

North Yorkshire Netball Association

Playing Regulations for North Yorkshire Junior League 2021-2022

1. Organisation & Administration

- i. The NY Junior Competition Subgroup will organise and manage the North Yorkshire Junior League (NYJL).
- ii. The decisions of the NYJL Sub Group 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).
- iii. It is the responsibility of all Club and Team managers/ coaches and other Officials involved with the League to ensure that they are familiar with the Competition's Regulations and the England Netball Code of Conduct.
- iv. All games in the NYJL will be played in accordance with the current Rules of England Netball.
- v. The matches in the NYJL will be played at indoor venues on Sunday afternoons.
- vi. The NY Junior League will be for Club teams at Under-12; Under-14 and Under-16 team level.

2. Playing Qualifications & Eligibility

- i. Application for entry to the NYJL shall be open to any club or team within the North Yorkshire boundary which has Membership to England Netball, and has paid its subscription in this respect. However, please note that only teams from Clubs who have CAPS accreditation (or are actively processing an application) will be eligible to represent the NY County in the Regional Junior Leagues. Qualification for a place in the Regional League is only via the NYJL.
- ii. Only female players are allowed to participate.
- iii. The entry fee for the NYJL will be determined by the NYJL Subgroup. *For 2021-22 season, there is NO entry Fee.*
- iv. By entering a team in the NYJL, clubs/teams agree that they will abide by these Regulations and the England Netball Code of Conduct and that they are able and willing to fulfill all costs and commitments relating to the League.
- v. Players can only play for one club within the NYJL.
- vi. All players in the NY County Junior League must play within their own age group unless the appropriate Age Banding procedures have been followed.
- vii. 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

- i 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 Results Secretary as specified prior to the start of the Competition. A minimum of 7 players must be registered per team.
- ii. Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged with the appropriate Results Secretary before the fixture in which any additional player(s) wish to compete.
- iii. Registration Sheets must be completed at the start of the Competition in September and again at the beginning of January. This allows teams to move young players to a higher or lower team. **For Phase 1 this is Friday 17th September 2021; for Phase 2 this is Friday 7th January 2022.**
- iv. Clubs entering more than one team must nominate on the squad form A / B / C etc teams.
- v. Teams may only use players registered on the squad list held by the relevant Results Secretary.
- vi. Where a Club has multiple teams competing in the competitions, players registered in a higher team may not compete for a lower team unless there are special circumstances as in 3(x).
- vii. Players from the lower teams may play for higher teams for no more than (12) quarters during each Phase. 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 a lower team.
- viii. 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 NYJL during the current season unless approval has been sought from the NYJL via the Lead of the NYJL Subgroup.
- ix. 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.
- x. Movement of players from a higher positioned team to a lower positioned one is not allowed except in exceptional circumstances (e.g. return from serious injury) and with prior approval from the NYJL through the relevant Results Secretary.
- xi. In addition, prior to Phase 2 of the League, any team that has not been promoted to the Regional League can redefine their squads but must submit a new Registration Sheet before the Fixtures begin. Any player who plays for a team that has qualified for the Regional Leagues and has played the equivalent of 12 quarters in the Regional League must not play any further games in Phase 2 of the NYJL. **Any such players must be highlighted on the Results Cards.**
- xii. A player may only play for one team on any one day in the NYJL.

4. Structure of the League

- i. Every team will play every other team in their age group Division on 2 occasions between September and December. This constitutes Phase 1 of the League. Where possible, Divisions will have an equal number of teams.
- ii. At the end of Phase 1, the top teams in Division 1 in the Under-14 and Under-16 age groups will be offered the opportunity to progress to the Yorkshire Regional Junior League.

iii. At the end of Phase 1, promotions up to Division 1 (and possibly Division 2) of the NYJL at Under-14 and Under-16 may be made from the next lower Divisions to balance the Division numbers. Teams then continue to play from January to March/April in Phase 2 of the competition.

iv. At Under-12, at the end of Phase 1 the top teams from Division 2 may be promoted to Division 1; the bottom teams in Division 1 may be relegated to Division 2. **Any such movement will be agreed based on the best interests of the majority of the young players.** The top teams in Division 1 at the end of Phase 2 will represent the County in the Under-12 Regional Tournament if applicable.

v. The number of entries received will determine the number of Divisions in any league and any new entrants to the NYJL will be placed in a Division at the discretion of the NYJL Subgroup and recommendation from Club coaches.

vi. **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.

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 unless a suitable date for a Play Off can be arranged and only in the case of affecting relegation and/or promotion.

Goal average and goal difference calculations will not be used to differentiate the final placings. This is in the interests of encouraging participation and enjoyment by as many young players as possible and to avoid huge – and often demoralising – margins in the scores of games.

At the end of Part 2, the winners of each Division will receive individual Trophies.

In addition, individual Awards will be made to the Player of the Match for each Division in each age group and based across the two Phases of the competition.

5. Fixture Arrangements

i All fixtures will be played on the dates and times scheduled and at the venue as stipulated on the fixture schedule apart from in exceptional circumstances and only with permission from the NYJL Subgroup. **In such a case, individual teams may be liable for full court hire costs.**

ii. The fee per fixture will be calculated from the cost of the running of the league. The NY Treasurer will issue an invoice for the matches played. This is payable 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. The cost per team per match will be approximately £25 (tbc). **Please be aware that, having issued to Clubs, the Fixtures' Schedules for each Phase, if a team then withdraws from the NYJL, the team that is withdrawing will have to pay the full court hire that arises from their cancelled matches.**

iii. 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. Coaches and officials of the first matches in the afternoons are responsible for setting up the court. Coaches and officials of the last match in the afternoons are responsible for putting the equipment away.

iv Any team failing to arrive for the start time of the fixture, will forfeit the match. 5 points will be awarded to the non-offending team. **The defaulting team will pay the FULL hire cost of the court.**

v If for any reason a fixture cannot be played (e.g. venue problem) both teams must inform the appropriate Results Secretary immediately.

vi. 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 NYJL sub group having regard for the score at the time and taking into consideration any recommendations from the umpires officiating the fixture. The decision of the NYJL Group is final.

6. Match Regulations

- i All games will be played in accordance with the latest current rules of England Netball.
- ii. The duration of the matches will be the same for all age groups- 4 x 10 mins quarters with 2 mins intervals at quarter and three quarters time and 3 mins at half time. This should allow sufficient time for a warmup etc. Matches will be allocated a time slot of 1 hour. Umpires should ensure that matches are time managed well to fit into the time slot.
- iii. 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.
- iv. If there is a clash of playing colours, the first named team for the fixture will change colours.
- v. 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, and remains the same for the whole game. If this area is unsuitable then the Team Bench will be as determined by the umpire.

7. Match Officials

Umpires

i. Each team must provide a suitably qualified umpire for their games and should be prepared to reimburse any reasonable expenses incurred by the Umpire.

Under-16 – minimum of C Award

Under-14 – C Award is preferred but an umpire who has at least attended a recent C Award Course or an Into Officiating Course and is actively working towards achieving their relevant Award is acceptable.

Under-12- an Umpire who holds an Into Officiating qualification is preferred or an umpire who has at least attended a recent Into Officiating Umpiring Course. In addition, a Learner Umpire who has not yet attended an Into Officiating Course may umpire at this level provided he/she is confident.

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

If a team is experiencing real difficulties in finding an Umpire, and to enable the games to go ahead, the coach or manager may umpire the game and talk to her team at the intervals.

Scorers

- i. Each team must provide a competent scorer for each fixture. The minimum age of any scorer is 12 years.
- ii. 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)
- iii. The scorers must agree the score after each goal is scored and this should be called immediately.

iv. 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 throughout the whole of the match.

8. Registration of Results

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

The format is:

NY Junior League

Under

Division.....

Hornets - 30

Mermaids - 20

Jane Smith from Hornets.

ii. Each team is responsible for completing a match Results Card. This must be fully completed, recording full squad details with details of any players “playing up” highlighted. **There is no requirement for the Umpires or Scorers to sign the Cards – the Umpires’ and Scorers’ names should be printed instead on the card. In addition, a Player of the Match for each team should be printed on the Results Cards. Captains do not need to sign the Results Cards.**

iii. The result of the match must be accurately recorded. The card must then be sent – preferably by **email ONLY** - to the appropriate Results Secretary within 24hours of the fixture.

iv. Once the Results Card has been agreed, 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 completed, and details of the disagreement should accompany the card to the appropriate fixtures’ secretary.

Not adhering to any of the Regulations pertaining to Fixture arrangements and/or Match Officials would result in 5 points being awarded to the non-offending team and no points awarded to the offending team. Any penalty pertaining to the non-compliance of the Regulations regarding the completion and processing of Results Cards would be at the discretion of the NYJL Subgroup.

9. Queries, Complaints & Disciplinary

i. 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.

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

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

iv. The NYJL 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 leagues - such penalties will include reprimands, the deduction of league points, fines, suspensions, and expulsion from the competition.

v. In the event that any team/player wishes to appeal against any decision of the NYJL 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 Governance Lead of the NYNACMB.

vi. Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the competition by the NYJL Subgroup, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures set out.

vii. 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.

viii. 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 NYJL Subgroup in the first instance.

10. Miscellaneous

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

ii. 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.

iii. If gloves are required for medical reasons, or temperature extremes, the umpires will allow seamless soft leather or microfibre materials (e.g. neoprene) 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.

iv. 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.

v. Hair must be suitably secured up or back. Chewing gum on court is not allowed.

vi. 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.

vii. All players must wear registered team playing uniform when competing.

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

ix. The NYJL Subgroup may review and amend these regulations following changes communicated by England Netball.

x. The NYJL Subgroup will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations and their decision on all matters will be final.

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