

CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.45pm

Venue:- Gt Baddow Parish Hall

The following teams not represented at the AGM will be fined £25.00 in accordance with Rule 15 (a).
Braintree Town Neptune, Braintree Town Saturn, Discovery, Essex Hotshots, Ferrers Falcons, Firecrest, Forme Athena, Lightning Ladies, Lyons Ladies Pink, Royals MINCS, The Beavers & Wine Cellar Spritzers.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Dawn Bullimore
- 2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 12th June 2024**, [a copy of these were sent to all Secretaries], and they were duly signed as a true and correct record.
- 3. Acceptance of Officers Reports:**
Proposer: Jackie Webb
Seconder: Emily Brown
Accepted
- 4. Acceptance Of Treasurers Report:**
Proposer: Kerry Yerby
Seconder: Janice Hansell
Accepted
- 5. Proposed amendments to League Rules**
 - a) Committee Proposals and rule changes:**
 - League Conditions
 - Amendment to rule 1a – League fees are increased to £35 per team. (For 2026/27 season.)
Unanimous - Carried
 - Team Responsibilities
 - Additions to rule 4.
[j] Each club must have appointed a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO). The CSO's name must be registered with ENgage. If any club has a member who is under 18 years old, the CSO must also have an England Netball advanced DBS check and have attended a UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children training session, as well as a Time to Listen course. This is mandatory.
Unanimous - Carried
 - [k] Each team must have a Responsible Person nominated for every match where a player under 18 years old is playing. The Responsible Person is an individual who is entrusted with the care, guidance and well-being of the young person(s) for that match. The Responsible Person can include parents, guardians, club coaches or other trusted adults.
Unanimous - Carried
 - League Matches
 - Amendment to Rule 23 –
In the event of a game not taking place, the Fixtures Secretary and the opposing team must be notified immediately. Teams must ensure their opposition have acknowledged the cancellation to complete the process properly. A written explanation must be posted to the Fixtures Secretary by both teams within 48 hours.
Unanimous - Carried

- Domestic Rules
 - Amendment to Rule 44 – IFN RULE 5.1.1(a) To read: Registered playing Uniform. In addition, all players must wear playing kit in their registered club colours. **Unanimous - Carried**
- Miscellaneous
 - Amendment to Rule 51 – New teams entering the League shall be placed in a division at the discretion of the Committee, following assessment. **Unanimous - Carried**
- Summer League
 - Add Rule 55k(v) – There will be no tactical changes allowed. **Unanimous - Carried**
- Duty of Care/Safeguarding
 - Amendment to Rule 57c to read- the Club's Responsible Person be available and approachable should the need arise. **Unanimous - Carried**

When the handbook is drafted; the rules will be re-numbered where required, rule references updated throughout where required and any typographical errors corrected. Any references to 'International Netball Federation' will be corrected to 'World Netball'.

b) League Members Proposals:

Proposed by Great Dunmow Netball Club

- Add rule: Umpires should not be allowed to umpire for their own teams or teams they are associated with (and club). **Not carried** For 5 Against 67 Abstentions 17

c) Proposals relating to Rule 32:

Rule 32 currently states:

Umpire qualifications

a. Division 1 home and away team must be umpired by a B award or above. Away teams may be umpired by a B award or above or:

(i) An umpire on the C approved list (until the 2025/2026 season); or

(ii) a C award working towards their B award qualification and who has passed the AB written paper, provided they are still within their 2 year post completion validity period.

b. Divisions 2 – 8 must be umpired by C Award or above.

c. Divisions 9 and 10 must be umpired by IO or above.

d. Division 11 or below can be umpired by an unqualified or above

• Proposed by the Committee

a) Removal of rule 32a(i) – **no vote required as removal already agreed at 2023 AGM**

b) Amendment to rule 32d –

Wording to be amended to:- Division 11 home team can be umpired by an IO umpire or above, or a trainee with a mentor present. Away team can be umpired by a trainee Umpire or above. Two trainee umpires can only umpire the match if a mentor is present.

A Trainee Umpire must have completed the two virtual IO training sessions.

Carried For 88 Against 0 Abstentions 1

• Proposed by Sue Wilkinson and Dawn Bullimore

Amendment to Rule 32a

Division 1 home and away team must be umpired by

(iii) a B award or above qualified umpire or

(iv) a C award umpire who is actively working towards their B award qualification through nomination and election in the East Region Senior League

Unanimous - Carried

- **Proposed by Great Dunmow Netball Club**

Addition to rule 32d) Reworded to read: Div 7&8 away teams can be umpired by an IO umpire working towards their C award as long as they have passed their written paper.

Carried

AOB

From the league

- The defibrillator will be installed on the Beaulieu Sixth Form block by the courts once the building is completed.
- Recording – the committee are looking at simplifying Rule 4h. At the moment the rule remains and teams must always have the committee's permission to record or take photographs. More information and guidance will be provided ahead of the new winter season
To ensure accurate information regarding any League matters and procedures, League members are advised to use the platforms supported by the committee.

6. Election of Officers

Position	
Chairperson	Paula Montague
Vice-Chairperson	Donna Thomas
League Secretary	Bethany Vale
Assistant League Secretary	Fiona Archer
Registration Secretary	Lesley Lincoln
Officiating Lead	Beth Rose-Horne
Minutes Secretary	Ann Munson
Treasurer	Kerry Ketley
Fixtures Secretary	Carlie Griggs
Assistant Fixtures Secretary	Vacant
Social Secretary	Mandy Hales
Communications Secretary	Karan Wilson
Development Officer	Hayleigh Melnick

Commented [AM1]:

With the exception of Assistant Fixtures Secretary the above were voted in en bloc

Proposer: Kerry Yerby

Seconder: Lisa Homer

Assistant Fixtures Secretary – Carol Davison

Proposer: Danni Bore

Seconder: Kerry Yerby

Helen, East Essex Chair, awarded retiring umpire, Maureen Lee, with the 2024/25 East Essex Chairpersons Award for her 60 years dedication and work with the CDNL and wider netballing community.

Paula thanked outgoing communications secretary Sally for her work within CDNL over the last 13 years.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.