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 to all, irrespective of age, gender and ability.

b) To approve, promote and organise competitions, leagues and basketball events for all ages and abilities.

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

3) MEMBERSHIP:

a) Members shall be Basketball England affiliated clubs, officials (coaches, referees, table officials) and other BE members living in and adjacent to the Area. Membership of the Association may be subject to payment of a subscription, as determined by the Committee

b) 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 BE, or

ii) Applications will be considered from Clubs whose home court is adjacent to the boundaries but considered by the League Committee to be reasonable travelling distance for other teams.

c) The WBA has the right to refuse membership applications, suspend, or expel members in the following circumstances:

i) A breach of this Constitution or any policy of the Association or Basketball England (BE);

ii) Conduct deemed to bring the Association, a member club, or the sport of basketball into disrepute;

iii) Non-compliance with BE policies or licensing requirements where applicable;

iv) Failure to comply with disciplinary actions issued by BE or the Association;

v) Any other reasonable cause determined by the Committee in line with BE guidelines.

4) MANAGEMENT:

a) There shall be a Committee consisting of:

i) Chairperson
ii) General Secretary
iii) Treasurer
iv) League Secretary
v) Referee Appointments Officer
vi) Safeguarding Officer
vii) Development Officer (Youth and Women)
viii) 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 to properly conduct the business of the Association, the minutes of these meetings will be published on the league website.

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, to meet the Association's Objectives
iv) Define, amend and implement the rules of all competitions carried out under its auspices
v) Approve or reject applications for membership of the Association from both new clubs and individuals
vi) Suspend any member organisation, club or individual under its jurisdiction
vii) 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 official bank documentation shall bear the signatures of the Treasurer, and either the Chairman or the General Secretary

(d) All expenditure shall be agreed by the Management Committee before being actioned by the Treasurer.

(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 June or July.

(b) The General Secretary shall give 21 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) The agenda and minutes will be published on the league website.

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

(e) 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

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

(g) 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

(h) 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) All Teams applying to enter the Warwickshire Basketball Senior league must be represented at the AGM prior to the season they are applying for, unless previously agreed with the League secretary in writing, and no person can represent more than one team. A team that is not represented at the AGM shall be fined as defined in the rules.

c) All Clubs applying to enter the Warwickshire Basketball Youth league must be represented at the AGM prior to the season they are applying for, unless previously agreed with the League secretary in writing, 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.