

1. Purpose

- 1.1** NESTA is an affiliated Regional Association of the Scottish Touch Association (STA).
- 1.2** This framework is intended to make clear how NESTA's own governance documents operate alongside applicable STA rules, policies, procedures, codes and safeguarding arrangements.
- 1.3** NESTA will not ordinarily duplicate an STA policy by creating a separate local version where the national policy already appropriately governs the matter.
- 1.4** NESTA may adopt a local policy or procedure where a NESTA-specific decision, process, financial control, administrative arrangement or additional local requirement is necessary.

2. Order of Precedence

- 2.1** NESTA shall comply with applicable law and any binding requirements arising from its affiliation to the STA.
- 2.2** Subject to clause 2.1, NESTA's Constitution is its principal local governance document.
- 2.3** Where an applicable STA policy, procedure, code or framework governs a matter, NESTA and persons acting on its behalf shall follow the current STA version as amended from time to time.
- 2.4** A NESTA policy or procedure must be consistent with the Constitution and applicable STA requirements. If a conflict is identified, the higher or binding requirement shall take precedence, and the NESTA document shall be reviewed.

3. Policies and Frameworks Followed Through STA

- 3.1** NESTA adopts and operates in accordance with applicable STA policies, procedures, codes and frameworks as amended from time to time. Depending on the activity, these may include matters relating to:
- safeguarding, child protection and the wellbeing of children and young people;
 - PVG, safer recruitment and regulated roles;
 - codes of conduct, behaviour and disciplinary matters;
 - complaints and formal reporting routes;
 - equality, inclusion and participant welfare;
 - concussion, injury, player welfare and safe participation;
 - anti-doping and integrity matters;
 - coaching, refereeing and other national standards or accreditation; and
 - any other STA policy or requirement applicable to NESTA as an affiliated Regional Association.
- 3.2** The list in clause 3.1 is illustrative rather than exhaustive. The absence of a subject from this list does not prevent a current applicable STA policy or requirement from applying.
- 3.3** NESTA should link to or identify the current STA source rather than store or publish an uncontrolled local copy wherever reasonably practicable.

4. NESTA-Owned Governance Documents

4.1 NESTA shall maintain local documents where the matter is properly a NESTA responsibility.

4.2 NESTA may maintain regional youth operating arrangements covering the practical delivery of local youth activity.

These arrangements supplement, and must not replace or conflict with, applicable STA safeguarding, safer-recruitment, PVG, welfare or participation requirements. Detailed age bands, session formats, consent and supervision arrangements should be kept in operational guidance rather than fixed in the Constitution.

4.3 The core local framework is:

Document	Purpose	Status / Owner
NESTA Constitution	Membership, voting, committee, finance, governance and constitutional authority.	Members / Secretary
Governance & Policy Framework	Explains the relationship between NESTA and STA policies.	Management Committee / Secretary
Expenses & Financial Management Policy	Local budgeting, spending authority, banking, payment, reimbursement and financial-control arrangements.	Management Committee / Treasurer
Youth Operating Arrangements	Regional delivery arrangements for youth activity, read alongside current STA safeguarding and participation requirements.	Youth Officer / relevant activity lead / Management Committee
Privacy Notice	Explains how NESTA uses and protects personal information.	Management Committee / Secretary
Risk Assessments & Event Procedures	Activity-specific safety and operational controls.	Relevant activity lead / Management Committee

5. Responsibility and Review

5.1 The Secretary shall maintain, or ensure the maintenance of, a current register of NESTA governance documents and the principal STA policies or frameworks on which NESTA relies.

5.2 The register should be reviewed at least annually and when NESTA becomes aware of a significant change to an STA policy, legislation or NESTA activity.

5.3 The relevant NESTA officer or activity lead remains responsible for applying the correct current policy in practice. The existence of this framework does not replace role-specific safeguarding, youth-delivery, financial, safety or other responsibilities, and no constitutional title alone transfers all responsibility for a subject to one individual.

5.4 Where it is unclear whether a matter should be handled locally or referred to STA, NESTA should seek guidance from the appropriate STA contact before taking substantive action, particularly in safeguarding or disciplinary matters.

6. Adoption

6.1 This framework takes effect from the date on which it is approved by the NESTA Management Committee and shall be read alongside the current NESTA Constitution.

Date approved:	8 th October 2026 (at EGM)
Approved by:	NESTA Management Committee
Next review:	1 st Week following next AGM