



NETBALL LEAGUE RULES –Winter 2021

1. Affiliation

- a. All players and Umpires must be affiliated to England Netball + hold a current England Netball Registration number.
- b. Affiliation for additional participants during the period of the League must be sent obtained via the Engage system via England Netball.

2. Registration

- a. All players must be registered to a team in the League. Team lists must be received by Steph Herbert later than the evening of their first League match, showing the affiliation number of each participant. **Clubs who do not supply names by that time will be fined £5.**
- b. The team to which a player is registered need not necessarily belong to the Club through which she is affiliated to AENA e.g.: Mary Smith affiliated through Dominoes Club Team A may play in this League for Aztecs Club Team B.
- c. No player shall play in the League for another team than that to whom she is registered. (Although a player can be registered and play for two different teams if they do not play on the same night). If it is brought to the attention of Steph Herbert that a player has played for a club to which she is **not** registered then the offending club will be penalised.
- d. Each team may register up to 14 players, but no less than 7. Additional players may be registered (up to a maximum of 14) prior to playing by sending their name to Steph Herbert with details of their AENA affiliation.

3. Fees

The cost per game is £13.00 per team, which includes hire of facilities and entry fee into the League. The fees will be invoiced and should be paid at the times stated.

- a. Any team who has an outstanding payment from a previous league **WILL NOT** be allowed to enter the current RSC league until payment has been made.

4. Change of Team Organiser/Team Withdrawal

- a. If the Team organiser changes, Steph Herbert must be notified of this in writing along with the other Team organisers in their Division.
- b. Teams dropping out must inform Steph Herbert and the Clubs in their division immediately in writing.
- c. Any team which drops out of the League will not be given a refund.

5. Players

- a. ***A Player must not play for a lower team of her club than that to whom she is registered.***

- b. A player may only play in a higher team than the team for which she is registered on a total of 5 occasions in one league season.

6. **Substitutions**

- a. Up to 3 subs may be used during a game provided their names are listed on the results card and handed to the umpires prior to the start of the game. If a substitute does not play the name must be deleted from the results card at the end of the game or the substitute will be considered as having played.
- b. All substitutions and team changes must be notified by the team captain to the Umpires and the other team captain.

7. **Cancellations/Rearrangements**

- a. If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture but would like to re-arrange the game or play a “double header”, the option to re-arrange would be given to the opposition. The opposition can either choose to play on another date (including on any other day of the week as long as within 30 days of the original fixture & agreeable with both teams) or claim the points.
- b. If neither side has informed Redbridge Sports Centre of the result within this 30-day period, the match will be void and no points awarded.
- c. ***If the opposition choose to claim the points, the team that originally could not play would not get a refund and would need to reimburse their opposition for half of the match cost i.e. £13.00.*** It is between the two teams to come to an arrangement/agreement regarding any monies due for un-played games. This **IS NOT** the responsibility of the Centre and all court fees **MUST** be paid.
- d. Steph Herbert (020 8498 1049) or email: stephanie@rslonline.co.uk must be advised of the cancellation along with the team organiser of the opposition team by 12.00 noon match day.

8. **Umpires**

- a. All umpires officiating in the League must be qualified to Preliminary /C or above level.
- b. Both teams must supply an Umpire.

9. **Times & Venue**

- a. All League matches shall be played under the rules of the AENA and shall be played at Redbridge Sports & Leisure. All matches must begin on time. Where 1 team is late (10 minutes or more) the opposition will be awarded full points, a friendly can be played if both teams and umpire are agreeable. If both teams are late the game will be considered void, the late arrival time to be noted by Umpires.
- b. Matches will be played for 2 halves of 20 minutes each with an interval of 5 minutes.

10. **Results**

- a. **The first named team shall be responsible for the submission of the results cards which should be signed by the Umpires and players and contain the affiliation number of each player.** The Umpires affiliation number must be shown. **RESULT CARDS MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS + AFFILIATION NUMBERS INCLUDED, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MATCH.**

- b. 4 points awarded for a win
2 points each for a draw
The losing team will be awarded 1 point if its score is at least 50% of the winning teams score.
- c. The result cards must either be **PLACED IN BOX** (Essex Met's) just inside reception area of Arena, handed in to the **MAIN SPORTS CENTRE RECEPTION** or given to the **RECREATION ASSISTANT** based at the pavilion **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GAME.**
- d. **Conceded games:** The team that receives 4 points from a conceded game will also have 15 goals awarded to them. These goals will then be counted if league placings are decided on goal difference.

11. **Draws**

If 2 or more teams tie at the end of the season, the position shall be decided by goal difference. If this produces a tie the team with most goals scored shall be the higher placed of those teams.

12. **Discipline**

- a. All Umpires have the right to send off court any player **FOR ROUGH OR DANGEROUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT OR ANY OTHER CONDUCT WHICH IS CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE.** Details of any sending off of players should be notified to Steph Herbert on the day of the offence and a written explanation must then be sent to the Disciplinary Committee, Redbridge Sports & Leisure within 7 days stating the reasons for sending off. In the event of a disciplinary offence the Committee may, at their discretion, implement the Disciplinary Code.
- b. If a match is abandoned for any reason other than weather conditions, then there will be a full investigation into the reasons for the abandonment. Disciplinary action could be taken as a result of the investigation.
- c. All players must respect other users, staff and the facilities of Redbridge Sports & Leisure and abide by the rules of the Trust. Any serious disciplinary problems will be referred to Redbridge Sports & Leisure's Sub Committee who will take appropriate action in line with the Disciplinary Code.

13. **Disputes/Complaints**

Any dispute between the Clubs or Teams in the League or complaint shall be referred in writing **WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE MATCH** to the arbitration of Shona McCabe, RSL Netball Development Officer, whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

PENALTIES Infringement of rules 1 (a), 2 (a), 2 (c), 5 (a), 5 (b), 8 (a), 8(b), will result in no points being awarded to the offending team. In addition, where the non-offending team won, 4 points will be deducted from the offending teams total points, in all other cases 4 points will be awarded to the non-offending team.

Infringement of rules 7, 10, (c) will result in the Club concerned being fined £10.