

# NETBALL SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS 2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS

## 1. Overview

Netball South Regional League (NS-RL) Division 1, 2 and 3 is a league competition organised by Netball South to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a regional winner, whilst encouraging participation and development in netball through an open, fair, progressive and transparent league structure.

The Regional League Play-offs is a competition organised by Netball South that determines the movement of clubs between Open Regional League Netball 1,2 & 3 and County representatives that takes place once the Premier League Netball Play offs have concluded. The team that finishes top of NS-RL Open Division 1 will be eligible to enter England netball premier play offs for promotion to Premier Netball 3.

These regulations set out below outline the Rules and Regulations (“the Regulations”) through which the Regional League Play-offs only shall be governed. For the avoidance of doubt, the separate regulations which pertain for the Netball South Regional League competition shall have force within that competition.

These Regulations must be followed by all teams, players, officials, spectators and administrators involved in the management, administration and operation of the Regional League Play-offs.

## 2. Competition Structure

2.1 Entry into the Regional League Play-offs will be through the following methods:

**2.1.1 Promotion and relegation** – Should the winner of NS-RL Open Division 1 not gain promotion to Premier Division 3 they will be allowed to return to NR-RL Open Division 1. Any South Region team relegated from Premier Division 3 will return to NS-RL Division 1. The winner of NS-RL Open Division 2 and 3 will be promoted accordingly to the higher division. The 8<sup>th</sup> placed team in NS-RL Divisions 1 and 2 will be relegated accordingly. The 8<sup>th</sup> placed team in NS-RL Division 3 will be relegated to the appropriate County League.

**2.1.4 Regional League Netball 1/2 Play-off** - The teams which finish in sixth and seventh position in Regional Open League Division 1 will contest a play-off together with the teams which finish in second and third places in Regional Open League Division 2. Each team will play the others once: teams with the best results will participate in Regional League Netball 1 in the following season. The number of places in Division 1 will be determined by number of teams entering the NSRL and results of England netball Premier Play offs. Remaining teams will participate in NSRL Open 2.

**2.1.5 Regional League Netball 2/3 Play-off** - The teams which finish in sixth and seventh position in Regional Open League Division 2 will contest a play-off together with the teams which finish in second and third places in Regional Open League Division 3. Each team will play the others once: The number of places in Division 2 will be determined by number of teams entering the NSRL and results of England netball Premier Play offs. Remaining teams will participate in NSRL Open 3.

**2.1.6 Regional League Netball 3/County League Play-off** - The teams which finish in sixth and seventh position in Regional Open League Division 3 will contest a play-off together with one team from each county within the South Region that wishes to enter (giving maximum of 7 County Teams

2.1.6.1 **County Teams** - The teams nominated by the Counties will be done so at the discretion of the County Netball Association. Teams must have played together and won the top division of the highest league within their county or the top team is to be determined by the County Netball Association having a play off.

2.1.6.2 These teams will play off in a way that is dependent on the number of entries. The format will be decided by the CTSG. The number of places in Division 3 will be determined by number of teams entering the NSRL and results of England netball Premier Play offs. All other teams will return to /be relegated to their County Competitions.

**2.1.7 - The CTSG reserve the right to adjust the number of teams in each division of the NS-RL Open League based on the number of entries received and the finishing position of teams already in the league. The process as to how this will be achieved will be decided by the CTSG and details will be sent to clubs if it differs from that outlined above.**

### **3. Competition Organisation**

- 3.1 The Competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled and managed by Netball South RMB, which may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to its sub-committee namely, the Competition Technical Support Group (CTSG)
- 3.2 Netball South is responsible for the organisation and management of the Regional League Play-offs as well as the Regional Netball League Open Divisions 1, 2 & 3.
- 3.3 County Leagues (or other mechanisms used by the County) that feed into the Regional League Play-offs are the responsibility of the County Netball Associations, as autonomous organisations independent from England Netball. These competitions may have different regulations to those set out in this document.
- 3.4 Prior to the start of Regional League Play-offs, Netball South shall announce the following:
  - 3.3.1 the Competition Referees; and
  - 3.3.2 the person appointed to receive appeals of the decisions of the Competition Referee, as outlined in Section 8.

### **4. Competition Referees**

- 4.1 Competition Referees will be appointed by Netball South for the Regional League Play-offs. There will where possible be three (3) Competition Referees who will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on all matters arising throughout the Competition including, but not limited to:
  - 4.1.1 altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary;
  - 4.1.2 determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction including but not limited to the disqualification of any individual team or Player
  - 4.1.3 adjudicating instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute, including but not limited to instances of Teams predetermining, or attempting to predetermine, the outcome of a Match and/or the Competition;
  - 4.1.4 determining the result and score should any Match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance;
  - 4.1.5 enforcing the decision by any medical advisor, Competition Medic or Competition Physiotherapist, regarding the participation of a player and whether they are able to;
    - a) Start the match or b) Continue to play;
  - 4.1.6 determining any matter not covered specifically within the Regulations.
- 4.2 The Competition Referees may call upon, or delegate to, additional persons to assist with the Competition or consult with other persons prior to making any decision. However, the final decision and accountability for the decision will rest with the Competition Referees.
- 4.3 If a Player is suspended from a Match, or ordered to leave the court and take no further part in the Match, that Player and a Team Official, normally the Coach, may be required to attend a hearing before the Competition Referees immediately after the end of the Match. After the hearing the Competition Referees will decide what action should be taken.
- 4.4 All teams will be responsible for providing their own Primary carer who cannot be a player but can be another Bench Official. Proof of qualification will be asked for when registering.
- 4.5 The Competition Referees will maintain and be responsible for a confidential Competition Referee Log Book where appropriate

### **5. Pre Competition Management and Administration**

#### **5.1 Team Entry and Eligibility**

- 5.1.1 Entry to Regional League Play-offs shall be through finishing in the appropriate final positions of NS-RL Open Divisions 1, 2 and 3 or County nomination. This is detailed in clause 2.1

- 5.1.2 All clubs / teams participating in the Competition must be affiliated to England Netball, Netball South and have paid a full affiliation in this respect.
- 5.1.3 Netball South is entitled to charge an entry fee to compete in the NS-RL Open Play-offs and this must be paid in full within the permitted timescales in order for a team to participate. This charge will include the costs associated with appointing the Umpires.
- 5.1.4 In order to qualify a team to participate in NS-RL Open Play-offs a club shall either be accredited under England Netball's CAPS scheme, or working towards the same (where applicable).
- 5.1.5 By entering a team in Regional League Open Play-offs, clubs/teams agree that:
- a) they are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the Regional League Open Play-offs;
  - b) they will fulfil their obligations and responsibilities as set out in these Regulations;
  - c) they are bound by the Competition Regulations; and
  - d) they are bound by all of the rules, policies, regulations and by-laws of England Netball, including the England Netball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations, as may from time to time be in force
- 5.1.6 Where a County Nomination already has a team under the same England Netball affiliation in the Regional Open League 1, 2 or 3 they will not be able to participate in the Regional League Play-offs, if they already have a team in that division as only one (1) team per club can participate in a division of the Regional Netball Open League.

## **5.2 Player/Team Official Eligibility**

- 5.2.1 In order to qualify to participate in the NS-RL Open Play-offs Players and Team Officials (as defined in 6.6 below) must be in membership of England Netball as an affiliated Registered Participant having paid the full affiliation fee due and received confirmation of their affiliation in advance of submitting the Squad Registration Sheet for the Regional Netball Open League Play-offs. Individuals may affiliate via one of the following routes:
- a) Through affiliation to a Club
  - b) Through affiliation to a Young Persons Group
  - c) Independent Registered Participant through a County (Team Officials only)
- 5.2.2 To be eligible in the NS-RL Open Play-offs all Regional League Netball Players and Team Officials must affiliate to England Netball within the timeframe set out in the Netball South Regional Performance League Regulations (before 17.00 on the Thursday prior to Round 11 of NS-RL). For County Nominations the appropriate Affiliation Fee must be received by England Netball Head Office Membership Services not less than four (4) days before taking to the court, either as a Player, or involved as a Team Official.
- 5.2.3 All players must be over 14 years old as at 11.59pm on 31st August immediately prior to the commencement of the playing season in which the Regional League Open Play-offs take place, unless they have completed an Age Banding Consent Form and submitted it with the Squad Registration Sheet.
- 5.2.4 Players will not be allowed to play in NS-RL Play offs if they have played 12 quarters or more for a higher placed team in NS-RL or in the England Netball Premier League (including Play offs) during the current season.
- 5.2.5 During all matches in the Regional League Open Play-offs, Team Managers must at all times carry proof of age for all Players and a copy of all Age Banding Consent Forms applicable to Players listed on the Squad Registration Sheet.
- 5.2.6 Proof of age comprises of one or more of the following:
- a) Copy of birth certificate;
  - b) Copy of passport;
  - c) Copy of medical card;
- 5.2.7 England Netball and Netball South recommend that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by itself.

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.

### **5.3 Registration of Squads**

- 5.3.1 Participating teams must complete a Squad Registration Sheet fully listing each Player and their affiliation numbers. This needs to be lodged with Netball South Event Organiser two weeks prior to the commencement of the NS-RL Open Play-offs. No additions can be made once the two week deadline has passed.
- 5.3.2 Teams may only use those Players whose names appear on their Squad Registration Sheet held by the league administrator and are affiliated to England Netball and Netball South
- 5.3.3 There is no limit to the number of players who can be listed on the Squad Registration Sheet Squad but only 12 players can be used on a match.
- 5.3.4 Once a player has been registered on a Squad Registration Sheet and has played for that team at any time in the Competition, she cannot transfer to another team participating in the NS-RL Open Play-offs during the course of the current Competition.
- 5.3.5 In respect of Regional League teams, only players who have taken to the court (played at least one (1) quarter) in Rounds 1-11 of the NS-RL Open Divisions 1, 2 & 3 competition during the course of the season will be eligible to compete for their registered team within the Regional League Play-offs for that season.
- 5.3.6 Players that have played 12 quarters or more in a NS-RL higher division or Premier Team (including play offs) for the same club may not play at NS-RL Open Play Offs for a lower division team.
- 5.3.7 In respect of teams which have competed in their County Competition during the season, only players who have taken to the court for that team during the season and remain eligible may be registered for the Regional League Open Play-offs. They cannot be registered to their county team after the date of the 11<sup>th</sup> round of NS-RL.
- 5.3.8 If a County nomination has a player that has played for a NS-RL or England Netball Premier League team (including Play Offs) for 12 quarters or more during the season, they will not be eligible to play for the County Nomination at the NS-RL Playoffs.

### **5.4 Competition Venues**

- 5.4.1 Matches will be played wherever possible on a court with adequate surrounds and playing surface and with ancillary facilities for participants including changing and showering facilities for Teams and Officials, unless otherwise agreed by the Netball South RMB. Where any such facilities are not available, this will be communicated to all Team Officials and Umpires before the Competition Day.
- 5.4.2 Netball South will hire the venue from a third party and conduct a full risk assessment, and take all appropriate measures to mitigate any identified risk.

## **6. Playing and Competition**

### **6.1 Time of Arrival and Registration**

- 6.1.1 All Teams must register their fully signed team sheets with the event organiser 30 minutes before the first round unless advised otherwise.
- 6.1.2 All teams will be held responsible for the behaviour, demeanour and actions of their Players, Team Officials and supporters.

### **6.2 Competition Scheduling**

- 6.2.1 All Matches must be played as per the issued schedule unless otherwise agreed by the Competition Referee.
- 6.2.2 Netball South will only postpone or cancel Regional League Open Play-offs due to extreme and unforeseen circumstances. Examples of unforeseen circumstances include but are not limited to, inclement weather such as flooding, heavy rainfall, snowfall, storms, or other conditions which would make participation dangerous. Netball South will not be responsible for any costs incurred by the teams as a result of a postponement or cancellation due to extreme and unforeseen circumstances. In instances of the above, the CTSG will contact all teams either by phone or email at the earliest opportunity, through the contact details provided on the Squad Registration Sheet.
- 6.2.3 If the Play-offs are postponed or cancelled, Netball South will ensure that the teams and umpires are informed immediately the postponement or cancellation is known.

- 6.2.4 No team may play a Match with less than 5 players. Any team with less than 5 players on court during a Match will automatically concede the game.
- 6.2.5 In the event of a Match being conceded:
- a) The non-offending team will be awarded five (5) points, and the team which conceded will have zero (0) points.
  - b) The team which conceded may be liable to pay any costs which the non-offending team has incurred, subject to the determination by the England Netballs' Event Manager
- 6.2.6 In the event that a Match is abandoned for any reason, (e.g., because of serious injury), the result of that Match will be determined by the Competition Referee, having regard to the score at the time at which play was suspended.

### **6.3 Match rules and format**

- 6.3.1 All Matches shall be played in accordance with the International Netball Federation Rules of the Game currently in force at the time, except where specifically stated in these Regulations.

### **6.4 Match Officials**

- 6.4.1 Umpires will be provided by Netball South from the AUL at the appropriate level.

### **6.5 Technical Officials**

- 6.5.1 The Technical Officials are, collectively, the Umpires, Scorers and Timekeepers. The two (2) Scorers and the two (2) Timekeepers shall constitute the Officials Bench.
- 6.5.1.1 Each team must provide a competent Scorer, either an umpire or a Match Bench Official or a person who has either attended a Technical Officials Course or has a working knowledge of scoring. Scorers will be required for all fixtures.
- 6.5.1.2 All games will be centrally timed.

### **6.6 Team Officials**

- 6.6.1 Each team may have up to five (5) Team Officials. These will include a Coach and a Primary Care Person.
- 6.6.2 A Primary Care Person:
- Must be qualified to diagnose and treat injury or illness (for example, doctor or physiotherapist)
  - Teams must provide evidence of the relevant qualification for their primary care person along with the Squad Registration Form.
  - Must wear identification as specified by Netball South
  - Is permitted on the court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a Player or blood issues
  - Must advise the umpires if a Player is too ill/injured to be removed from the court within 30 seconds and/or if assistance is required
- 6.6.3 Team Officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties. However, primary care person/s must not also be Players and it is preferable that they do not hold any other role.
- 6.6.4 The Team Officials and up to five (5) Players not on court shall constitute the Team Bench.
- 6.6.5 The Team Bench will be situated in the half of the court that the Team is defending at the start of the Match, to the right of the netball posts, unless otherwise agreed with the Event Organiser .

### **6.7 Match Timings**

- 6.7.1 The length of matches will be decided by the CTSG and teams will be notified before the Competition. All Matches shall be centrally timed but will start and finish on the umpire's whistle.
- 6.7.2 Injury time will be managed according to the Rules of Netball but the clock for timing the game will not be stopped.
- 6.7.3 If a Primary Carer advises the umpire that a player cannot be moved within 30 seconds the umpire will note the lost playing time.
- 6.7.4 No extra time will be allowed for injury/illness/blood unless the tournament referee decides extra time is to be played.

- 6.7.5 Umpires must ensure that:
- Before the start of each Match the Captains have tossed for centre pass;
  - Both Teams are on court, in position and ready to play, at the scheduled time in accordance with the playing schedule and the central timer;
  - No Team starts a Match with less than five (5) Players.
  - The stoppage time is noted for any injury that is extended beyond 30 seconds.

6.7.6 Any Team not on court as detailed in accordance with 6.7.5 above will concede the Match. Zero (0) points will be awarded to the Team conceding the Match, and full match points for a win (5) will be awarded to the Team on court, in position and ready to play at the correct time.

## 6.8 Kit and Equipment

6.8.1 Teams must carry an alternative set of bibs for use where a clash of colours occurs. If the Umpires identify any potential colour clash, team captains shall arrange to toss a coin to decide who shall wear their alternative bibs.

## 6.9 Scoring

6.9.1 For all matches, teams will be awarded points as follows:

- Five (5) points for a win;
- Three (3) points for a draw (except as provided for in 6.7.3 above);
- Two (2) points for a loss within 5 goals of the winners' score – e.g., 50-46 = 2 points, 50-45 = 1 point;
- One (1) point for a loss with more than 50 per cent of the winners' score;
- Zero (0) points for a loss

6.9.2 In the event of a tie on points positions will be decided by:

- Goal Average shall be used to determine their relative positions, i.e., the team with the higher average score over the course of the Competition shall take precedence
- In the event that Goal Average does not differentiate between the teams, then Goal Difference shall be applied, i.e., precedence shall be given to the team with the greater difference between goals scored and goals conceded
- In the event that Goal Difference does not differentiate between the teams, then the team with the greatest number of goals scored shall take precedence
- In the event that neither Goal Average nor Goal Difference nor goals scored can differentiate between the teams, the score in the match played between the teams shall determine the standings, with the winning team taking precedence.

In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, the Competition Referee shall determine the means of differentiation.

**Note - Where one of the teams has its Goal Average, Goal Difference or total number of goals scored affected by conceded fixtures, then all goals scored by and against conceding team(s) in all fixtures shall be omitted from the calculations of both teams level on points. Except where one of the teams level on points is the conceding team, at which point they assume a goal average of 0 and will be the lowest ranked team of those level on points.**

## 6.10 Registration of results

6.10.1 Following the completion of each Match, the scorers must complete the Scoresheet, and ensure that this is signed by both captains, the umpires and scorers. Once the Scoresheet has been signed by the captain, no dispute can be logged. The Scoresheet must then be returned straight after each match to the Competition Organiser.

## 6.11 Photography

6.11.1 The England Netball Duty of Care guidelines require that any person wishing to use a video, zoom or close range photography or mobile phone camera must register their details with the competition organisers before taking photographs.

6.11.2 Photography accreditation must be worn and visible at all times. Any persons taking images without the correct accreditation will be required to stop.

6.11.3 Flash photography is not permitted in the playing arena at any time

## **6.12 Health and Safety**

6.12.1 Play may be stopped if the Umpire deems it necessary due to the injury or illness of a player.

6.12.2 Team Officials are required to take great care in moving an injured player or ill player from the court.

6.12.3 Should the primary care person feel that an injury is critical (e.g., head, neck or back) and that the injured Player should not be moved without the assistance of Medical Staff, then the Match Officials should note the time lost during treatment and report to the Competition Referee who will adjudicate.

6.12.4 For all accidents or injuries on or off the court at the Competition, where any Player, Team Official, Umpire, Bench Official, spectator, Volunteer, Staff Member or any other individual connected to the Competition is injured, the Competition Referee must complete a Netball South Accident Report Form and return it to Netball South. This procedure should be followed for all injuries and accidents, longer than 30 seconds.

## **7. Competition Complaints Procedure**

7.1 On the Competition Day, all queries and complaints ("a Complaint") should be directed to the Competition Referee in the first instance, which will be dealt with as follows:

7.1.1 Where the Complaint relates to the Competition format or management, including but not limited to the schedule, the opposing Team, playing surface or other playing arrangements, a protest must be made before the start of the Match (or as soon as possible after the issue becomes apparent during the Match) to the Competition Referees. The Complaint must then be acknowledged by the Competition Referee who will decide what action should be taken; or

7.1.2 Where the Complaint relates to the playing of a Match, the scoring and/or its result, the relevant team member or Team Official must:

- a) Inform their opponents and the Umpires of the Complaint;
  - b) Mark the Scoresheet with the words 'Under Protest';
  - c) Take the Scoresheet marked 'Under Protest' to the Competition Referee, straight after the Match (within 30 minutes of the game concluding);
  - d) Explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee;
- and the Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.

7.1.3 The Competition Referees decision in relation to decisions taken under clauses 7.1.1 or 7.1.2 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint have the right to appeal the decision under Section 8 below.

7.2 Where a Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by England Netball, such Complaint will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of England Netball.

7.3 Where a Complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual Player or Team, volunteer or individual attending the Competition which could be considered as a Disciplinary Offence under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations, such Complaint will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures set out in England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations and should be referred to the Disciplinary Secretary of England Netball.

## **8. Appeal of the Competition Referees Decision**

8.1 The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a Complaint submitted in accordance with sections 7.1.1 or 7.1.2 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:

- 8.1.1 if the decision of the Competition Referee has a potential impact on a Match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition; and

- 8.1.2 there has been a failure by the Competition Referee to follow or act in accordance with these Regulations and/or the Competition Referee has reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact.

These are the only grounds of appeal and any appeal must be submitted in accordance with the appeals process set out below.

- 8.2 An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the Team Manager of the appealing Team to the Chair of netball South within seventy two (72) hours of the Match.
- 8.3 The appeal shall be accompanied by a cheque for £100 which shall be returned if the appeal is upheld or if there are any other extenuating circumstances. The Competition Appeals Committee ("CAC") will decide whether the extenuating circumstance warrant the cheque being returned.
- 8.4 The Chair of netball South will establish a CAC which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected to the Competition. One of those individuals will be appointed as the Chair. The CAC will usually but not exclusively be three members.
- 8.5 The Chair of the CAC will give notice of the appeal to the opposing Team and any other Team the CAC believe could be affected by the outcome of the appeal. These Teams will be permitted seventy two (72) hours from the time that the appeal notice is sent from the CAC to submit any evidence or submission that they wish the CAC to consider.
- 8.6 All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The Chair of CAC will otherwise have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal.
- 8.7 The CAC shall reach a decision within seventy two (72) hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
- 8.8 The CAC will notify all the parties that made submissions and presented evidence of its decision and any penalties and sanctions imposed within twenty four (24) hours of reaching its decision. The CAC shall have the discretion to publish the decision through whatever medium it considers appropriate.
- 8.9 The CAC shall have the delegated power of Netball South to make all decisions and impose and enforce any penalties and sanctions (including but not limited to reprimands, the deduction of points, fines, suspensions and expulsions from the Competition) relating to the appeal.
- 8.10 The procedures set out in this Section 8 shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 (the Act) and amount to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of Section 6 of the Act. For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no further right of appeal against the decision of the CAC.
- 8.11 The parties also waive irrevocably their right to any form of appeal, review or recourse to any court or other judicial authority, or under England Netball's Disciplinary Procedures Manual or otherwise, insofar as such waiver may be validly made.
- 8.12 The seat of arbitration shall be England, the language used shall be English and the governing law of the regulations and these proceedings under Section 8 shall be English Law.
- 8.13 If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for by this Section 8, and all parties to the appeal consent, the timetable within which an appeal is raised, submissions made and the decision taken can be shorter than the seventy two (72) hours stated in this Section 8. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties.
- 8.14 In order to adhere to the timescales set out in Section 8, all communication will take place via electronic mail to the contact held by the league administrator, or if this is left blank, the contact provided to on MyNet. It is the participating Teams' responsibility to ensure that these contact details are kept up-to-date.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

- 9.1 England Netball and Netball South will not be liable to any person, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise for any direct or indirect loss or injury of any nature, howsoever caused and howsoever arising from the matters covered by these Regulations, provided that nothing in these Regulations excludes or restricts England Netball's liability for any personal loss or injury caused by England Netball's own negligence, the negligence of its employees, or for fraud.
- 9.2 If any of these Regulations are held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Regulations shall not be affected thereby.
- 9.3 These Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.



9.4 Netball South reserves the right to amend these Regulations each year in advance of the Competition and such amendments will take effect from the first date of publication of the completed amended procedure on the Netball South website.

## Definitions

Some definitions within the NS-RL Rules and Regulations are set out in the Membership Regulations and International Netball Federation's Rules of the Game. Supplementary to these, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

**Competition Appeals Committee (CAC)** means a body of up to three (3) individuals who are independent of and not connected to the Competition that will hear an appeal or a group of appeals on the Competition Referee's decision as set out in Section 8.

**Competition Day** means the day(s) in which Matches are played on for the NS-RL Open Playoffs competition

**Competition Medic** means a qualified person appointed by Netball South or the event venue to treat accident and injuries.

**Competition Referee** means the individual appointed by Netball South with all necessary authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising during the Competition as set out in 4.2.

**Competition Referee Log Book** means a record of any incidents, disciplinary matters, changes to schedule or complaints that arise on the Competition Day.

**County Nomination** means a Team that has been selected by the County Netball Association to participate in the NS-RL Open League 3 Playoff on behalf of that County. This could be as County League winners or another outcome determined by the County Netball Association

**Goal Average** means goals for divided by goals against, to two decimal points

**Goal Difference** means the difference between the goals scored and the goals conceded

**Match** means an individual game of Netball played, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6, forming part of the NS-RL Open Play-offs.

**(Players) Not on court** means the Players listed on the Registration Sheet who are not at that present time playing in the Match

**Player** means an individual listed on the Registration Sheet who may from time to time participate in a Match.

**Squad Registration Sheet** means the list of players submitted by a Club prior to the start of the NS-RL Open Play-offs from which a Club can select a Squad of twelve (12) Players for each Match

**Team Officials** mean the individuals (up to five (5)) who are listed on the Squad Registration Sheet and include the Coach and at least one (1) primary care person.