

THE NORTH-EAST WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE RULES



1. LEAGUE ENTRY

- All Club must send a representative (min age 16) to the Annual League
- All teams must have Entry Forms completed and submitted with full payment as determined by the Treasurer before the Annual League meeting which is the Date as stated in the previous AGM.
- Clubs with multiple teams must seed their teams and mark them clearly on the Entry Forms
- Entry form, bacs payment and confirmation email must be sent to the Treasurer confirming payment prior to the Annual League meeting.
Account Name: **N E Wales Netball Association.**
Account No: **01050559** Sort code: **40-15-12**
- All players must be affiliated with either Wales Netball or England Netball. Proof of affiliation must be provided on the Team Registration sheets to the League Secretary, League Manager & Divisional Reps on or before the night of their first game. If there is no proof of affiliation the player will not be allowed to take the court.
- All teams must complete an additional Registration form to the North East Wales Netball Association on or before the 30th September annually accompanied by the appropriate fee which is decided at the AGM. This must be completed in full with the additional information required.
- Each team may register up to 14 players per team. If additional players are added to the registration sheets during the season and exceeds that number some players must be removed
- Players may only be registered to play for one team per playing season – if a player wishes to ‘Transfer’ to another Club during the season this must be done before the end of December by completing fully the Transfer Form. Once completed this is non-reversible.
- Teams/clubs are responsible for notifying the League- Manager of any changes to team contacts.
- Players may register from the September of school year 10; upon application in writing exceptions may be allowed, based on standard, at the committee’s discretion. If players are Under-18 the club/team are advised that they should obtain the relevant parental permission for that young person to participate in their club/team activities
- No player shall be allowed to play in any matches organized by NEWNL if she is pregnant
- The committee recommends that all teams/clubs arrange their own personal accident insurance. Your governing body affiliation is Third Party insurance.

2. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- The league will be structured based on the number of entries received.
- There will be a number of divisions with a maximum of 8 teams per division playing each other twice.
- New adult teams entering the league will be entered into the lowest division unless they wish to make a challenge.

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- Teams who wish to challenge to play in a higher division, should clearly specify on their Entry Form a letter of supporting evidence to justify the request. The league committee will meet and decide on the outcome and their decision will be final
- Each division will have a WhatsApp group initiated by the Division Rep.
- At the end of each season the top team from each division will be promoted to the higher division with the lowest team in the division being relegated to the division below. 2nd from top and 2nd from bottom will be placed into a playoff i.e 7th place in 1st Div, play 2nd place in 2nd Div, winner is promoted to 1st Division.

3. LEAGUE MATCHES

- All matches will be played in accordance with the IFNA Official Rules of netball
- Divisional matches will be played at the sports centre designated in the fixtures
- Matches will be timed by umpires/scorers
- All teams/clubs must provide a scorer & an umpire as designated by the umpiring secretary
- Match dates and timings will be sent by email and advertised on the North East Wales website
- Matches **will not be** rearranged with the exception of extreme weather conditions or other problems when the sports centre only may cancel fixtures.
- Adverse Weather: Matches will only be cancelled if the Leisure Centre is closed, if teams are advised not to travel, the team who wish to cancel will cover the cost of the match and umpires but will not receive a point deduction and the other team will be awarded the win.
- If there is a tie at the end of the season goal difference will decide the placings; if still tied then goal average will be implemented
- The toss for centre pass must be done prior to the game start and the result given to the umpires and scorers
- If teams are **late on court** their opposition will be given the first centre pass and then penalized 2 goals for every minute late on court.
- Teams **failing to arrive** will concede their game and be responsible for paying their oppositions umpire and court fees and a £10 fine.
- Teams who fail to fulfil a fixture (concede) will incur a 5-point deduction, plus cover the cost of the court and umpires and lose the game 40 -0 or the average goals scored per game at that point in the season, whichever is higher and must inform their opposition, the Division Reps and the umpires.
- If a team abandons a match during play the non-offending team will win 40-0 or by average goals scored (at that point in the season), whichever is higher.
- If the umpires or the sports centre have to stop the match, the game will be rearranged, unless three-quarters of the game has been played in which case the score will stand
- If a team cancels 3 matches during a season, they will be excluded from the league next season.
- All cancelled games must be paid for by the offending team, including umpiring fees, which must be paid to the Treasurer north-east Wales account resulting in a reimbursement of fees to their opposition.
- First named team is responsible for supplying a good standard of match ball
- Each team must provide a scorer who will sit together to record the game score.
- Failure to provide a scorer, or a scorer arriving late, will result in a £10 fine.

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- Scoresheets are provided for download on the northeastwalesnetball website.
- The umpires must confirm the score and sign at the end of the game.
- The League Manager or the Division Reps will be the first point of contact for all queries.
- Adverse Weather: Matches will only be cancelled if the Leisure Centre is closed, if teams are advised not to travel, the team who wish to cancel will cover the cost of the match and umpires but will not receive a point deduction and the other team will be awarded the win.
- If a club/team deliberately flouts the rules a 5-point deduction will be applied.

4. INJURIES

- Extra time will not be allowed for injury. Injured players have 30 seconds to leave the court
- Where a considerable amount of time is lost due to an injured player being unable to be moved, or the court needs to be cleaned, the match may be abandoned or played at another time. This will apply to any following game into which the injury runs
- If the injury is a blood injury the umpire is required to hold play if no on court player has called for time.
- The umpire will blow to stop play and timing will continue to run as the player must leave court immediately
- The player cannot return to the game until the wound is securely covered, blood-stained clothing removed and ball and court cleaned where necessary
- If 3 quarters of the match have been played the result will stand

5. MATCH RESULTS & CARDS

- Match scoring:
 - 5 points for a win
 - 2 points if within 5 of the winning score
 - 3 points for a draw
 - 1 point for **more than** 50% of winning score
 - **Match cards are available for download from the website**
 - Each game requires two match cards to be completed by both teams
 - Match and scorecards must be **completed fully**, including all signatures; Team list (first name and surname) this includes highlighting the 'Player of the Match' from each team
 - **ALL SCORECARDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 24HRS OF THE MATCH PLAYING TIME**
 - Once submitted there is no redress.
 - The winning team is responsible for submitting the result to the NEWNL WhatsApp group before midnight on the night of the match.
 - The link can be requested from the league manager
- Result must be submitted as per the same format example below:**
- Division 2**
21/06/2022
North Dragon Infernos 45
Buckley Jets 40
Gemma Dragons

Penalty: £10 fine + 1 point deduction

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6. UMPIRES

- Each team/club at the beginning of the season must submit a list of their current Active umpires to the Umpiring Secretary via the North East Wales netball league e-mail address.
- Umpires will be assessed & mentored on a regular basis and be approved by the Umpiring Secretary to umpire on a division
- For those Divisions not allocated to the Umpiring secretary a list of umpires will be given to the teams/clubs so that they can officiate on their games.
- If umpires cannot umpire honor their commitment, they must find a replacement. They can advertise on the Facebook page, use the umpire contact list or ask an umpire from a team in their division. As a last resort seek the assistance of the Divisional rep. Non compliance a deduction of 1 point will be implemented.
- If an umpire fails to arrive or is more than 5 minutes late, the match must be rearranged and the offending umpire will have to pay for the cost of the court for the rearranged match along with the fee for the other umpire.
- It is advisable to have a copy of the Official Rule book for rule clarification, upon request
- Umpires where possible should wear a white t-shirt to distinguish them from the players
- Umpire fees are to be paid before the match begins.
Division 1 = £15. Division 2 = £12 per game. All other divisions £10 per game.

7. CLUBS WITH MULTIPLE TEAMS

- All teams must be seeded on their Entry Forms
- Players registered for a 1st seeded team may only play for that team
- Lower team players, from within the same club may 'play up' to one team above them a maximum of twice on playing for the third time she must be re-registered to that team.
- Higher team players, not first seeded team, are able to play one player down to the next seeded team a maximum of twice on playing for the third time she must be re-registered to that team.
- Players registered on a team sheet must play at least one game for the team they are registered with before playing up or down.
- Only 2 players can play up and 1 player down in one game for NEWNL.
- A player may only play 1 match per week for North East Wales netball league.
- After re-registration under the circumstances outlined above, the above rule can no longer be used.
- Teams guilty of breaking any of the above rules will lose that game 40 -0 and have 5points deducted from their league total

8. UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

- Full matching kit must be worn for matches,
- All teams must bring a match ball, standard Size 5, to every match
- Teams must wear bibs lettered front and back
- A set of a different colour overhead bibs in the event of a colour clash or at an umpire's request
- Any player not wearing full kit will be asked to leave the court
- Breaking any of the above will result in a £10 fine and 1 point deduction.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS

- It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate First Aid for its players and officials
- Any team wishing to video/photograph a match must give the opposing team officials 3 days clear notice to allow all parental permissions, U18s, to be given adequate time to respond. For some clubs written notice is required from parents and with inadequate notice may be denied.
- All participants acknowledge that taking part in the sport of netball involves risk of personal injury and by taking part in this league as a player, team member, team official or spectator does so at their own risk
- It is important that spectator's position must be at a sufficient distance from the court so as not to interfere with the umpire or players.

10. COMMUNICATION & DISCIPLINE

- All communication with the NEWNA committee should be via the email address: newnetball@gmail.com
- Complaints and problems in the first instance should be directed to the Divisional representatives, if still unresolved contact the secretary on the email address above within 24hrs of the issue arising. Complaints will not be dealt with unless reported in writing
- An acknowledgement of your communication will be issued within 24hrs
- The issue will be brought to the attention of the committee and a decision made
- If further information is required the club/team will be informed and a further statement may be necessary for clarification
- NEWNA committee decisions will be notified to all parties concerned
- All players must conduct themselves in a way that respects other members
- All players must consider their own and the safety and well-being of others at all times
- All players will display a consistently respectful standard of behaviour and should not act in such a way (either verbally or physically) that could bring the League's name into disrepute
- No members should condone any rule violations (including the use of prohibited substances)
- All members will encourage and value the performance of other members regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexuality or social/economic status.

The NEWNL committee is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy 'Netball' in an atmosphere free from threat, intimidation, harassment and abuse.