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## Club Questionnaire - Feb 2024

Following the Club Forum held on 4th Feb 2024, the following Rules questions were raised where we need your input.

At the end of this questionnaire is then a section for Comments and Suggestions on anything Netball related that we can try to assist with and or Highlight what you/your club/our members would like the South Region to prioritise/achieve in our region.

NOTE: only ONE response per club please , so ensure you discuss and nominate who is submitting for your club.

Please complete this survey by Sunday 3rd March 2024 at 5pm

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Details of the Club and Individual who is completing this form



Description (optional)

Club Name \*

Short answer text

Club Membership ID/Number: Please ensure this is the CLUB ID Number not our individual membership number \*

Short answer text



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Questions



From the Club Forum that was held on 4th February, the following questions were raised and we would like your Clubs input.

There will be room at the end of the google form to add in any further comments/questions/concerns

1.U 19 LEAGUE FORMAT QUESTION - please select one option only \*

1. U19 League to remain as it currently is with Promotion & Relegation and Entry via Playoffs
2. U19 League to revert to one day Entry Tournament to find top 16 teams to play in regional leagues

2.RULE QUESTION - TO LIMIT QUARTERS PLAYED AND THEN TIE TO THE HIGHER TEAM please select one option only



Dropdown



Background information - for the 2023/2024 season the U19 league rules were relaxed to enable player talent development with a flexible approach for the players to be able to access and play within the Open Divisions, with an unlimited cap on quarters playing 'up' in a higher division (mindful of the over arching 8 quarters per weekend rule still being in place for player welfare). Some clubs have been using this to play the same players repeatedly across multiple age groups leagues which was not the intention of relaxing this rule. Effectively meaning it is the majority of the same squads holding more than one league position at varying age groups ( e.g. 19's and open div).

There is data supporting this from the season up to 14 Feb 2024 sent with this questionnaire and anonymised for your information- (example from the table - team 5 player 2 has played 22 times in juniors and 19 times in U19 as at 14 Feb since the start of the season 2023-2024) Link to data - please copy and paste this into a web browser

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ENpFRUugvcngvBRFK2NzMYMx8Szk7mVm/view?usp=sharing>

The higher team will be defined using ranking as follows. Ranked from higher ranking to lower:

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The higher team will be defined using ranking as follows. Ranked from higher ranking to lower:

Open 1

Open 2

Open 3

U19

U16

U14

U13

NOTE:

% of quarters calculation example:

8 teams in a division, teams in a season would play 7 home games and 7 away games (total of 14 games) 14 x 4 quarters per game = 56 quarters. Therefore 25% = 14 quarters. Once 14 quarters played in a higher division then the player would be tied to that higher division team

1. Across all Age Group leagues - players to be tied to a higher age group team after 25% quarters pla... ✕
2. Across all Age Group leagues - players to be allowed to play unlimited quarters in the higher divisio... ✕

Comment - any other suggestion in regards to quarters played/tied players

See table of data for quarters played up to 14 Feb 2024 (14 teams in total playing across Juniors/U19 and Open Divisions) sent with this questionnaire.

Long answer text

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3.PLAY OFF ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS FOR U19 AND OPEN QUESTION please select one option only \*

Background

There have been instances where the players taking part in the play offs, have not been the squad then entering the league for the following season; the request is to have a minimum number of those 'play off players' listed and playing in the squads for the forthcoming season. The caveat on this is that this would apply to new ( from play offs) and existing squads entering for 2024-2025 season to ensure fairness and consistency.

1. A minimum number of players must be named in the squad for the forthcoming season and must take to ...
2. No minimum number of players to be named in the squad for the forthcoming season from those players ...

4.MAINLAND FIXTURES ONLY QUESTION please select one option only \*

Background:

There are mainland clubs and non mainland club entries into the leagues that have resulted in increased costs and travel for all clubs. There has been a request to consider mainland fixtures only as part of our league entry rules; for fairness and to minimise travel times, this would most likely result in a weekend schedule for the travelling non mainland team playing Saturday and Sunday fixtures versus the opposing clubs. ( This could have implications for youth players currently playing in higher divisions e.g. U16 playing in Open where currently U16 play Sat and Open play Sunday).

1. I agree to Mainland fixtures only and accept this will result in possible Saturday and Sunday fixtures
2. I do not agree to Mainland fixtures only and accept this will result in Away travel off mainland

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Outcomes of other Queries/Questions that were raised at Forum ✕ ⋮

Description (optional)

1. REQUEST FOR NEUTRAL UMPIRES ON U16 REGIONAL GAMES \*

Background:

Concerns were raised by members on ensuring the neutrality of umpires, whether there was scope to allocate neutral umpires to the U16 leagues and what existed to report concerns on umpiring.

The request for central allocated umpires has been reviewed by the Officiating Technical Support Group and it cannot be resourced centrally due to resourcing and potential other umpiring conflicts in the calendar, however, guidance on neutrality and the officiating code of conduct is part of the annual update led by officiating team at netball south.

Concerns on umpiring - umpiring decisions at a game should not be challenged, however there is a process to follow for raising concerns on other matters ie bias, safety and welfare, game management etc and this is via the Netball South 'Matter of Concern' document on the website; once the MOC is completed and received this follows the process documented on that form.

Please confirm you have read and understood the process and that any links will be passed onto to your Team Managers and Coaches

I have read and understood the outcomes statement above

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## 2. REQUEST FOR GAME MANAGEMENT IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS \*

Background:

Concerns were raised on the consistency in the application of Game Management protocols in matches and if there could be a section in the Rules and Regulations.

Game management sits within the World Netball Rulebook and should be used consistently in it's application by the umpires at that game.

EN will be issuing guidance on the new rules, (including Game Management) to be implemented in Sept 2024 to which umpires and all bench officials should access to ensure they are aware.

Netball South will issue some guidelines and 'how to' documents and it is the Club's responsibility to ensure their 'Table Officials' now how to complete these.

(Any concerns on the application of Game Management can be raised using the 'Matter of Concern' form on the Netball South Website).

I have read and understood the outcomes statement above

## 3. REQUEST FOR KEY CALENDAR DATES AND CLASHES TO BE AVOIDED WHEN SCHEDULING FIXTURES \*

Background:

Where possible any known EN calendar driven fixtures and National event dates will be kept to a minimal during the Regional fixtures. Priority will be given to Netball South REGION key dates.

(Many half terms for example, span more than one week on the calendar).

Netball South will try to coordinate to work with all Counties and franchises to minimise clashes, but this cannot be guaranteed.

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Comments and Suggestions on existing Rules and Regulations ✕ ⋮

Please use this section if you have ANY further queries relating to any specific rule within the existing Rules and Regulations

Please indicate the year group and the rule reference to aid the evaluation.

Long answer text

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Comments and Suggestions on anything Netball related that we can try to assist with. ✕ ⋮

Highlight what you/your club/our members would like the South Region to prioritise/achieve in our region.

Suggestions

Long answer text

Ideas

Long answer text

**CLOSING DATE**  
5pm Sunday 3rd March 2024

Remember to press SUBMIT - you will then get a copy of your submission

Thanking you in advance