

1. General.

1.1 Every club shall hold a copy of the England Netball Rule Book under which rules all matches must be played.

1.2. It is the responsibility of all Team Managers, Coaches and Captains to ensure all players are conversant with all the rules and regulations.

2. League fees of £20 per team should be paid at the Annual General Meeting, if not paid by this date fees will increase to £25 per team.

3. Membership.

3.1. All clubs and people participating in, or umpiring in Cornwall Netball matches shall

be affiliated to England Netball, please contact the county treasurer for details of affiliation fees and dates due.

3.2. Additional affiliation fees during the season shall be sent and postmarked within 48 hrs of notifying the treasurer and divisional representative of the new affiliation.

3.3. Players are eligible to start playing in the league from the beginning of the season in which they are fifteen - as agreed with the schools netball association.

3.4. A talented player who is in the County Development System and is below the required age to play in the senior league, could possibly be granted permission to play in the league if a written request, recommending her is received from her county coach. If permission is granted for her to play, the club must appoint a mentor for that player, who will be responsible for that player's well being and attend all league matches that the player participates in.

4. Fixtures.

4.1. Fixtures shall be made at the fixture meeting.

4.2. A list of your club's fixtures must be sent to your divisional representative and the league secretary before 7th August.

4.3. Fixtures shall be made from 1st September until 30th April.

4.4. Fixtures to be played on the first date arranged with the exception of bad weather or of a court being withdrawn by the owner (e.g. parents evening, opera etc) written proof of the withdrawal must be sent to your divisional representative, the match must then be re-arranged.

Clubs will have 7 days to agree on a new mutual fixture date, when the league secretary and divisional rep must be informed. Failure to comply could result in the match be awarded to the non offending team or even the match made void.

4.5. County matches and practices take precedence over club matches, squad members may be released by the County Coach.

5. Points Scoring.

5. 1. In the Cornwall Netball league table - points are allocated as follows:-
5 points for a win.
3 points for a draw
2 points for coming within 5 goals of the winning score (i.e. 50-46)
1 point for more than half the winning score (i.e. 50-26)
3 points deduction for conceding a match

6. Matches.

6.1. Where matches are conceded - 5 points will be awarded to the non-offending team.

if this affects the end of season placing, conceded matches will be taken into account. (i.e. Team A 21 points, Team B 21 points, Team A received 5 points for a conceded game - the goals for and against the offending team are not included when team B's goal difference is calculated) Position is decided by goal difference.

6.2. Clubs using outside courts - The home team captain is responsible for the cancellation of the match due to bad weather, should the visiting team have already arrived, the captains shall decide upon play or postponement, if no decision can be reached, the umpires decision shall be final In postponing matches consideration should be given to the distance visiting teams have to travel.

6.3. If either team fails to show for a fixture without notice, the defaulting team must concede the match.

6.4. If either home or away team has not arrived on court by the time specified, a 15 min delay will be allowed before the defaulting team must concede the match. (N.B. there are some clubs who are able to hire a court for a limited time only) The secretary should make this clear when arranging a fixture and in such cases, there will be no allowances for late arrival.
It is recommended that wherever possible clubs should allow the visiting team 15 minutes to warm up on court prior to the match.

6.5. Failure to give 24 hrs notice of conceding a game, may result in the offending team having to pay towards court cancellation costs

7. Registered Players.

7.1. No player may play for more than one club at a time in the league.

7.2. A player who is registered in a **Junior League team** is eligible to play a maximum of 12 ¼'s for a senior league team during the season.

7.2. A player may change her club ONCE during the season between 1st September and 28th February on payment of an additional affiliation fee of £3.

- 7.3. The league secretary and county treasurer must be notified of any change of club in writing, prior to the player participating in the league for her new club. The player will be eligible to play for her new club 7 days after notification to the above officers.
- 7.4. No change of club will be accepted after 1st March.
- 7.5. Pregnancy. It is up to the individual player to decide whether they play whilst pregnant, but they should not inform any other players of their condition and so take full responsibility for anything that may happen to them during the match.

8. Registered Teams.

- 8.1. Each club with more than one team in the league, must name the seven players in their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or subsequent teams (where applicable) and this must be forwarded to the divisional representative and league secretary by 30th September or 48 hrs before your 1st league match, whichever is the sooner.
- 8.2. No named player may play down for a lower team in their club.
- 8.3. No player may play more than 5 ¼'s of league games in any one day.
- 8.4. The team members may be changed during the season only after the league secretary and the divisional representative have been informed in writing.
- 8.5. A player who is registered in a higher team and has played as a higher team member CANNOT be demoted to a lower team in her club after 1st January without the prior consent of the league committee.
- 8.6. If a named player is no longer playing due to pregnancy or long term injury, the team must be re-named.
- 8.7. Any club withdrawing a team during the season from the league due to insufficient players, must withdraw their lowest team.

TO MANIPULATE THIS RULE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY TEAM OR CLUB IS AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME AND WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OR POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

- 9. Duty Of Care.** All clubs must have 2 Welfare Officers and abide by the Cornwall Netball Duty of Care Guidelines and Good Practice & Child Protection Procedures as lay down by the executive committee.

10. Umpires.

- 10.1. All teams within a club must provide an active qualified affiliated umpire. An umpire may only be registered with one club.

- 10.2. All clubs entering the league will have two seasons in which to gain a qualified umpire.
- 10.3. No game shall be re-arranged due to a club being unable to obtain an umpire. The offending team shall concede the match.
- 10.4. Should an umpire fail to arrive due to extenuating circumstances, the team shall not be penalised, the defaulting umpire should notify the league secretary and the divisional representative within 48 hrs, stating the facts.
- 10.5. At the discretion of the league committee, neutral umpires can be appointed and the cost will be borne between both teams involved.
- 10.6. Umpires expenses - the following expenses must be paid to a qualified umpire plus any traveling expenses they may incur.
- England Netball 'B' Award umpire - £ 15.00
England Netball 'C' Award umpire - £ 10.00

11. Scorers / Score Sheets.

- 11.1. For division one, two and three matches, **each team** must provide an **official scorer**, who shall sit together throughout the match and score on the official result sheet. - Any other team may use an official scorer if they so wish. Scorer's must score on the reverse side of the result sheet.
- 11.2. The captains must not sign result sheets if there has been a dispute during the match.
- 11.3. All players from each team must sign their result sheet after the match in front of the umpires.
- 11.4. Specimen signatures must be sent to your divisional representatives before your 1st match.
- 11.5. The home team must provide a timekeeper - who shall not be the umpire

12. Result Sheets -

- 12.1. One sheet must be completed by each team and sent to your Divisional Representative, post marked within 48 hrs of the match, by the home team.
PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY - £5 fine.

13. Dress Code

- 13.1. Where bib colours are the same for both teams for a league match - the HOME team must change to a different coloured bib.
PENALTY - the home team must concede the match.

13.2. No shorts or leggings that show below the skirt may be worn during a league match - contravention of this rule will result in a fine.

14. Disciplinary Guidelines.

14.1. If a registered player or club/team are found to be in breach of the Cornwall Netball Code of Conduct or Cornwall Netball Rules and Regulations the league committee will be guided by appendix 1 in deciding what the outcome will be for that individual or club/team.

14.2 Any dispute or complaint must be referred to the league secretary in writing within 72 hours of the incident.

14.3. In the event of an urgent decision being required the League Secretary and two committee members shall be called upon.

15. Cornwall Netball General Meetings.

15.1. Where meeting and courses are arranged concerning all league clubs - at least one representative from each club MUST attend.

15.2. All correspondence from the league secretary / committee requiring a reply, must be returned by the agreed date.

16. The League Committee

16.1. The league committee shall have the power to deal with any matter concerning current league rules.

16.2. The league committee shall have the power to deal with any CLUB, OFFICIAL or member thereof proved guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interest of the association or the game

16.3. Clubs and officials have the right of appeal to the Executive committee.

16.4. The league rules are subject to amendment by the League/ Executive Committee, each club will be notified of any changes they make immediately and a reply slip will be enclosed with the notification. Clubs must complete the reply slip and return it to the league secretary within seven days of the notification.

16th May 2008
G.M.Pryor.

Appendix 1:

| OFFENCE | FINE | POINTS |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Conceded Game | £15 | 3 points deduction |
| Failure to show for a fixture without notice | £15 | Loss of all Points |
| Failure to give 24 hrs notice of conceding a fixture. | £15 | Loss of all points |
| Playing an unregistered / illegal team player. | £15 | Loss of all points |
| Failure to submit result sheet within 48 hrs. | £5 | N / A |
| Failure to attend C.N. meetings / return correspondance. | £10 | N / A |

Misconduct Penalties: If a player is found guilty of any of the offences as listed below, the following guidelines will be used.

Physical Assault

| OFFENCE | DECISION | FINE | BAN |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| On an Official | E.N. Guidelines | £ 50 | 12 months |
| On a Player | E.N. Guidelines | £50 | 12 months |

Threatening Behaviour

| OFFENCE | DECISION | FINE | BAN |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| On an Official | E.N. Guidelines | £20 | 1 match |
| On a Player | E.N. Guidelines | £20 | 1 match |

Breach of Code Of Conduct

| OFFENCE | DECISION | FINE | BAN |
|--|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| Dangerous Play | E.N. Guidelines | £5 | 1 match |
| Dissent towards an official | E.N. Guidelines | £5 | 1 match |
| Abusive Language | E.N.Guidelines | £5 | 1 match |
| Deliberate infringement of the rules | E.N. Guidelines | £5 | 1 match |
| Repeated infringement of the rules. | E.N. Guidelines | £5 | 1 match |
| Harassment / discrimination / bullying | E.N. Guidelines | £5 | 1 match |

If payment is not received within 14 days, fines will be doubled. Further failure to comply may result in possible withdrawal from the league.