

# REGIONAL ENTRY TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS FOR U13, U14, U16 and U19



Remember this will be for current years U12's / U13's / U15's / U18's that will then become U13's / U14's / U16's / U19's for the league which will start in September 2018

It is the responsibility of all Athletes, Team Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Captains to ensure that all players are conversant with the following regulations.

## 1. Rules of Tournament

All games shall be played to the INF Rules of the Game currently in force in England at the time of the Tournament, except where specific Tournament Regulations apply. All persons attending must abide by the Codes of Conduct as published on Netball South website.

## 2. Timings

- 2.1 All games will be centrally timed.
- 2.2 The Games will all be 6 minutes each way with 1 minute at half time and 2 minutes between rounds.
- 2.3 Central timing will be used but matches will start and finish on the umpires whistle.

## 3. Competition Referees

- 3.1 A Competition Referee will be appointed by the Netball South Competition Technical Support Group (NS CTSG) for the Entry Tournament.
- 3.2 The Competition Referee will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising during the Competition Day<sup>1</sup> including, but not limited to:
  - 3.2.1 altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary;
  - 3.2.2 determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction (including disqualification of any individual, Player or Team);
  - 3.2.3 maintaining, and being responsible for, a confidential Competition Referee Log Book (if appropriate);
  - 3.2.4 enforcing the decision of any Medical Advisor including, but not limited to, the Competition Medic or the Competition Physiotherapist, regarding the participation of a Player and whether they are able to;
    - a) Start the match
    - or
    - b) Continue to play
  - 3.2.5 adjudicating Instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute, including instances of Teams predetermining, or attempting to predetermine, the outcome of a Match and/or Competition Round;
  - 3.2.6 determining the score should any Match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance;
  - 3.2.7 any matter not covered specifically within the Regulations.
- 3.3 The Competition Referee 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 Referee.
- 3.4 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, will be required to attend a hearing before the Competition Referee immediately after the end of the Match. After the hearing the Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.

## 4. Competition Complaints Procedure

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

- 4.1.1 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. The Complaint must then be acknowledged by the Competition Referee who will decide what action should be taken; or.
- 4.1.2 Where the Complaint relates to the playing of a Match, the scoring, and/or its result, the relevant Squad member or Team Official, must do the following:
- a) Inform their opponents and the Umpires of their complaint;
  - b) Mark the Score Card with the words 'Under Protest';
  - c) Take the Score Card marked 'Under Protest' to the Competition Referee, straight after the Match;
  - d) Explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee;
  - e) The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.
- 4.1.3 The Competition Referee's decision in relation to decisions taken under clauses 2.1.1 or 2.1.2 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint have the right to appeal the decision under Section 3 below.
- 4.2 Where a Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by the NS CTSG, such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of NS CTSG.
- 4.3 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 complaints 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 the Appropriate Authority.

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

- 5.1 The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with sections 4.1.1 or 2.1.2 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:
- 5.1.1 if the decision of the Competition Referee has a potential impact on a Match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition Round; and
  - 5.1.2 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.
- 5.2 An appeal should be forwarded in writing (email is preferred) from the Coach of the appealing Team to the Chair of NS within seventy two (72) hours of the match.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Once a cheque has been received the Chair of NS 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.
- 5.5 The Chair of the CAC will send 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 date the appeal notice is sent from CAC to submit any evidence or submission that they wish the CAC to consider.

- 5.6 All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The Chair of CAC will have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal.
- 5.7 The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within seventy two (72) hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
- 5.8 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 it reaching its determination. The CAC shall have the discretion to publish the decision through whatever means it considers appropriate.
- 5.9 The CAC shall have the delegated power of NS CTSG 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. There is no further right of appeal on this decision.
- 5.10 The procedures set out in this section 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.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 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 3 shall be English Law.
- 5.13 If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for by this section, 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 seventy two (72) hours stated in this Section. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties.

## **6. Close Range Photography/Video**

- 6.1 Photographs will be taken.
- 6.2 It is the clubs responsibility to ensure these are displayed in the correct manner including the use of social media.
- 6.3 If a club does not want photos taken they must inform the organisers.
- 6.4 Anyone wishing to take courtside photographs must gain permission at start of tournament when registering

## **7. Umpires/Scorers**

- 7.1 Umpires will be provided and allocated to games by the OTSG
- 7.2 Each team must provide a competent named scorer for their own game, either an umpire, technical official or a person with a working knowledge of scoring.
- 7.3 Scorers from each team must stand together where requested, by the umpires controlling the game.
- 7.4 Umpires will sign the scorecard.

## **8. Organisation**

- 8.1 Any teams not playing in the current round of games must remain outside of the courts.
- 8.2 Only players and team officials will be allowed onto the courts.
- 8.3 Spectators not performing a team function must remain outside of the Court area during the Tournament

## 9. Balls and Bibs

9.1 Each team must comply with Ball and Bib requirements in accordance to the EN rules.

9.2 Each team must have an alternative coloured set of bibs.

9.3 In the event of a colour clash or request from the umpires a toss of a coin between the two captains will decide which team retains its original colours. .

## 10. Start of Play and Late Arrivals

10.1 Captains will toss for centre pass well before the start of each game.

10.2 All teams must be on court at the time stated in the schedule and in position ready to start the match.

10.3 No team may start a game with less than five players.

10.3.1 Any team late on court will forfeit the match points and a score of 10-0 will be awarded to the opposing team

## 11. Age Banding

11.1 All participating players must fall within the **correct age group for their team that they will be playing in as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**, as follows:

- **U13** = All players must be over 11 years of age and under 13 years of age
- **U14** = All players must be over 11 years of age and under 14 years of age
- **U16** = All players must be over 14 years of age and under 16 years of age
- **U19** = All players must be over 14 years of age and under 19 years of age

11.2 All players must play within their appropriate age group unless they have completed a NS Age Banding form and submitted this with their teams' Registration Sheet.

11.3 All players must carry with them some form of proof of age as random checks may be carried out.

## 12. Registration of Squad Members

12.1 All Players and Team Officials **MUST** be affiliated to England Netball and Netball South

12.2 Players may only play in one age group at the tournament.

12.3 Players and/or club **CAN** only participate in one regional competition within that specific age category

12.4 Teams can register up to 12 players to their squad for the tournament.

12.5 Registration sheets must be submitted to the tournament organiser by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in order for affiliations to be checked.

12.6 Players must be affiliated to the club that they are playing for in the Entry Tournament (either 1<sup>st</sup> claim/2<sup>nd</sup> claim)

12.7 Any changes must be notified at time of registration on the day of the tournament.

### **13. Team Bench**

- 13.1 The Team Bench will be the area at the team's defending end at the start of the game to the right of the post. They must remain at this end for the duration of the game. Changing ends at half time is **not** permitted.
- 13.2 The Team Officials and bench players may not move up and down the side lines or along the goal lines outside the court during play. Any team official moving up and down the Court during play may be asked to remain outside the Court area for the remainder of the competition.

### **14. Substitutes and Team Changes**

- 14.1 There is no injury time allowed however, play may be stopped by the umpire if they deem it necessary to substitute an injured or ill player. A substitute may only go on in the injured/ill player's position. No other changes may be made by either team at this time.
- 14.2 During the next interval substitutions/team changes can then be made by either team.
- 14.3 No extra time will be allowed for injuries or illness.
- 14.4 Officials are asked to take great care when removing injured or ill players from the court.
- 14.5 Should it be deemed that it is not safe to move an injured player from court and medical assistance is required, the umpire should note the time that the game is stopped on the umpiring card. If the game then continues the umpire should mark the time it re-started on the card. The competition referee will then make any decisions necessary about the timing of the game.

### **15. Results**

- 15.1 The scorers from both teams should sign both scorecards at the end of each game.
- 15.2 The scorecard represents the official score of the match and once it has been signed no dispute can be logged.
- 15.3 If a team does not wish to sign the scorecard this must be noted as in section 4.1.2
- 15.4 In the absence of Runners the Captain of the winning team will take the scorecards to the results table.

### **16. Scoring**

- 16.1 The Competition tables will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each team.
- 16.2 Teams will be awarded league points as follows:
- 5 points for a win
  - 3 points for a draw
  - 1 point for a loss in which the team scores more than 50% of the winners score
  - 0 points for a loss in which the team scores 50% or less of the winners score
- 16.3 Where two teams are level on points:
- Goal average (goals for divided by goals against) shall be used to determine their relative position - ie the team with the higher average score over the course of the competition round 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 none of the above differentiate between the teams then NS or its' nominee shall determine the means of differentiation.

16.4 Teams that finish in the top 8 of each age group will form the Netball South Regional league Division One for that age group, teams that finish below the top 8 of each age group will form the Netball South Regional league Division Two

16.5 The format of the entry tournament will be determined by the CTSG based on the number of entries received for each age group and the number of umpires and courts available

## **17. First Aid**

It is each team's responsibility to have First Aiders/Primary Carers and equipment

Definition

Competition Day is defined as the day(s) when a tournament is played as determined by the CTSG