) A team can take the court with a minimum of 5 players.
- b) If a team plays with a player/s from another team the team will forfeit the 5 points for a win and play the game as a friendly. The opposing team will be awarded the 5 points. These scores will be taken into consideration if there is a tie on goals for, against or difference at the end of the season.
- c) A team has to inform the opposing team and umpire coordinators at least 12 hours before the game, if they are compelled to follow either of the above two options.

18. Failure to provide an umpire:

If a team fails to provide an umpire for games allocated to the team, two (2) league points will be deducted for each missed umpire session.

19. All teams need to adhere to the laws of the constitution and if these laws are known to be broken the team captain shall appear before the Disciplinary Committee which shall consists of the Chairperson and four (4) other committee members. After the hearing, the Committee shall come up with a ruling to be passed on to the offending team: (SE 2000)

Code of Ethics for players

Players shall:

- respect the right of all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and other officials to participate in netball regardless of ethnic origins, cultural and religious background, colour, sexual orientation, political affiliation and creed
- play in the true spirit and within the rules of the game
- display high standards of behavior which promote a positive image for the game.

Code of Ethics for umpires**Umpires shall:**

- respect the dignity of people regardless of race, colour or creed
- umpire to the Rules without fear of favor
- uphold the standards of international umpires award.

Code of Ethics for coaches**Coaches shall:**

- protect the right of every player to participate in the game regardless of race, colour or creed
- ensure that confidentiality with players is maintained
- respect the spirit of the game
- respect the rights of opponents to play the game, of the officials and the administrators to participate in Netball and of other coaches.
- maintain coaching standards of the highest level
- promote a positive image to players, other coaches, officials, administrators and the public at large
- encourage fair play.

Code of Ethics for Administrators and other Officials**Administrators and Officials shall:**

- protect and respect the rights of players, coaches, umpires and officials to participate in Netball regardless of race, colour and creed
- respect the rights of others to be treated with respect
- strive to improve efficiency
- create an atmosphere which encourage fair play
- display high standards of behavior
- promote a positive image to all
- promote and develop the game by sharing knowledge and experience.

This Constitution was updated and voted on by the Abu Dhabi Netball League at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 27 September 2011.