North Yorkshire Netball Association

# Playing Regulations for HDNL Summer 2021

**1. Organisation & Administration**

**1.1** The HDNL Subgroup will organise and manage the Harrogate and District Netball Summer League.

**1.2** The decisions of the HDNL subgroup 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 and officials in the League to ensure that they are familiar with the competition’s regulations ([www.netballnorthyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.netballnorthyorkshire.co.uk)) and the England Netball Code of Conduct ([www.englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk)).

**1.4** All games in the HDN Summer League will be played in accordance with the current Rules of England Netball (EN).

**1.5** The HDN Summer League will be played outdoors at Ashville Sports Centre on Monday Evenings, commencing on 21st June through July and August.

**2. Playing Qualifications & Eligibility**

**2.1** Application for entry to the HDN Summer League shall be open to any club or team within the Harrogate and District (HD) boundary which has membership (through NY) to EN, and which has paid its subscription in this respect.

**2.2**. Only female players are allowed to play.

**2.3** The Entry Fee for the HDN Summer League will be determined by HDNL Subgroup and teams will be advised. Entry Fees into the Summer League are non-refundable.

**2.4** By entering a team in the HDN Summer League, clubs/teams agree that they will abide by these regulations, the EN Code of Conduct and that they are able and willing to fulfill all costs and commitments relating to the Summer League.

**2.5** All players must hold a current EN affiliation and be registered with a HD club before they can play in a HDN Summer League game. Membership to EN must be paid before they can enter the HDN Summer League.

**2.6**. Players may play for another club within the HDN Summer League for this Summer League **only** and must be registered with a club in the league.

**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 theleague for the current playing season, following the EN age banding procedure. Evidence of this must be suppled to the Fixtures Secretary before that player participates in the HDN Summer League.

**2.8** Teams must abide by the regulations that no more than 3 age banded players may be on court at any one time.

**2.9** 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, if 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 Fixtures Secretary **2 weeks** prior to the start of the competition.

**3.2** A minimum of 7 players must be registered. Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged and proof of membership to EN must be shown to either Tricia Morales or Sam Miles up to the commencement of the fixture in which the additional player(s) wish to compete.

**3.3** Clubs entering more than one team into the HDN Summer League must nominate on the squad form A, B etc teams.

**3.4** Teams may only use players who have been registered on the squad list held by the fixture’s secretary.

**3.5** Players from any club or team that is registered to HDNL can play for another team, either higher or lower, only when the other team are SHORT of players. A player can only play maximum of two matches. This is very much in support of #RiseAgain

**3.6** removed, not applicable for Summer League.

**3.7** Players may play for another club within the HDN Summer Leauge for this Summer League only and must be registered with a club in the league.

**3.8** 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.

**3.9** Due to injury or pregnancy, a player may apply to the HDNL subgroup through the Fixtures Secretary to be transferred to a lower team within their club.

**3.10** A player may only play for one or two teams on any one night in the HDN Summer Leauge.

**4. Structure of the League**

**4.1** Each team will play each other once in each division.

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

**4.3** The number of entries received will determine the number of divisions in the league and

all new entrants to the HDNL will be placed in a division at the discretion of the HDNL subgroup.

**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.

**4.4** A league table will be compiled based on the points awarded. There will be no play off for promotion or demotion if points are even for the Summer League 2022.

**4.5** No team may rearrange, postpone or cancel any fixture. The penalty for not adhering to this rule is:

The non-offending team will be awarded 5 league points, and the offending team will be awarded 0 league points.

The offending team will be liable to pay all court costs incurred by the NYNAL subgroup in this instance and any costs incurred by the umpires.

Any team which fails to arrive for the start time of the fixture will forfeit the match and points will be awarded as above.

**4.6** In the event of a team resigning during a season, all points obtained by or recorded against them shall, at the discretion of the subgroup, be deleted from the league division table.

**5. Fixture Arrangements**

**5.1** The fee per fixture will be calculated from the cost of the running of the league. Each team will be issued with an invoice for the whole playing season which is payable either as a whole or in 2 installments as directed and agreed with the County Treasurer. 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.

**5.2** All games must start at the scheduled start time as printed on the fixtures list. There will no 5-minute allowance time.

**5.3** 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. The score at that point will be the final score.

**5.4** Any team, which fails to arrive for the start time of the fixture, will forfeit the match. The penalty for not adhering to this rule is:

The non-offending team will be awarded 5 league points and the offending team will be awarded 0 league points.

**5.5** If for any reason a fixture cannot be played both teams must inform the Fixtures Secretary immediately.

**5.6** 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 subgroup having regard for the score at the time and taking into consideration any recommendations from the umpires officiating the fixture. If, however the match is abandoned during the 2nd half, the score at the point will be deemed as the final score.

**5.7** Prior to the commencement of the Summer League the Fixture List and a copy of the results Cards will be distributed to all clubs.

**5.8** The decision to postpone an evening of matches due to extreme circumstances i.e. adverse weather conditions and/or unplayable court conditions will be taken by HDN lead at 6.00pm. Her decision will be final. A whatsapp group will be set up and a message will be sent out via this along with a post on Facebook at this time. It is the teams responsibility to contact the rest of their players.

**5.9** In the event of play having started and the weather and court conditions deteriorate, it will be the responsibility of the Umpires to decide if the playing conditions are safe. Players are asked to respect the decisions of the two umpires which will be final and binding.

**6. Match Regulations**

**6.1**. Matches will be of ½ hour's duration i.e., 2 x 15minute halves. There will be a 2minute interval at half time. All matches will start and finish on the umpire’s whistle.

**6.2** 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.

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

**6.4** The situation of the Team Bench (for substitutes and team officials) will be at the start of play to the righthand side of the goal post defending end and remains the same for the whole game. If this area is unsuitable then the position of the team bench will be determined by the umpire.

**7. Match Officials**

**7.1** Each team must provide a suitably qualified umpire for their game and is responsible for reimbursing reasonable expenses for the umpire which should be given to the umpire on the match day and preferably prior to the start of the match.

**7.2** It is the responsibility of the umpires to start the match at the time stipulated on the fixtures list.

**7.3** Division 1 - C Award Umpire and above

**7.4** Division 2 - C Award and above or an umpire who has attended a recent C Award course and is actively working towards achieving this award.

**7.5** Division 3 – Into Officiating Award or an umpire who has at least attended an umpiring course within the last year

**7.6** If any team fails to provide a qualified umpire, the team will forfeit the match.

**7.7** The umpires should not be involved in agreeing the final score of the match.

**7.8** On any one day, a person may umpire 3 games or play in 1 game and umpire another 2 or umpire 2 and play in 1.

**Scorers**

**7.9** Each team must provide a competent scorer for each fixture. 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 and 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 (including intervals) and each team must provide a suitable timer for this purpose. There is no central timing - each match will be timed by the relevant teams playing.

**7.14** The final score of the match is the sole responsibility of the scorers.

**8. Registration of Results**

**8.1** The winning team shall forward the result of their match immediately after the match by text.

The results text number is: **07795 257837**

**The format:**

HDNL

Division……..

Date

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 that do not normally play for that team along with the team they are registered to. In addition, the name of the umpires should be printed on the results card.

**8.3** The result of the match must be accurately recorded; the card must then be signed by captains and sent by either taking a clear legible photo on your phone and sent to the Results Secretary **Sam Miles** on **07732220480**, or a clear legible scan and sent by email [results.harrogatenetball@outlook.com](mailto:results.harrogatenetball@outlook.com) within 48 hours of the fixture.

**8.4** Having signed the results card, the result of the match is final, and no dispute can be lodged. 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 results secretary.

**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 Lead of the HDNL **Tricia Morales 21 Wayside Avenue Harrogate HG2 8NL** 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 HDNL subgroup, using best endeavors to determine the issue within ten (10) days of receipt of correspondence.

**9.4**. The HDNL subgroup 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 subgroup, it must notify this intent within five (5) days of receipt of the decision. In this event the matter should be referred to the lead of the NY Competition group [nynetballchair@outlook.com](mailto:nynetballchair@outlook.com) .

**9.6**. Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the league by the HDNL subgroup, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures set out.

**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 lead of the HDNL subgroup.

**9.9** Complaints regarding umpires will only be investigated if made on the grounds of gross misconduct, immediately before, after or during a match. General complaints about the match performance of an official will not be accepted as all umpires must hold a current, relevant EN qualification which cannot be revoked.

**10. Miscellaneous**

**10.1** All clubs will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and supporters in accordance with the EN Codes of Conduct.

**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. 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.

**10.5** 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.

**10.7** Photography/recording of any league fixture is not allowed unless permission has been obtained from opponents and umpires in advance of the game.

**10.8**. The HDNL subgroup may review and amend these regulations following changes communicated by EN.

**10.9** The HDNL subgroup will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations and their decision will be final.

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