WARWICKSHIRE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1) NAME:

a) The Association shall be called the Warwickshire Basketball Association (hereinafter referred to as the 'WBA' or 'Association')

2) OBJECTIVES:

a) To promote and encourage the game of basketball within its boundaries

b) To assist Basketball England (hereinafter referred to as BE) in carrying out its general policies

3) MEMBERSHIP:

a) The Association shall consist of honorary officers, affiliated organisations and clubs, and registered members. For clubs to be eligible for membership, either

i) their home court must be situated within the boundaries of the Coventry and Warwickshire Areas as defined by the BE, or

ii) they must compete exclusively in competition(s) administered by the WBA

4) MANAGEMENT:

a) There shall be a Committee consisting of:

i) Chairperson

ii) Vice Chairperson

iii) General Secretary

iv) Treasurer

v) League Secretary

vi) Officiating Officer

vii) Registrations Secretary

viii) Development Officer (Youth and Women)

ix) up to 4 elected individual members

b) All committee members shall retire annually but will be eligible for re-election at the AGM.

c) The Management Committee will meet at least six times each year, and as often as it deems necessary in order to properly conduct the business of the Association.

5) AUTHORITY:

a) The Committee shall have the authority to:-

i) Fill any vacancy of office on the Committee between AGMs

ii) Create and fill any new position it deems necessary, which will then be subject to ratification at the next AGM

iii) Create sub-committees as it deems necessary, either on a temporary or permanent basis, in order to meet the Association's Objectives

iv) Confer honorary membership for services to the Association

v) Define, amend and implement the rules of all competitions carried out under its auspices

vi) Approve or reject applications for membership of the Association from both new clubs and individuals

vii) Suspend any member organisation, club or individual under its jurisdiction

viii) Deal with other matters not specifically covered in the Constitution or the rules of any of its competitions

6) APPEALS & DISPUTES:

(a) An Area Appeals & Disputes sub-committee shall be established of not more than 5 members, of whom two shall be members of the Management Committee, and the other three shall be elected at the AGM

(b) The Management Committee members may vary from time to time, depending on the nature of any specific appeal

(c) This sub-committee will meet only as and when necessary, and shall transact no business other than that for which it has been appointed

7) FINANCE:

(a) The Association's financial year shall end on 30 April

(b) Any money belonging to the WBA shall be deposited at a bank nominated by the Treasurer and approved by the Management Committee

(c) All cheques shall bear the signature of the Treasurer, and either the Chairman or the General Secretary

(d) Auditors for the accounts shall be appointed each year at the AGM

(e) In the event of the WBA ceasing to operate, all funds and assets shall be automatically lodged with the West Midlands Regional Management Committee

8) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

(a) The AGM shall be held in May or June

(b) The General Secretary shall give 14 days' notice to designated contacts of all member clubs and organisations and to any individual personal members, specifying the date, time and place of the AGM, along with a provisional agenda

(c) Proposals for additional agenda items should reach the General Secretary at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting

(d) Each affiliated club or organisation and each elected member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM, but no individual may vote in more than one capacity

(e) A quorum shall consist of half of all those entitled to vote as specified in 8(d)

(f) All matters shall be decided by ballot or by a show of hands (at the discretion of the Chairman) of those members present and entitled to vote

(g) Changes to the Constitution of the WBA require a two-thirds majority of all the votes cast. All other resolutions and elections require a simple majority, and in the event of a tie the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote

9) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

a) An extraordinary General Meeting of the WBA may be called at any time by the Management Committee, or at the request in writing from the secretaries of at least three member clubs or organisations. Such meetings shall be convened within 28 days of the request, and at least 14 days' notice of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given. Quorum and voting shall be as for the AGM. No matters shall be discussed except those for which the meeting has been called.

10) . GENERAL:

a) Amendments to the Constitution can only be made at an AGM or EGM. Changes which are approved shall take effect immediately.

b) Every club affiliated to the WBA must be represented at the AGM, and no person can represent more than one club. A club that is not represented at the AGM shall be fined as defined in the rules.