



Senior League

Rules and Regulations

2015/2016 Season

These Rules and Regulations are issued to all Cornwall Netball League Clubs/Teams. All Clubs/Teams will abide by the contents of this scheme of Rules and Regulations.

If there are any amendments made to these Rules and Regulations Clubs/Teams will be notified in writing.

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

- 2.1 League fees of £25 per team should be paid at the Annual General Meeting, if not paid by this date fees will increase to £30 per team.

3. Membership

- 3.1 All clubs and people participating in, or umpiring in Cornwall Netball matches must 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 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 the Talent & Performance Co-ordinator. If permission is granted, the club must appoint a mentor for that player, who will be responsible for that player's wellbeing 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 8th August.
- 4.3 Fixtures shall be played from 1st September until 30th April.
- 4.4 Where a club has more than one team in a division, the matches against each other **MUST NOT** be played any later than the end of February.
- 4.5 Fixtures are to be played on the first date arranged with the exception of bad weather or of a court being withdrawn by the owner (e.g. parents evening, opera etc.)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 being awarded to

the non-offending team or even the match made void. (The league committee will make this decision).

4.6 Any club can apply to the league committee to change a match date, if it conflicts with an out of County fixture.

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

3 points deduction for playing an unregistered/illegal player

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 fixture secretary should make this clear when arranging matches 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. A written request must be submitted to the League Secretary, along with proof of the loss.

6.6 If a match is abandoned prior to the commencement of the fourth quarter, the match shall be re-arranged.
If the fourth quarter has commenced, the result at the time of abandonment will stand, with the right of appeal to the league committee.

7. Registered Players

- 7.1 No player may play for more than one club at a time in the league.
- 7.2 A player may change her club **once** during the season between 1st September and 1st January 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. To enable a player to change club a transfer form must be completed and sent to your division rep, the form needs to be signed by the following:
- Player
 - Secretary of Club that the player is leaving (to confirm that there is no outstanding debt)
 - Secretary of the new Club

The player will be eligible to play for her new club 7 days after notification to the above officers. (the completed form can be sent by email)

- 7.4 No change of club will be accepted after 1st January.
- 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 A player who is registered to play, for either a lower team or is **not** a nominated team player is eligible to play a maximum of 20 ¼'s for a higher team(s) during the season.
- 8.5 The team members may be changed during the season only after the league secretary and the divisional representative have been informed in writing.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 If a named player is no longer playing due to pregnancy or long-term injury, the team must be re-named. If any named player does not play for three consecutive matches, the league secretary and division rep must be notified in writing of the reason why.

- 8.8 Any club withdrawing a team during the season from the league due to insufficient players **must** withdraw their lowest team.

To manipulate any of rule 8 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

- 9.1 All clubs must adopt the England Netball Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Netball policy and have a minimum of two Safeguarding Officers who hold an up to date certificate, a copy of which must be lodged with the County safeguarding officer prior to the fixture meeting.

Failure to comply will result in non-entry to the league.

It is strongly recommended that all club safeguarding officers, be affiliated to All England Netball Association.

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. Any Club actively seen to be trying to gain extra 'C' grade umpires will not be penalised with the loss of a team with the agreement of the League Secretary and Umpiring Co-ordinator.
- 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 in writing 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 by the team making the request.
- 10.6 Umpires expenses - the following expenses **must be paid** to a qualified umpire plus any travelling expenses they may have incurred. Payment should be made to the umpire on match night.

England Netball 'B' Award umpire - £15.00

England Netball 'C' Award umpire - £10.00

- 10.7 Umpire Tests/Assessments – are carried out on Division 3 matches, tests will be arranged by the Umpiring Co-ordinator.
- 10.8 Trainee Umpires – who are considered ready to take the practical test/assessment following their pre-assessment will be allowed to umpire Division 5 and 6 matches in the presence of their mentor, where possible trainees should avoid umpiring their own Club.
Where a trainee umpire is to be used the league secretary and division representative(s) should be notified prior to the match date

The score sheet must be signed by the trainee and countersigned by the mentor.

11. Scorers/Score Sheets

11.1 Each team must provide an **official scorer**, who shall sit together throughout the match and score on the official result sheet. Where multiple scorers/players are used the score must be confirmed prior to the scorer leaving the officials table.

Each scorer used must sign and print their name on the official score sheet.

11.2 The home team must provide a visible scoreboard clearly showing both teams score throughout the duration of the match. The scoreboard is used as a visual guide and should not be treated as the official score. The official result is taken from the match score sheets. However, the scoreboard must be confirmed periodically with the official score sheets.

11.3 The captains must not sign result sheets if there has been a dispute during the match, the reason for non-signing should be indicated on the score sheet, followed by a written report to the league committee (via the league secretary)

11.4 All players from each team must sign their result sheet after the match in front of the umpires. The printed name on the official score sheet should be the registered affiliated name, not an abbreviation or nickname.

11.5 Specimen signatures must be sent to your divisional representative before your 1st match
New member signatures must be forwarded to your divisional representative throughout the season.

11.6 The home team must provide a timekeeper, who shall time each quarter and any stoppage time as requested by the umpire. The timer should sit with the official scorers throughout the match and it is recommended that a 'klaxon' be used to sound the end of each quarter.

11.7 If trainee umpires are used the score sheet **must be** signed by the trainee and countersigned by the mentor.

12. Result Sheets

12.1 One sheet must be completed by each team and sent to your Divisional Representative and postmarked or emailed within 48 hrs of the match. (If a score sheet has been scanned and emailed, the original sheet can be forwarded to your Rep on a monthly basis)

Penalty for failure to comply - £5 fine.

Results sheets must be completed correctly (as per sample supplied)

Penalty for failure to comply - £5 fine per result sheet

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 Leggings may be worn, but must be full length and fitted. In the interest of modesty, **please** ensure that suitable sports undergarments are worn. (e.g. shorts).

14. Disciplinary/Grievance Procedure (see Appendix 2 for Complaints Flowchart)

- 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 Meeting

- 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 Cornwall Netball Management Board.

- 16.4 The league rules are subject to amendment by the League Committee/Cornwall Netball Management Board, 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.

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Appendix 1:

OFFENCE	FINE	POINTS
Conceded Game or failure to attend without notice	£15	3 points deduction
Failure to give 24 hrs notice of conceding a fixture.	£15	3 points deduction and possible court costs
Playing an unregistered / illegal team player.	£15	Loss of all match points 3 points deduction
Failure to submit result sheet within 48 hrs.	£ 5	N/A
Failure to complete result sheet correctly	£ 5	N/A
Failure to attend Cornwall Netball meetings/return correspondence.	£10	N/A

Misconduct Penalties:

If a player is found guilty of any of the offences 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.

COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

