

Rules of the league

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Section 1a- Bad weather cancelation arrangements

The equipment officer (Justine Lodge) will post on the Captains Whatsapp group up to 9am if the game is postponed due to bad weather.

Individual team players should contact their team captains.

Section 1b- Rearrangements of fixtures/ Cancellations

Fixtures should be played as arranged.

If a team is unable to play a fixture they must contact the fixtures officer in writing at least one week prior to the fixture date and request a rearrangement. Any team canceling up to the Wednesday before the fixture will forfeit the game. Any team cancelling after the Wednesday before the fixture will forfeit the game and will be fined the current match fee. In case of a rearrangement the fixtures officer will arrange a date for the fixture to be played.

If a team has postponed a fixture, then this team must fulfill the fixture on one of the two dates given by the fixtures officer, or they will forfeit the game. The rearranged fixture is to be agreed by the opposing team.

Section 2- Membership and registration

All clubs/teams must affiliate to the England Netball Association.

- A) All clubs accepted into the league must pay an annual subscription fee for each of their teams, the fee to be set annually. In exceptional circumstances an extension may be granted, provided the club notifies the Treasurer in writing and that approval has been granted by the Committee.
- B) Failure to abide by the above rule could invalidate the club's application to the league.
- C) Clubs must register all players with the league, specifying the team the player will play for this needs to be completed on England Netball's Engage. All players must be registered by the date set by the league.
- D) No player may register for more than one club/team in the league.
- E) When registering a new player clubs must email the affiliations officer copying in the secretary to inform them of the new player by 8pm on the Friday night before the fixture, They must also pay any affiliation fees before the first game of the season.
- F) Any club found playing ineligible players will be fined and any points won by the team concerned will be forfeited. The opposing team will be awarded the game and given the maximum 3 points.

Section 3- Transfer of players

A player may only transfer clubs once in any one season. The player should notify her current club of her intention, her future club, and the League Secretary, in writing - no extra charge will be made, having settled any outstanding fees to the previous club.

Section 4- Reserves

A player must be registered for a specific team and whilst registered is ineligible to play for a lower team in that club. A player may play as a reserve for a higher team in that club on five occasions only during the season. After the five occasions, she can remain with her registered team. Should she play once more for a higher team she must be officially transferred to that team.

Section 5- Rules of the league

- a) All teams in any one division MUST play each other at least once per season. All clubs must ensure that their team(s) fulfills their fixture commitment. Any team concedes 3 or more matches during the season will be called before the committee and could be withdrawn from the league.

- b) If a team fails to fulfill a fixture, three points will be awarded to their opponents. Additionally, at the end of the season the opponents will be credited with their average goal score if there is a tie for position.
- c) Three points will be awarded to the winning team in every game won, two points awarded to each team in a drawn game, and one point awarded to the losing team if they have scored more than 50% of their opponent's goals.
- d) The team scoring the highest number of points in the season shall be called Champions of their division. In the event of an equality of points between teams, the number of matches won will be considered and if still equal, highest goal difference (calculated on common games played) shall determine final team placing.
- e) All new teams accepted into the league will be placed in the lowest division.
- f) All games shall be played under **ENGLAND NETBALL RULES**.
- g) All matches will be 48 minutes long and comprise of four quarters of 12 minutes each. Between quarters 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 there will be a quick-change round - substitutions are allowed. Between quarters 2 and 3 there will be a 4-minute break - substitutions are allowed.
- h) All jewellery and fit bits must be removed before each game. If wedding rings are worn they must be covered with tape.
- i) A team may not start a game with less than 5 players. Teams must be on court at the appointed time or points will be forfeited.
- j) Teams are to be on their allocated court, 5 minutes before a game, ready for nails and jewellery checks by the umpire.
- k) Games must be played as written on the fixtures list.
- l) Games will be postponed in the event of extreme weather conditions. The Committee will then re-allocate the times and dates of postponed matches.
- m) Prior to play A team sheet specifying names of players to be completed by 8pm the Sunday after the fixture, along with match fees,
- n) Score cards need to be placed into the committee kit box. Captains need to ensure that results are text to Paul Stetton (07795257837) using the wording below by 8pm on the Sunday of your fixture. This is to ensure results and tables are updated.

RANA Netball

Date

Division

Team name - score

Team name - score

Name of person sending text and team you belong to.

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| <p>RANA Winter 2022 Division 1- 18th September 2022 RANA A - 53 RANA B - 32 Kelly Williams, RANA A</p> |
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- o) All loaned materials /equipment must be returned after each game.
- p) The Association is not covered for insurance and cannot accept liability for any injuries sustained by persons participating. The Association is not responsible for player's belongings.

Section 6- Complaints procedure

Our complaints procedure is taken from England Netball with the help of Coventry and Warwickshire Netball Association.

- A) Any complaint regarding Rugby league matches or umpires by players, coaches and affiliated club members must be sent within **10 days of the fixture** to the Secretary of the league, via the Club Captain who must countersign the letter. Complaints from umpires are to be sent directly to the League Secretary.
- B) All letters must state in full reason for complaint.
- C) Copies of all complaints received by the Secretary will be sent to the subject of the complaint. Any correspondence received from the subject of the complaint must go to the complainant.

For full details of our complaints procedure please visit our website.

Section 7 - Umpiring

When registering, all teams must have a named qualified umpire. The minimum qualification required being England Netball's 'Into Officiating', 'Beginner's Award' or current equivalent.

Each team playing on a fixture date must provide an umpire at the other time that their team are not playing. This means:

- If you are playing at 10am you will provide an umpire at 11am
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You will be allocated a match to umpire by the Umpires Secretary on the day. **If your match is CANCELLED then you will still need to provide an umpire unless notified that you are not needed by the Umpires Secretary.**

If your designated umpire is not available, it is the Captain's responsibility to find a substitute and pay them £5. If no umpire can be found, the Umpire Secretary must be informed and the team will be fined £10.