

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL

HARROGATE DISTRICT

SUMMER LEAGUE REGULATIONS

All games will be played in accordance with the current rules of England Netball

1. Eligibility

- Application for entry to the HDN Summer League shall be open to any club or team which is affiliated to England Netball through North Yorkshire County Netball Association and is based in the Harrogate District.
- Application from clubs or teams situated outside the Harrogate District boundaries may be accepted, if this is seen to enhance the competition and if there is a vacant place.
- The entry fee for the HDN Summer League will be determined by the Harrogate District Sub Group (HDSG) of the North Yorkshire Participation & Competition (NY P&C) group and teams will be advised. Entry fees to the Summer League are non-refundable. Entries will be submitted online, as for the 2016-17 Winter League.
- By entering a team in the HDN Summer League, clubs and teams agree that they will abide by these regulations, the England Netball Code of Conduct and that they are able and willing to fulfill all costs and commitments relating to the Summer League.
- All players must hold a current England Netball affiliation and must be registered with a club or team. Every player must be registered with the Fixtures Secretary before playing in a match. It is the responsibility of club secretaries to affiliate new players with England Netball then register the players with the Fixtures Secretary in writing at least 24 hours before the new player plays her first fixture in the HDN Summer League.

Penalty for not adhering to this will be a deduction of 2 League points for each offence.

- All players must be over 16 years of age at midnight on 31st August/1st September prior to the commencement of the HDN Summer League, unless they have permission to play in **THIS** League, for the current playing season following the England Netball age banding procedure has been obtained. Evidence of this must be supplied to the Fixtures Secretary before that player participates in the HDN Summer League.

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- Clubs must register a minimum of 10 players per team.
- For clubs with more than 1 team, teams must be designated as the A team, B team etc. Where teams are in different divisions, the highest division team will automatically be designated the A team.
- Where teams are in the same division, the A team must be specified at the beginning of the season.
- No player may play down.

- Any player may play up on 2 occasions. On the 3rd and any subsequent occasion of play she must become a member of a higher team. An occasion is deemed to be a half of any game.
- Due to injury / pregnancy a player may apply to the HDNL Fixtures Secretary to be transferred to a lower team within their club.
- Any player may only play for one club registered within the HDN Summer League.
- Players can play for only 1 team on any 1 day.
- Pregnant players and umpires must observe the EN Rules before taking part in HDN Summer League matches.

2. Matches

- The Summer League will be played at a central venue (for 2017 at Ashville College Sports Centre, Yew Tree Road, Harrogate).
- The Summer League matches will be played on a Monday evening between 8 May 2017 and 17 July 2017. Matches will start each evening at 7.00pm.
- For 2017, **entries to the HDN Summer League** will be limited to a **maximum** of 20 teams.
- These teams will be organised into 2 Divisions. The HDSG, along with consideration of a team's previous placements in the League, will decide into which division each team is placed.

If more than 20 entries for the Summer League are received, the following criteria will be followed to determine which teams are allocated a place:

1. Priority for a place will be given to teams who have played the HDN Winter League in 16/17. Initially there will be one place **available per club**.
 2. Further places will be allocated to teams who played in the HDN Winter League 2016/17 but priority for a second and any subsequent place will be given to those teams who honoured their commitment to their matches.
 3. Adult teams will have priority over any junior teams (Under 16/18).
 4. In the event that there are still spare places, names of teams will be placed in a hat and withdrawn in turn to achieve the maximum number of 20 teams.
- For 2017, matches will comprise two halves of twelve minutes, with one minute at half time and five minutes between games. Each team will play two consecutive matches each evening.
 - Every team will play every other team on two occasions.
 - The timing of the matches will be done centrally. It is the responsibility of the teams concerned and the umpires to start each round of games promptly.
 - Both teams must provide a suitable match ball and present both balls to the umpires before the start of the match. The umpires will decide which ball is to be used.
 - If there is a clash of playing colours, the first named team for the fixture will change colours.

- The situation of the team bench (for substitutes and team officials) will be behind the goal line and to the right of the post at the team's defending end. The team bench does not change position at half time!
- Fixtures lists and results cards will be distributed by the Fixtures Secretary prior to the commencement of the Summer League. All matches will be played as stated. In the event of a team cancelling a match, 5 points will be given to the non-offending team and the match will not be replayed.
- At the end of every match, both teams must submit a fully completed results card. This card must be sent to the HDN Fixtures Secretary in the same way as for the Winter League. Results of matches should also be texted to the Results Line by the winning team.
- As an alternative, clubs may scan and email the results cards to the HDN Fixtures Secretary. If there is a disagreement over the score then the Results Cards should not be signed and a covering letter should be sent to the Fixtures Secretary detailing the reasons for not signing.

3. Postponement of matches

- Matches will only be postponed in extreme circumstances i.e. adverse weather conditions and/or unplayable court conditions.
- The decision to postpone an evening of matches will be taken by the HDN Fixtures Secretary at 6.00pm on the day. Her decision will be final.
- It is the responsibility of the team/club representative to contact the Fixtures Secretary after 6.00pm on the evening if confirmation that the matches can be played is required.
- In the event of play having started and the weather and court conditions deteriorate, it will be the responsibility of the umpires to raise their concerns with the Fixtures Secretary, or her nominated representative on the night. The Fixtures Secretary (or the nominated representative on the evening) will then make a decision as to whether play can continue. Her decision will be final and binding.

4. Abandoned Matches

- If a match has commenced and a serious injury occurs necessitating the abandonment of the match, the following will apply:
- If a match is abandoned before half time, the Fixtures Secretary will make every effort to arrange for the match to be replayed on another date and the two teams concerned will be informed. If it is impossible to rearrange the match, the score at the time of stoppage will be deemed as final.
- If a match is abandoned after half time the score at the time of the stoppage will be deemed as final.

5. Results

- The Summer League winners shall be decided on points.
- Points for League matches will be awarded as follows:

- 5 points for the winners
 - 3 points for a draw
 - 2 points for losers with 5 goals or less of a winning score
 - 1 point for losers with over 50% of a winning score
- In the event of a team resigning during a season, all points obtained by or recorded against them shall, at the discretion of the HDSG, be deleted from the league table.
 - If, at the end of the Summer League there is a tie on points, the teams concerned will share the final divisional placing.

6. Non compliance

- A match will be deemed to be void and 5 points awarded to the non-offending team if:
The opposition arrives on court late.
The opposition fails to provide an umpire.
If the opposition breaks the ruling regarding the participation in two matches on the same night.
- In the event of a match being deemed void, the game may still be played as a “friendly” and the details must be recorded on the results card and submitted to the Fixtures Secretary in the usual way.

7. Umpiring

- All umpires must be affiliated to England Netball.
- To fulfil the aim of promoting and encouraging the development of umpires, a more flexible approach will continue to be taken in the 2017 Summer League.
- Each team must provide an umpire for each of their games. The appointed umpire must be confident in her/his ability to manage the level of play. This does NOT mean that the umpire must hold an EN umpiring qualification. Guidance may be sought from the HDN Fixtures Secretary. It is hoped that more people will be able to gain practice during the Summer League and it is suggested that they ask any qualified umpires who are present to observe them and give appropriate feedback.
- In the event of an umpire being taken ill or sustaining an injury during a match and is unable to continue, the game will be abandoned unless another umpire is available to take over.
- Teams should be prepared to reimburse umpires with any reasonable expenses.

8. Scorers

- Scorers must be provided by both teams in both divisions in the 2017 Summer League. The scorer should be a competent person over the age of 14 years. Scorers should report to the umpires before the match and they should stand together as directed by the umpires.
- Scorers MUST call the score and centre pass and indicate the direction of the centre pass after each goal scored. If the scorers do not agree with the umpires’ indicated direction of play they should alert the umpires immediately and before the next centre pass is taken.

9. Queries, Complaints and Disciplinary Powers

- Any team who intends to raise a query regarding the playing of a match must inform their opponents and the umpires who officiated on the day of the match.
- Any queries or issues regarding the playing of a match or its result must be submitted in writing to the HDN Fixtures Secretary within 7 days of the fixture.
- All queries, issues and disputes regarding the playing of a match or its result will be determined in the first instance by the HDSG, using best endeavours to determine the issue within 7 days of receipt of correspondence.
- The HDSG 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 within the HDN Summer League.
- In the event that any team/player wishes to appeal against any decision, it must notify this intent within 5 days of receipt of the decision. The appeal should be made to the lead of the NY P&C group.
- Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the HDN Summer League or against any specific decision made by it, must also observe the procedures set out above.
- Any team or individual who fails to observe the procedures laid out in the preceding clauses will invalidate their right to raise a query, issue or appeal.
- Any complaint which does not concern the playing of a match or its result, but which is made in respect of a **Disciplinary Offence**, should be made in writing to the designated County Disciplinary Secretary. Please approach the HDN Fixtures Secretary in the first instance for guidance on this.

10. Miscellaneous

The following are Guidelines, advice, confirmation and a reminder of some of the EN Rules. This section is included to ensure that the HDN Summer League runs safely and in the right spirit.

- All clubs will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and supporters.
- 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.
- Photography/recording of any HDN Summer League fixture is not allowed unless permission has been obtained from opponents in advance. Umpires must be notified of any agreement.
- The HDSG will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations.

11. Trophies

- Trophies awarded to teams and individuals are the property of the league. Teams & individuals holding a trophy are responsible for its safety and must be returned when requested.

- If a team or individual loses a trophy whilst in its possession, a replacement trophy of similar value must be provided by them.
- In the event of any divisions being discontinued, the trophy for that division shall be returned to the HDN Fixtures Secretary.

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