

North Yorkshire Netball Association

Playing Regulations for NYNAL.

1. Organisation & Administration

1.1 The NYAL Sub group will organise competition.

1.2 The decisions of the NYNAL Sub group 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 league to ensure that they are familiar with the league's regulations and the England Netball (EN) Code of Conduct.

1.4 All games will be played in accordance with the current rules of EN.

1.5 The NYNAL competition will be played at indoor venues on weekday evenings Monday to Thursday in Harrogate, York and Boroughbridge.

2. Playing Qualifications & Eligibility

2.1 Application for entry to the NYNAL shall be open to any club or team which has membership to EN and which has paid its subscription in this respect.

2.2. Only female players are allowed to participate.

2.3 The entry fee for the league will be determined by the NYNAL sub group.

2.4 By entering a team in the NYNAL, 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 league.

2.5 All players must have current EN membership and be registered with a North Yorkshire club.

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

2.7 All players must have their membership lodged with EN and subscription paid before participation.

2.8 All players must be over 16 years of age at midnight on 31 August/1 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 EN age banding procedure. Evidence of this must be supplied to the appropriate fixtures secretary before that player participates in the league.

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 in the competition on the squad registration sheets provided and lodged with the fixtures secretary prior to the start of the league.

3.2 A minimum of 7 players must be registered. Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged with the fixtures secretary at least 48 hours before the fixture in which the additional player(s) wish to compete.

3.3 Clubs entering more than one team into the league must nominate on the squad form A & B teams.

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

3.5 Where a club has multiple teams competing in the NYNAL, players registered in a higher team may not compete for a lower team.

3.6 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 an 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.

3.7 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 NYNAL during the current season.

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. No player may "play down." (i.e. no player from a higher team may play for a lower team)

3.9 Due to injury or pregnancy, a player may apply to the NYNAL sub group through the Fixtures Secretary to be transferred to a lower team within their club.

3.10 Any player may only play for one club registered in the NYNAL. A player may only play for one team on any one day in the NYNAL.

4. Structure of the League

4.1 The NYNAL will allow for teams to progress to or move back from the Yorkshire Regional League. Each team will play each other twice in each division, depending on numbers.

4.2 Matches will be played on the dates and at the times specified on the fixtures schedule. Matches will be played on Monday to Thursday evenings at one of the indoor venues booked by the NYNAL Sub group.

4.3 The number of entries received will determine the number of divisions in the NYNAL. All new entrants to the NYNAL will be placed in a division at the discretion of the sub group.

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. 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 (ie 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. The team which finishes top of NYNAL will be eligible to represent the County in the play offs for the Yorkshire Regional League. However, if that Club is already represented in the Regional League, the next highest team in the NYNAL who is not already represented in the Regional League will be nominated. Please note - only Clubs which are affiliated through North Yorkshire County will be eligible to progress to the Regional League from the NYNAL

4.5 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 all court costs incurred by the subgroup in this instance. 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 sub group, be deleted from the league division table.

The winners of each division will receive a team trophy, a new netball or individual trophies, to be decided by the team.

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. The fee per fixture will be calculated from the cost of the running of the league. The cost per game will be approximately £27.00 per team.

5.2 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.

5.3 All games must start within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time as printed on the fixtures list.

5.4 No team may rearrange, postpone or cancel any fixture.

5.5 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.

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

5.7 If for any reason a fixture cannot be played (e.g. venue problem) both teams must inform the Officiating & Competition Group (OCG) lead immediately.

5.8 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 taking into consideration any recommendations from the umpires officiating the fixture.

6. Match Regulations

6.1. All 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 3 minutes interval at quarter and three quarter time and up to 5 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 to use.

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 determined at the start of play by the umpire and remain the same for the whole game.

7. Match Officials

7.1 All umpires must be a current member 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 Umpires will be appointed to Division 1 by the OCG . Each team in Division 2 & 3 are required provide an umpire for all of their games at the required standard:

Division 1: IFNA 'B' Award or C Award working towards the B Award provided she/he has a mentor and the consent of the OCG lead. In exceptional circumstances, the OCG lead will appoint an appropriate umpire.

Division 2 & 3: minimum qualification INF C Award.

7.4 If any team fails to provide an umpire for any fixture, that team will forfeit the match.

7.5 Each team is responsible for reimbursing reasonable expenses for the umpires and given to the umpires on the match night and preferably prior to the start of the match.

7.6 Each team must provide a competent scorer (minimum age 14 yrs) for each fixture. The scorer from each team will stand or sit together as directed by the umpires and take no part in the game (ie coaching or shouting encouragement). The scorers must agree the score after each goal and this should be called immediately. They should report to the umpires before the start of each

match. Scorers may also be required to time the fixture and each team must provide a suitable timer for this purpose. No team members or supporters shall stand or sit with the scorers. 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 The winning team shall forward the result of their match immediately after the match by text to **07795257837** in the following format:

NYNAL Division 1 (as appropriate)
Rafters 30
Tillers 20
Jane Doe from Rafters.

8.2 Each team is responsible for fully completing a match results card, 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 be signed by team captains and umpires.

8.3 The results card must be sent as an attachment by email **ONLY** to the Results Secretary at **northresults@mail.com** within 24 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.

The penalty for not adhering to any of these rules will result in the non-offending team will be awarded 5 league points and 20 goals and the offending team will be deducted 5 league points.

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 Results 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 Governance Lead of the NYCMB.

9.6. Any team wishing to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the league by the OCG, 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 OCG Lead.

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.

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. 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 a way that they will not constitute a danger to an opponent, ie with clear tape and in 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. 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.

10.6 All players must wear registered team playing uniform when competing in NY netball competition matches.

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 NYNAL subgroup may review and amend these regulations following changes communicated by EN.

10.9 The NYNAL subgroup will adjudicate on any matters not covered by these regulations.

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