

# **JUNIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

## **1. Organisation & Administration**

NYN Junior Competitions are organised by the North Yorkshire Netball Participation & Competition Group (NYNPCG). Junior Competitions adopt Regional Competition regulations where necessary to assist NY teams to progress to Regional Competition.

## **2. Playing Qualifications & Eligibility**

- i. Application for entry in Junior Competition 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.
- ii. The entry fee for the League will be determined by the PCG.
- iii. 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.
- iv. All players must hold a current England Netball affiliation and be registered with the team which they are competing for.
- v. Players can only play for one club within the competition.
- vi. All players must have their membership lodged with England Netball, and subscription paid before any participation.
- vii. All players must compete within correct age band (as at 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 PCG lead prior to participation.
  - *Penalty for not adhering to this rule will be a deduction of 2 league points for each offence.*
- viii. Pregnant players may not take part in NY competition beyond the 12th week of pregnancy. Pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or any consequence thereof is a policy exclusion.

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

- i. Clubs must register all players to play in the competition. Squad registration sheets for each participating team must be completed fully with the details of each player, and lodged with the PCG as specified prior to the start of the League.
- ii. Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged with the PCG at least 48 hours before the fixture in which the additional player(s) wish to compete.
- iii. Teams may only use players whose names have been registered on the squad list held by the PCG.
  - *Penalty for not adhering to this rule will be a deduction of 2 league points for each offence.*
- iv. Once a player has been named on a squad sheet and played, she cannot transfer & and compete for a different Club during the current season.
- v. 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.
- vi. U/14 & U/12 squad size must be a minimum of 10 players. Each player in these squads must play the equivalent of one full game during the competition.

## **4. Structure of League**

- i. The competition format will allow teams to progress to the Yorkshire Regional Junior Leagues. Normally the top two teams from the U/16 and U/14 Leagues will be offered this opportunity. Normally the top four teams in the U/12 competition will progress to the Regional U/12 Festival.
- ii. Each team will play each other once during the competition, matches will be played on the dates and at the times specified on the fixture schedule. Matches will be played indoors (wherever possible) at the venues booked by the PCG.

- iii. 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.

#### **4. Structure of League (cont)**

- iv. A league table will be compiled based on the points awarded. Where teams are level on points, the following will be used to differentiate:
- Goal average (goals for divided by goals against) shall be used in the first instance - i.e. the team with the higher goal average will be the higher placed.
  - If goal average does not differ, goal difference shall be used (goals for minus goals against) and the team with the highest goal difference shall be placed highest.
  - In the event that neither of the above can differentiate, the team which has the greatest number of goals scored shall be highest placed.
  - Should any team have any of the above affected by cancellations, calculations will be adjusted to reflect this.
  - In the event that none of the above can separate the teams, the aggregate score of matches played between them will determine the outcome.

#### **5. Fixture Arrangements**

- i. All fixtures will be played at the dates and times scheduled and at the stipulated venue
- ii. The fee per fixture will be £15 per team. Each Club will be issued with an invoice for the whole competition, this must be paid in full, as directed, by the end of the competition.  
Any bank charges incurred by the County arising from any default by any Club, will be passed on to that Club and these charges must be paid immediately.
- iii. 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 and 20 goals, and the offending team will be deducted 5 league points
  - The offending team will be liable to pay any costs incurred by the PCG.
- iv. Any team which fails to arrive for the start time will forfeit the match, and points will be awarded as in 5.iii.
- v. If for any reason a fixture cannot be played (e.g. venue problem) both teams must inform the PCG 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 PCG having regard for the score at the time and taking into consideration any recommendations from the umpires officiating the fixture.

#### **6. Match Regulations**

- i. All matches will be played to the Official England Netball rules - 2011 edition.
- ii. Match duration is as follows:  
U/16: 4 x 12 minute quarters. 2 minute interval at quarter time, and 3 minute interval at half time.  
U/14: 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minute interval at quarter time, and 3 minute interval at half time.  
U/12: 4 x 10 minute quarters. 2 minute interval at quarter time, and 3 minute interval at half time.
- iii. Both teams will provide a suitable match ball - umpires will decide which ball shall be used for the match.
- iv. If there is a clash of playing colours, the team taking first centre pass will change.
- v. 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.

## **7. Match Officials**

- i. Each team must provide and pay expenses to a suitably qualified umpire for each fixture as follows:  
U/16: Minimum qualification – B Award.  
U/14: Minimum qualification – B Award, although a C Award Umpire, actively working towards B Award may be used with approval from the NYN L&D Group.  
U/12: Minimum qualification – B Award, although a C Award Umpire, actively working towards B Award may be used with approval from the NYN L&D Group.
- ii. Each team must provide a competent scorer for each fixture.
  - The minimum age of any scorer will be 14 years.
  - 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.
  - Scorers may also be required to time the fixture and should provide a suitable timer for this purpose.

## **8. Registration of Results**

- i. Teams are responsible for handing results cards in to the competition organisers on the day of each competition.
- ii. Each team is responsible for completing a match result card. This must be fully completed, recording full squad details and quarters played. The result of the match must be accurately recorded, the card must then be signed by both scorers, both team captains and both umpires.

## **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 PCG (Lead) 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 PCG, using best endeavours to determine the issue within ten (10) days of receipt of correspondence.
- iv. The PCG 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.
- v. In the event that any team/player wishes to appeal against any decision of the PCG, 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 NYNCMB.
- vi. Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the competition by the PCG, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures set out in 9.ii and 9.v.
- vii. 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.
- 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 PCG (Lead).

## **10. Miscellaneous**

- i. All Clubs will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, officials 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 micro fibre materials (e.g. neoprene) be worn, 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.
  - No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn.
- v. 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.
- vi. All players must wear registered team colours when competing.
- vii. Photography/recording of any fixture is not allowed unless permission has been obtained from opponents in advance. Umpires must be notified of any agreement.
- viii. The PCG may review and amend these regulations following changes communicated by England Netball.
- ix. The PCG will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations.