

# North Yorkshire Netball Association

## Playing Regulations for Harrogate Winter League

Season 2019-2020

Ref 01-19/20

### 1. Organisation & Administration

**1.1** The Officiating & Competition Sub Groups (OCG) of North Yorkshire CMB will organise competitions within North Yorkshire as follows

North Yorkshire League (NYNAL) Harrogate District League (HDL) and York District League (YDL) these will be managed by sub groups.

**1.2.** The decisions of the OCG or its nominee(s), in respect of these rules and regulations and on any other matter related to the game which is not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal which is specifically provided for under disciplinary regulations).

**1.3** It is the responsibility of all participants in the Leagues to ensure that they are familiar with the Leagues regulations and the England Netball Code of Conduct.

**1.4** All games in the North Yorkshire Winter Leagues will be played in accordance with the current Rules of England Netball.

**1.5** The Leagues are for female players only.

**1.6** NYNAL is played at indoor venues on a weekday evening; HDL is played at indoor venues on Sunday mornings. YDL played in and outside.

**1.7.** Each competition will be managed by the appropriate sub Group have there own fixtures secretary and be over seen by the OCG Lead. The decisions of the Sub group in respect of these Regulations and on any other matter related to the Winter Leagues, which is not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding for all parties (Subject to the right of appeal, which is specifically provided for under Disciplinary Procedures.)  
For 2019-20

### 2. Playing Qualifications & Eligibility

**2.1** Application for entry to Harrogate winter competition shall be open to any club or team which has Membership to England Netball and has North Yorkshire Netball Association as the primary county, and which has paid its subscription in this respect.

**2.2** HDL is a league for female players only.

**2.3** The OCG & the appropriate sub groups will set the entry fee.

**2.4.** By entering a team in the North Yorkshire competitions, clubs/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 Leagues.

**2.5.** All players must have membership through EN and have North Yorkshire County – As the Primary County, and subscription paid before any participate

**2.6** Players can only play for one club within the Harrogate competition.

**2.7.** All players must be over 16 years of age at midnight on 31st August/1st September prior to the commencement of the playing season, unless they have permission to play in **the** league for the current playing season, following the England Netball age banding procedure. Evidence of this must be supplied to the appropriate fixtures secretary 48 hours before that player participates in the League. Only 3 U/16 per team allowed on court at any one time.

**2.8.** North Yorkshire Netball recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor.

*The England Netball Personal Accident insurance cover excludes any loss or expense due to pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or any consequence thereof. If, for example a member who is pregnant is involved in an accident not related to the pregnancy, subject to the conditions of the policy, the relevant benefits would be payable. However any situation (such as hospitalisation) was prolonged, as a direct result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications or even early childbirth, then this portion of any claim is not covered.*

### **3. Registration of Squad Members**

**3.1** Clubs must register all players to play in the competition. Squad registration sheets for each participating Club must be completed fully for each player and lodged with the appropriate fixtures secretary as specified prior to the start of the League. A minimum of 7 players per team must be registered.

**3.2** Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged with the appropriate fixtures secretary at least 48 hours before the fixture in which the additional player(s) wish to compete.

**3.3** No new players may be added after 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, unless in extreme circumstances and with the permission of the fixtures secretary

**3.4** Clubs entering more than one team into the Leagues must nominate on the squad form A & B teams.

**3.5** Teams may only use players who have been registered on the squad list held by the fixtures secretary.

**3.6** Where a Club has multiple teams competing in the winter competition, players registered in a higher team may not compete for a lower team.

**3.7** Players from the lower teams may play for higher teams for no more than twelve (12) quarters during the season. Where this happens, it must be clearly recorded on the result card. If players start a 13th quarter they are automatically moved into the next highest team and are no longer eligible to play up again or to compete for the lower team.

**3.8** Once a player has been named on a squad sheet and played, she cannot transfer to another Club and compete for that Club in the winter competitions during the current season.

**3.9** Each 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.

**3.10** No player may "play down." (i.e. no player from a higher team in the Harrogate league may play for a lower team. In addition, players who represents their Club in NYNAL division one or any other County's Highest Division or in the Yorkshire Regional League (or higher) will be eligible to play in Harrogate league division 1 only.

**3.11** Any player may only play for one Club registered in the Harrogate Winter League.

**3.12** A player may only play for one team on any one day in the Harrogate Winter Leagues

Due to injury, pregnancy, or extenuating circumstances a player may apply to the sub group through the Fixtures Secretary to be transferred to a lower team within their Club.

### **4. Structure of the League**

**4.1** Each team will play each other twice in each Division if the number of entries allow. If the divisions are uneven, Division 1 and 2; will play each other twice & 3 times in Division 3.

**4.2** Matches will be played on the dates and at the times specified on the fixture schedule.

**4.3.** Matches will be played on a Sunday morning at one of the indoor venues booked by the Harrogate sub group.

**4.4** The number of entries received will determine the number of divisions in any league

**4.5** All new entrants to the Harrogate winter Leagues will be placed in a division at the discretion of the Harrogate sub groups

#### **4.6 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 are more than 50% of winning teams score.

**4.7** A league table will be compiled based on the points awarded. Where teams are level on points, in promotion or demotion, a play-off will be arranged.

**4.8** The winners of each Division will receive a Team trophy, a new netball or individual Trophies- this is to be decided by the majority of wishes.

### **5. Fixture Arrangements**

**5.1.** All fixtures will be played on the dates and times scheduled and at the venue as stipulated on the fixture schedule.

**5.2** The fee per fixture will be calculated from the cost of the running of the league.

**5.3** Each team will pay a deposit of £100.00 (Non refundable) then be issued with an invoice for the remaining cost for the playing season, this is payable either as a whole or in 2 installments as directed and agreed. The cost per team is estimated to be £27.00, per game

**5.4** Any bank charges incurred by the County arising from any default by any Club/team, will be passed on to that Club/team and these charges must be paid immediately

**5.5** All games must start within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time as printed on the Fixtures List Provided.

**5.6** No team may rearrange, postpone or cancel any fixture. .

**5.7** Teams **MUST** leave the court at the times indicated for the next round of matches to be played even if the game has not finished.

**5.8** Any team, which fails to arrive for the start time of the fixture, will forfeit the match.

**5.9** If for any reason a fixture cannot be played (e.g. venue problem) both teams must inform the fixtures secretary immediately.

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

### **6. Match Regulations**

**6.1.** All the games will be played in accordance with the latest current rules of England Netball.

**6.2.** Matches will be of 1 hour's duration i.e. 4 x 15 minute quarters. *There will be up to 2 minutes interval at quarter and three quarter time and up to 3 minutes interval at half time.*

**6.3** Both teams will provide a suitable match ball and present both balls to the umpires. The umpires will decide which ball is to be used.

**6.4** If there is a clash of playing colours, the first named team for the fixture will change colours.

**6.5** The situation of the Team Bench (for substitutes and team officials) will be at the start of play to the right hand side of the goal post defending end, at the side of the court, or determined by the umpire and remains the same for the whole game.

## 7. Match Officials

**7.1 Umpires.** All Umpires must hold a current membership of England Netball.

**7.2.** It is the responsibility of the Umpires to start the matches at the time stipulated on the Fixtures List or within the Permitted 5 minutes allowance.

**7.3** Each team must provide an umpire for all of their games at the appropriate standard:

**7.4** For 1st division matches - 'C' Award and above.

**7.5** For 2nd division matches –'C' Award and above or an umpire who has attended a recent C Award Course (within the last 2 years), is actively working towards his/her C Award and is in the process of achieving this Award.

**7.6** For 3rd Division matches (if applicable) – An umpire who has at least attended an Umpiring Course within the last years or an umpire whose has an Into Officiating Award.

**7.7 NB** – *on any one-day; A person may umpire a total of two games in the HDN Winter League 2019-2020 or a person may play in one game and umpire another game*

**7.8 Scorers** Each team must provide a competent scorer for each fixture.

**7.9** The minimum age of any scorer is 14 years.

**7.10** The scorer from each team will stand or sit together as directed by the umpires. It is recommended that they take no part in the game (i.e. Coaching or shouting encouragement)

**7.11.** The scorers must agree the score after each goal is scored and this should be called immediately.

**7.12** The scorers should report to the umpires before the start of each match.

**7.13** Scorers may also be required to time the fixture and each team must provide a suitable timer for this purpose.

**7.14** No team members or supporters shall stand or sit with the scorers.

**7.15** Any team that fails to provide a scorer for any fixture will be expected to drop a player from the team to undertake this duty.

## 8. Registration of Results

**8.1** All winning teams shall forward the result of their match immediately after the match by text . The Results text number is : : 07795257837.

The format is :

HWL Division (as appropriate)

Rafters 30

Tillers 20

Jane Doe from Rafters.

**8.2** Each team is responsible for completing a match Results Card. This must be fully completed, recording full squad details and details of any players “playing up” from lower teams, the result of the match must be accurately recorded; the card must then be signed by, team captains, umpires and scorers.

**8.3** The Results card must then be sent as an **attachment** by **email ONLY**. To the appropriate League Secretary **within 48hours** of the fixture.

**8.4** Having signed the Results Card, the result of the match is final and no dispute can be lodged.

**8.5** If there is disagreement over the final score then the Results Card should not be signed and details of the disagreement should accompany the unsigned card to the appropriate fixtures secretary.

***The penalty for not adhering to any of these rules is deems the result of the match to be void and 5 points and the game will be awarded to the non-offending team.***

## **9. Queries, Complaints & Disciplinary**

**9.1** 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.

**9.2** Any queries or issues regarding the playing of a match/and or its result must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary within seven (7) days of the fixture.

**9.3** All queries, issues and disputes regarding the playing of a match and/or its result will be determined in the first instance by the OCG, using best endeavors to determine the issue within ten (10) days of receipt of correspondence.

**9.4** The OCG 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 leagues - such penalties will include reprimands, the deduction of league points, fines, suspensions, and expulsion from the League.

**9.5** In the event that any team/player wishes to appeal against any decision of the OCG, 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 NYNA CMB.

**9.6** Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the Leagues by the OCG, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures set out by England Netball

**9.7** Any team/individual that fails to observe the procedures laid out in the preceding clauses will invalidate their right to raise a query, issue or appeal.

**9.8** 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 OCG (Lead).

## **10. Miscellaneous**

**10.1** All Clubs will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and supporters.

**10.2** 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.

**10.3** No form of glove may be worn when playing netball. If gloves are required for medical reasons, the umpires may allow seamless gloves to be worn on the production of an appropriate medical certificate, and provided that they are satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players.

**10.4** All jewellery must be removed when playing netball; any players wearing jewellery (including body piercing) will not be allowed to participate.

**10.5** 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.
- Daith piercing on medical grounds are allowed if the piercing is well taped. The player concerned should have available the appropriate medical letter to show to Umpires if asked.
- No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn.

**10.6.** 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.

**10.7** All players must wear registered team playing uniform when competing in North Yorkshire netball competition matches.

**10.8.** Photography/recording of any League fixture is not allowed unless permission has been obtained from opponents and Umpires in advance. of the game.

**10.9** The OCG may review and amend these regulations following changes communicated by England Netball.

**10.10.** The OCG will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations

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