**North Yorkshire Netball**

**Harrogate District Junior Netball League**

**Spring League Regulations 2018**

*The Harrogate District Junior Spring League will be administered in line with Regulations for the North Yorkshire County Netball Junior Competition. Where necessary, and to meet the local needs and differences of the District, amendments have been made. This League is for female players only.*

**1.Organisation & Administration**

*All games will be played in accordance with the current Rules of England Netball and at Harrogate High School on a Sunday afternoon , between 1.00pm and 5.00pm.*

The Harrogate District Junior Spring League is organised by the Harrogate District Sub Group which is part of the North Yorkshire Netball Participation & Competition Group (NYNPCG). The HD sub group for 2017-18 is Kate Kennady, Christine Stephen, Charlotte Smith, Dianne Henderson, Helen Mackenzie. All aspects of the Junior Spring League will be administered by the HD sub group, and the first point of contact for the Junior League will be Christine Stephen and Charlotte Smith.

**2. Playing Qualifications & Eligibility**

* 1. Application for entry into the District Junior League shall be open to any club or team which is affiliated to England Netball through North Yorkshire Netball County Association, and which has paid its subscription in this respect.
  2. The entry fee for the League will be determined by the HDN sub group. The full cost of participating in the HD Junior Winter League may be **£76 per team**. Any Bank charges incurred that arise from any default by any Club or team, will be passed on to that Club/team and these charges must be paid immediately.
  3. By entering the competitions, clubs/teams agree that they will abide by the regulations, the England Netball Code of Conduct and that they are able and willing to fulfill all costs and commitments relating to the League.
  4. All players must hold a current England Netball affiliation and be registered with the team for which they are competing . All players must be 1st affiliated to North Yorkshire County.
  5. Players can only play for one club in the HDN Junior League .In addition, players can play in ONE age group only in this League ( either in their appropriate age band or if age banded to a higher age group) . In addition, players can only play for one team per day
  6. All players must have their membership lodged with England Netball, and subscription paid before any participation.
  7. There will be 2 age groups: Under-14 and Under-12. All players must compete within the correct age band (as at midnight on 31st August/1st September prior to the commencement of the playing season, unless permission to play in THESE leagues, for the current playing season, has been obtained following the current EN procedure. Evidence of this permission must be supplied to the Junior League Secretary lead prior to participation. ***Players who participate in the Yorkshire Regional Under-14 League for 2018 are not eligible to play in the HDN Spring League***.
* *Penalty for not adhering to this rule will be a deduction of 2 league points for each offence.*
* *Coaches and Team managers are urged to heed their responsibility for playing young players in the appropriate age group and especially in the under-12 age group.* 
  1. Pregnant players may only take part in any NY competition with guidance from their own doctor.

Pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or any consequence thereof is a policy exclusion.

**3. Registration of Squad Members**

Clubs must register all players to play in the Harrogate District Junior League. Squad registration sheets for each participating team must be completed fully for each player and lodged with the Junior League Secretary (Christine Stephen) as specified prior to the start of the League in January 2018. The date for registration for ALL squads is Friday 5th January 2018. Please use he Registration Forms as for the Junior Winter League.

Clubs entering more than one team in the HD Junior League must nominate on the Squad Registration sheet, **a minimum of 8 players** for each team participating.

* 1. Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged with the Junior League Secretary at least 48 hours before the fixture in which the additional player(s) wish to compete.
  2. Teams may only use players whose names have been registered on the squad lists held by the HDN sub group.

3.3 For Clubs with more than one team in an age group, teams must be designated as the A team, the B team etc.

3.4 No player may “play down”.

3.5 A player may **“play up” for a higher team** **on 1 occasion ONLY**. Having “played up”, she must then become a member of the higher team and the Junior League Secretary must be informed for which team that player is then registered.

*In extreme circumstances, an application for a player to be transferred to a lower team may be made to the HD sub group through the Junior League Secretary for consideration.*

3.6Each team may declare up to twelve (12) players on the result card prior to the start of each match, any of these players will be eligible to compete during the match.

*Penalty for not adhering to any of 3.1 to 3.6 inclusive will be a deduction of 2 league points for each offence.*

**4. Structure of League**

1. Teams will be placed in a League according to age group. For 2018, there will be one League for Under-14 A teams; one League for Under-14 B teams; one league for Under-12A teams and one League for Under-12B teams.
2. Each team will play every other team in their League on one occasion. This format constitutes the HDN Junior Spring League. Matches will be played on a Sunday indoors at Harrogate High School between 1.00pm and 5.00pm The HDN Junior Spring League will start on Sunday 7th January 2018 and end on Sunday 25th March 2018.

***Coaches should be aware that the HDN Junior Spring League will clash with Yorkshire Regional Junior dates.***

Points for matches will be awarded as follows:

* 5 points for a win.
* 3 points for a draw.
* 2 points to losing team if there is less than 5 goals difference between the two scores.
* 1 point to losing team if goals scored is more than 50% of winners score.

1. A league table will be compiled based on the points awarded. Final placings in the League will be based solely on the total points awarded. Where teams are level on points, the teams will share the placing.

*Goal average/difference will not be used to separate* *the final placings in the interests of encouraging participation and enjoyment by as many young players as possible and to avoid huge margins in the scores of the games.*

**5. Fixture Arrangements**

1. All fixtures will be played at the dates and times scheduled and at the stipulated venue apart from in exceptional circumstances and only with permission from the HDN Sub group.
2. No team may rearrange, postpone or cancel any fixture.

*The penalty(ies) for not adhering to this rule are:*

* The non-offending team will be awarded 5 league points.
* The offending team will be liable to pay any costs incurred by the HD sub group.

Iii Any team which fails to arrive for the start time will forfeit the match, and points will be awarded as in 5.ii.

1. In the event of the courts being unfit to play, the Clubs/teams will be informed and will be notified by the Junior League Secretary of the rearranged date.

*Matches will only be postponed in the event of extreme bad weather for travelling or any problem with the facility/venue. It is the responsibility of all team coaches/managers to contact the Junior League Secretary on the morning of the matches to confirm that all is well.*

1. In the event that a match has started and has to be abandoned for any reason (e.g. serious injury), the result of that match will be determined by the Junior League Secretary and the HD sub group having regard for the score at the time and taking into consideration any recommendations from the umpires officiating the fixture.

**6. Match Regulations**

1. All matches will be played to the current Official England Netball rules.
2. The duration of the matches will be the same for ALL age groups; 4 x 9 mins. All games will have the same intervals – 2 mins between the first and second and third and fourth quarters and 3 mins at half time. Matches will be allocated a time slot at HHS of 45 minutes so a start and finish time for games is essential. There will be 5 matches on alternate Sundays in the Under-14 Leagues and 4 matches on alternate Sundays in the Under-12 Leagues.
3. Both teams will provide a suitable match ball - umpires will decide which ball shall be used for the match.
4. If there is a clash of playing colours, the team named first on the Fixtures List will change.
5. The situation of the team bench (for substitutes and team officials) will be at the end of the court which the team is defending at the start of the game. It will be to the right hand side of the goal post facing the court & must not impede the umpires movement. The bench will remain in this area for the duration of the game. At Harrogate Sportshall there should be enough space to allow the Team bench to be in this place.

**7. Match Officials**

1. Each team must provide a suitably qualified umpire for each fixture as follows:

* U/14: – ‘C’ Award and above is preferred but an umpire who has attended a recent C Award Course ( within the last 2 seasons) and is actively working towards his/her C Award and is in the process of achieving this Award, is acceptable.
* U/12 : – An umpire who has at least attended a North Yorkshire Basic Umpiring Course or an EN Into Officiating Course or an umpire whose Beginner Award is still valid.

*These conditions are in the interests of providing development and match practice opportunities for learning umpires. Please also note that umpires under the age of 16 may only umpire Junior matches according to their age e.g. an Umpire who meets the above criteria and is 14 years old may umpire the Under-14 and under-12 games.*

1. Each team must provide a competent scorer for each fixture. The Scorer should be at least 12 years of age. The scorer from each team will stand/sit together as directed by the umpires. The scorers must agree the score after each goal is scored and this should be called immediately. The scorers should report to the umpires before the start of each match

*In order to develop interest and competency in Scoring, the Scorer does not have to be the same person for the whole of a match.*

1. Teams should be prepared to reimburse any expenses that an umpire should incur. The suggested expenses is £10 per match.

**8. Registration of Results**

i All winning teams must forward the result of their match immediately after the end of the match by text message to the Results number. **The Results text number is : 07795257837.** The format is : Harrogate District Junior League

Under-14

Ripon Rockets 30

Halos Powers 20

Jane Doe from Ripon Rockets.

Ii All teams are responsible for completing Results cards and putting them in the designated box which will be at Harrogate High School on the day of each League match – or handing them to Charlotte.

iii The result of the match must be accurately recorded, the card must then be signed by both team captains and both umpires.

Iv **Coaches are asked that if a player does “play up” that the player’s name is highlighted on the Results Card.**

**9. Queries, Complaints & Disciplinary**

1. Any team who intends to raise a query regarding the playing of a match and/or its result must inform their opponents and the umpires on the day of the match.
2. Any queries or issues regarding the playing of a match/and or its result must be submitted in writing to the Junior League Secretary.
3. All queries, issues and disputes regarding the playing of a match and/or its result will be determined in the first instance by the HD sub group, using best endeavours to determine the issue within ten (10) days of receipt of correspondence.
4. The HD sub group will have the power to determine the penalty to be imposed on teams and players who are in breach of League regulations regarding the playing of matches in the competition; such penalties will include reprimands, the deduction of league points, fines, suspensions, and expulsion from the competition.
5. In the event that any team/player wishes to appeal against any decision of the HD sub group, it must notify this intent within five (5) days of receipt of the decision. In this event the matter should be referred to the Chair of the NYNPCG.
6. Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the competition, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures set out in 9.ii and 9.v.
7. Any team/individual which fails to observe the procedures laid out in the preceding clauses will invalidate their right to raise a query, issue or appeal.
8. Any complaint which does not concern the playing of a match and/or its result, but which is made in respect of a disciplinary offence, should be made in writing to the Junior League Secretary.

**10. Miscellaneous**

1. All Clubs will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and supporters.
2. It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials which should also be made available to the match officials on request. Teams should also familiarise themselves with the location of the nearest Defibrillator.
3. If gloves are required for medical reasons, or temperature extremes, the umpires will allow seamless soft leather or micro fibre materials (e.g. neoprene) be worn and provided that they are satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players.
4. All jewellery must be removed when playing netball, any players wearing jewellery (including body piercing) will not be allowed to participate. Hair must be tied up. The following exceptions may apply:

* Wedding rings may be worn, but must be taped .
* Medic alert bracelets may be worn, but must be secured in such a manner that they will not constitute a danger to an opponent, i.e. with clear tape, and in such a way that it cannot be removed/lifted off by any accidental contact.
* No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn.

1. If scarves need to be worn because of religious practices, the material used must be soft, without embellishments which might constitute a danger, and with potential flowing/flapping edged secured as neatly and securely as possible.
2. All players must wear registered team colours when competing.
3. Photography/recording of any fixture is not allowed unless permission has been obtained from opponents in advance. Umpires must be notified of any agreement.
4. The HDN sub group may review and amend these regulations following changes communicated by England Netball.
5. The HDN sub group will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations.

**11. Trophies**

A trophy and/or individual medals will be awarded to the winning team in each League providing that funds allow. The trophies awarded to teams remain the responsibility of the HDN Junior League. Teams are responsible for their safe keeping and must be returned to the Junior League Secretary when requested. If a team loses the trophy, a replacement trophy of similar value must be provided by them. If the Junior League is discontinued, all trophies must be returned to the Chair of North Yorkshire County P&C working group.

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