



## **Summer Netball League 2015**

**Held at:  
Wath St Pius Netball Courts**

### **LEAGUE HANDBOOK**

## REGULATIONS

**It is the responsibility of the named contact person to ensure that all players, coaches, officials and volunteers are conversant with the following regulations:**

### **1: Playing Qualifications and Eligibility**

- 1.1 Players **must be aged 14 years** and over to participate in the league and must have reasonable experience and strength to play against fully grown adults.
- 1.2 Pregnant players may not take part in league matches beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. If pregnant players happen to take part in the matches, they do so at their own risk and Netball Of Excellence cannot be held liable for anything that may occur as a result..

### **2: Registration of Team & Squad Members**

- 2.1 Team registration sheets will include Health & Safety issues and Terms & Conditions. The form (which can be downloaded from the website) must be completed by all participants before the league matches commence.
- 2.2 There will be a pool of spare players for teams that are short of players at any match. The pool players can play any position except GS or GA. If you want to be a pool player, you will need to register your name with an official and indicate which days you will be available to attend. You can be a pool player for a team when you are not playing for your own.
- 2.3 Any additional team players should be added to their team sheet and given to the league co-ordinator prior to the start of the match they are to participate in (this could be via text, email or writing).

### **3: Cancellation of Fixtures**

- 3.1 Failure to play fixtures or supply an umpire on the allocated date and time could result in the team(s) losing their deposit and/or been charged any costs incurred by the club.
- 3.2 Should a team cancel a fixture; the non offending team will be awarded 5 points for the match and a score of 25:0
  - 4.2.1 *The team who cancels the game will be deducted 3 points.***
- 3.3 Any team cancelling a match will still be required to provide an umpire for the relevant allocated match that day.
  - 3.3.1 Failure to provide an umpire at your allocated matches will result in teams losing their deposit by the amount that will be paid to the person who steps in. Usually £10 per match.

- 3.4 It is the responsibility of the team cancelling the fixture to notify the opposing team, umpires as far in advance as possible. To avoid matches being cancelled, it is better to draw on a pool player if available.

#### **4: Fixture Arrangements**

- 4.1 All fixtures are to be played at the stated venue, on Wednesdays (unless otherwise agreed by the league officials and the teams directly involved). Matches will be played on both indoor and outdoor courts.
- 4.2 Playing times are allocated on the fixture sheet and will commence no earlier than 6.30pm and will run on an hourly basis, either 6.30pm -9.30pm or 7.00pm-9.00pm.
- 4.3 All games must be started within 5 minutes of the allocated start time. The duration of the fixture will then be adjusted accordingly. (4 x 10min quarters)

#### **5: Match Regulations**

- 5.1 In general, all matches will follow the guidelines of the current INF Netball Rules, with the few exceptions indicated.
- 5.2 All matches shall be of 40minutes duration (4 x 10minutes).
- 5.2.1 The following intervals should be followed (these are the maximum times and can/should be adjusted if needed)
- 2 minutes at quarter time
  - 4 minutes at half time

#### **6: Umpires**

- 6.1 All umpires must be of a competent level and preferably hold a C award umpire qualification.
- 6.2 Umpires who officiate in the league are expected to abide by the rules of the league.

#### **7: Injury**

- 7.1 Matches may be stopped for 1 minute injury time either by the umpire or by a player on court requesting time out. The player must decide in that space of time, whether to be replaced by another player or continue.
- 7.2 The umpire has the right to stop and start the game for any potential danger on court, eg another stray ball entering the court, blood present.
- 7.3 The umpires should note down the following and submit with the scorecards
- o What quarter the game was stopped for injury
  - o Reason why play was stopped.
- 7.4 If a player is unable to carry on in the game, a substitution should be made ASAP; the time will not be stopped whilst this substitution/team change takes place.

7.5 The opposing team are unable to make a substitution but are able to move around the players already on court.

## **8: Completing the Results Cards**

8.1 Umpires must hand their score cards to one of the officials before leaving the premises.

8.2 Should a team cancel a fixture – the offending team must contact the captain of the opposing team and the league official, stating who and why the fixture has been cancelled.

**Where a team fails to provide an umpire – please ensure this is highlighted in the results card**

## **9: Results**

9.1 Points will be awarded as follows:

- 5 points for a win
- 3 points for a draw
- 2 points for a losing team scoring within 5 goals of the winners score
- 1 point for a losing team scoring more than half the winners score

9.2 A results table will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each Team and will be displayed on the website [www.netballofexcellence.co.uk](http://www.netballofexcellence.co.uk)

*Where two teams are level on points;*

9.2.1 Goal average shall be used to decide placing, then goal difference will be applied, then the team with the most goals will be adjudged the winner.

## **10: First Aid**

10.1 It is the responsibility of each team to provide basic first aid cover.

10.2 Although there will not be an official First Aider on site at all times, Netball of Excellence do have minimal first aid provisions available if needed until help arrives.

10.3 In the event of any accident/incident, please complete an accident/incident report form (available from the website) and return to Diane Lewis or email [dilewis@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dilewis@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **11: Rules Directives**

### **Jewellery – Studs and Piercings (Removed or taped)**

Umpires have a duty to ensure in the normal way that all their pre-match duties are adhered to. This includes the checking of jewellery and nails etc.

Umpires should not however be asking players to physically show that they have no adornments as it is hoped that all players would respect that the umpire is dealing with her pre-match duties as an umpire according to the rules.

However, if during a match a player is found to still have an item of jewellery on after having been asked to remove 'all jewellery' then again the umpire will deal with this by asking for it to be removed.

If the player should refuse then she would be asked to leave the court and not continue the game until it was removed.

**Rings** - NO item of jewellery except a wedding ring, and / or medical alert bracelet, shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be taped.

## **12: Netball Of Excellence Code of Conduct**

12.1 All teams will be held responsible for the behaviour of their players, Officials' and spectators.

12.2 No outdoor shoes should be worn in the sports hall, especially heeled shoes (people are requested to remove these prior to entering the court area).

12.3 No food or drink will be permitted in the sports hall other than water

12.4 An exception will be granted for those players who under special circumstances need to supervise children. However every effort should be made to ensure that a suitable adult is available to supervise them. Prams will not be allowed on the court playing area and children may be asked to remove their outdoor shoes.

12.5 It is the responsibility of all team secretaries/contact person to ensure they, their players and guests are fully conversant with the League's Health & Safety requirements

## LIABILITY

### 13: Liability

13.1 Netball of Excellence and the league officials accept no liability whatsoever in respect of loss of personal items whilst playing or watching a game.

## UMPIRING IN THE SUMMER LEAGUE

### 14: Umpiring in the Summer League

14.1 Mentoring is allowed when umpiring matches but must be controlled by the mentor to restrict any disruption to the game.

We also encourage all umpires to read the most up-to-date version of the Umpires handbook to be familiar with all rules.

## UMPIRE INFORMATION & CONTACT DETAILS

All teams are expected to provide their own umpires, and will umpire as per the umpire schedule.

If you need an umpire please see the pool of umpires to contact. These will be on the website once teams have entered. The usual fee to pay for umpiring a match is £10.

**Diane Lewis** – League Co-ordinator – [dilewis@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dilewis@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Mandy Fuller** – Umpire and Coach – [mandy.fuller@talktalk.net](mailto:mandy.fuller@talktalk.net)

**Teresa Roome** – website information – [Teresa@roome.net](mailto:Teresa@roome.net)

**Claire Scrivens** – Umpire & Pool Players Official – [clairescrivens@googlemail.com](mailto:clairescrivens@googlemail.com)

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