

Netball League Handbook

**Warrington Netball
Association**

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Rule1.

WNA competition information

a. Leagues programming

Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays (starts from 6:40pm through to 10:00pm)
Ladies'

Sundays (starts from 9:00am through to 5:20pm)
School years 3&4 mixed, 5&6 mixed, 7&8 girls, 9,10&11 girls

b. Team entry fees

Junior team entry fee = £13 per team
Senior team entry fee = £18 per team

All team entry fees are to be paid on entry of a completed team entry form.
Teams entering after **31st July 2010** will not be required to pay a team entry fee.

c. Team match fees

School years 3to8 = £12 game fee plus £4 for a umpire
School years 9,10&11 = £12 game fee plus £5 for a umpire
Seniors = £21.50 game fee plus £6 for a umpire

All match fees are to be paid prior to the scheduled start of each match.

d. New season team entries deadline

- i. Team entries for the Summer Season 2010 need to be returned completed by **Monday 15th March 2010**.
- ii. Teams playing in the current Winter Season, who return a fully completed entry form by the closing date with the appropriate team fee, will be guaranteed a league position for the new season.
- iii. After **15th March 2010**, all league places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

e. Length of season

Season starts: Monday 29th March 2010

Last game of season: Sunday 17th October 2010

No games: 2nd to 5th April, 3rd May, 31st May, 30th July to 30th August (all inclusive)

f. League age restrictions

- i. All junior players must be in the appropriate school year on the first day of the summer season. Note that some players will be a year above the appropriate school year for the period from September to October, and this **is** permitted.
- ii. Cut-off dates for other junior competitions:
 - Under 17s, born on 1st September 1991 or later
 - Under 18s, born on 1st September 1990 or later
 - Under 19s, born on 1st September 1989 or later
 - Under 20s, born on 1st September 1988 or later
- iii. For health and safety reasons, players may not play for a team that is two or more age groups above their own school year.
(eg. a school year 4 player may not play in the school years 7&8 competition)

The exception to this rule is for players in school year 9 or above who are permitted to play in all age groups from school years 9&10 upwards, including senior competitions.

g. Affiliations

The Netball Leagues at the Sport for all Centres are affiliated to England Netball as Associate Members. It is the teams, clubs, coaches and officials responsibility to make their own arrangements should they want to take advantage of the full affiliation benefits from England Netball, including the insurance benefits.

More information on England Netball and its services can be obtained via:
www.EnglandNetball.co.uk

h. Tournaments & Cheshire Junior Netball League

Summer season –The SFAC will try to arrange fixtures around the tournaments that junior clubs wish to attend, providing the Centre is informed in writing of those dates prior to fixtures being issued. Games being re-arranged will be re-scheduled to a Sunday providing courts are available. Games can only be re-arranged with the full agreement of the opposing team, with a mutually agreed time being arranged.

Winter season - Teams playing in the CJNL league will also have to play their game at Stockport on that day. These games will not be replayed at a different date or time.

Where replays cannot be organised or there is failure to comply with these rules, missed games will be treated as walkovers with walkover fines being applied.

High 5

“High 5” netball rules will apply to all primary school aged competitions.

Information on High 5 netball is available from the SFAC reception.

a. Fixture requests

All teams can expect to receive a fair distribution of match times throughout the season. Teams wishing to make any special requests regarding scheduling **MUST DO SO IN WRITING** and lodge this with the team’s entry form. It should be noted that only legitimate requests will be considered. Every attempt will be made to cater for teams; however there is no guarantee that all requests will be met. Teams are expected to play at all times scheduled for their associated programme (see rule 1.a)

b. League tables

League points for matches will be as follows:

Win = 3, Draw = 2, Loss = 1, Walkover = 0, Penalty points = -1

New teams entering the leagues will be credited with 2 points for every league fixture up to 6th June 2010. After 6th June 2010 new teams will not be credited with 2 points per fixture to date and will be ineligible to receive end of season awards.

The two top teams from all divisions will be promoted at the end of the Summer Season. The bottom two teams will be relegated.

c. Moving divisions

Teams may move division only with a legitimate reason and with written permission from the Netball Programmes / Administration Officer. The Netball Programmes / Administration Officer will have the authority to move a team at any time in the season to an appropriate division to suit their ability level.

Teams moving UP a division will carry forward their current league points. Teams moving DOWN a division will be credited with 2 points per fixture to date.

After 6th June 2010, teams & players will not be permitted to change divisions / teams (except in exceptional circumstances. Teams will not receive any league points to date).

a. Team contact

Each team shall nominate one person as a team contact for communication purposes during the season. It is the responsibility of the team to familiarise team members with league regulations and to distribute relevant information.

b. Scoresheets

All team players should print their full name and position on the scoresheet at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Scoresheets cannot be removed from reception until both teams have paid the correct team fee and the scoresheet is stamped "PAID". The last team to pay is responsible for taking the scoresheet to the scorebench. At the end of the game, the winning team should return the scoresheet to reception.

Players can join the game at any time only if they are registered for that team prior to the scheduled start time.

c. Team official (scorer)

Every team must provide a competent scorer or timekeeper. The umpire may delay the start of a match (not the clock) if teams fail to provide a scorer. Any team failing to provide a scorer may not lodge a protest in the event of a match dispute. If there is a discrepancy between the scoresheet and the scoreboard at the end of the game, the result on the scoresheet will be the one used.

d. Team entry forms and player registrations

- i. Team entry forms are to be completed fully, with all details, on entering a team and it is the team contact's responsibility to ensure that this form is updated throughout the course of the season.
- ii. Players must be registered on a team's entry form before they can play for that team. Teams playing unregistered players will forfeit all associated matches.
- iii. Teams must complete a registration form and make full payment (see rule 1.b) before entering the competition.
- iv. Teams can only register 12 players on each registration sheet, players must be removed before adding others, under no circumstances are team managers to have more than 12 players at any one time registered on any one team. Deregistered players cannot be re-registered during the season. League points will be deducted to offending teams.

Rule5.**Conduct of players, coaches and spectators**

Any player, coach or spectator reported to have conducted themselves in a manner contrary to the best interests of netball may be suspended or disqualified from WNA competitions. Any person suspended or disqualified may not play, coach or spectate at any Sport for All Centres.

Copies of the Sport for All Centres' codes of conduct for players, coaches and spectators, as well as the Sport for All Centres' disciplinary code may be obtained from the WNA on request.

Rule6.**WNA league competitions****a. Timing regulations**

Each match will consist of quarters of 10 minutes for juniors and halves of 20 minutes for seniors, with an interval of two minutes for half-time and one minute between other quarters.

b. Uniforms

- i. Teams must wear matching skirts/shorts and shirts of a similar colour. One-piece suits are acceptable providing the whole team wears that uniform. Teams will be penalised 2 points per player if in incorrect uniform actioned by the official at half time, and no later.
- ii. Playing positions should be worn front and back and shall be at least 6 inches high.
- iii. Cycling shorts can be worn as long as they are not visible.
- iv. Tracksuit bottoms or any form of trouser are not permitted unless for religious or medical reasons.
- v. Borrowed players are not penalised.
- vi. New teams have a period of 6 weeks to ensure that all players are wearing the correct kit. After this penalties apply (see rule 6.b.i)

c. Colour clashes

Teams with similar coloured uniforms should organise a change of bibs (available from the centre staff) before their fixtured start time. The first named team on the match fixture shall have priority of uniform colours. It is the responsibility of the playing teams to ascertain that there is a potential clash and to organise the bibs before the scheduled start time as games will not be delayed.

d. Walkovers

A walkover occurs when:

- **A team cancels a scheduled match**
- **A team is more than ten minutes late (see late start penalty)**
- **A team has less than four legal players**
- **A team fields an illegal player (see player restrictions)**

In the event of a walkover the non-offending team will receive a win, with a match score 20-0.

In the event of a game not taking place due to a walkover the offending team will receive a walkover fine:

- UN-NOTIFIED WALKOVER: double team fee penalty
- NOTIFIED WALKOVER: (over 48 hours notice) double team fee less umpires payments

Any team giving two (2) walkovers (notified or un-notified) will be disqualified from the competition, unless there are extenuating circumstances, and the Netball Programmes / Administration Officer has been informed and agreed.

In the event of exceptional circumstances the Netball Programmes / Administration Officer has the authority to replay a forfeited match at a mutually convenient time for the teams concerned.

Walkover fines must be paid within one week. Teams with outstanding fines will lose all their league points until all outstanding fines are repaid in full, in which case all league points will be reinstated. League points will not be reinstated after the last day of the season.

Teams with monies outstanding on the last day of the season will be ineligible to receive league trophies.

e. Scratch match

A scratch match is a match where ineligible players are involved to avoid a walkover. Both teams are required to pay their full game fees with the match being played under normal conditions. In this situation the team who was unable to field a legal team, will not receive a fine and will receive one (1) league point. The other team will receive a win, with score of 20-0.

f. Late start penalty

The umpires will commence all games on time. When time is called to begin play, any team not ready on court with a minimum of 5 players ready to play will be penalised 1 goal per minute, actioned by the umpire at the start of the game. The scoresheet must be on the scorebench with a paid stamp next to both teams before the game can start. After 10 minutes walkover penalties apply.

g. Player restrictions

- i. All Yr 3&4 and Yr 5&6 are mixed competitions. Yr 7&8 up are single sex competitions, unless stated otherwise.
- ii. Players must be in school year 9 or above to play in senior competitions.
- iii. Any teams fielding illegal players will forfeit their match 20-0.

h. Player transfers

Players may transfer to another team/club during the first 10 weeks of the season. Players wishing to transfer between team/clubs may only do so by completing a transfer form & with authorised permission of the Netball Programmes / Administration Officer. Players transferring teams without permission will forfeit or lose all matches whilst illegally participating. After ten weeks players will not be permitted to change teams (except in exceptional circumstances).

i. End of Season

- i. Medals / trophies will be awarded to league winners and runners up, in all competitions.
- ii. Participation medals will be awarded to all teams competing in the primary school aged competitions.
- iii. The number of medals / trophies is restricted to 9 per team; team managers can purchase extra trophies at cost price.

j. Court responsibilities

The team coach or, in their absence, team captain is responsible for the conduct of his/her team's players, scorers and spectators. Please read the guidelines concerning codes of conduct and spectator behaviour. Coaches and spectators must stay in their teams appointed area & cannot move up and down the sidelines.

k. Blood rule

If a player should bleed during the course of a game they must leave the court immediately and may not return until all bleeding has stopped or suitably covered. Any blood on players clothing, the ball or surface of the court must be cleaned before play can recommence.

l. Pregnancy

For health and safety reasons, no player may compete once she has passed the 3-months mark.

m. Jewellery & fingernails

All jewellery is to be removed with the exception of medical alert bracelets, flat wedding rings and newly acquired pierced earrings which shall be taped. Any other piercing that cannot be removed must be taped.

No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn. This includes hair clips/slides etc.

Fingernails must be short and smooth. The umpire may check this but captains should check players before games. Acrylic nails will only be allowed if short and smooth. Nails are not allowed to be covered in order to avoid cutting.

n. Personal belongings disclaimer

All participants, spectators, coaches and match officials are responsible for their own personal belongings and vehicles whilst attending the Basketball Centre. B. H. Sports Management Ltd will not accept any responsibility for any items lost, stolen or damaged at the Centre. It is advised that items of value such as jewellery and mobile phones are not brought to the Centre.

o. First aid policy

Teams should provide their own first aid kits and ice packs. The Centre does not provide ice packs for injuries. Any application of ice to injuries is done at the discretion of the team. The Centre has a basic emergency first aid kit located behind reception. All injuries are to be reported to the Netball Programmes / Administration Officer as soon as they occur and the Accident Book completed.

p. Alcohol & drugs

No player or official is allowed to compete at the Centre if they are under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. If any Centre member of staff feels that a player, official or spectator is under the influence of any substance, they will be asked to leave the Centre. No alcohol or illegal substance may be brought into the centre.

q. Smoking policy

The Centre has a no smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building or outside the front entrance to the Centre.

r. Photography

Anyone wishing to use a camera, still or video must before attempting to use that camera, register their intent with the Centre staff at reception. This includes the use of camera-phones for photography.

From time to time the SFAC will have professional photographers on hand to take pictures of teams and players. These pictures will be available to buy after matches on these days. SFAC may use some of these images for promotional purposes. If your team or a member of your team does not want to be photographed, this must be brought to the attention of the centre.

s. Complaints procedure

Where possible complaints should be directed to the Netball Programmes / Administration Officer at the time of the game in a calm and courteous manner. Threatening and abusive conduct towards Centre staff from players, coaches, spectators and officials will not be tolerated and such actions will be reported to the Management who will take disciplinary action against offenders, which may lead to prosecution.

The Complaints Procedure is available on request from the reception of the SFAC.

t. Criminal Records Bureaux checks

All adults responsible for team organising, coaching or scoring are required to undergo a criminal record bureaux check. Forms are available from reception.

u. Yellow and red cards

- i. It is our intention to introduce the use of yellow and red cards during junior matches (school years 7 to 11), to aid the umpires in the control of the games and to deal with issues of misconduct and rough play.
- ii. Where a player is shown a yellow card the player concerned will be suspended for the remainder of the quarter.
- iii. Where a player is then shown a red card they will be asked to leave the game and will not be permitted to return.
- iv. A player can given an immediate red card if the infringement is for violent conduct or abuse of an umpire or player.

v. Borrowed players

- i. A team must have 5 registered players to commence a legal match.
- ii. Where a team only has 5 or 6 registered players available to play it may borrow 1 player from either the same division or the one below. In junior netball this can be from the age group below. If a team borrows more than 1 player, or a player is from the wrong division or age group, they will forfeit the game and incur a loss.
- iii. The borrowed player's details must be entered on the team scoresheet and the umpires notified.
- iv. For the juniors only, the borrowed player may play in any position and can move position as per the rest of the team.
- v. For the seniors only, the opposing team will name the position in which the borrowed player must play.
- vi. The borrowed player must be in position before the commencement of the game; a borrowed player cannot take part once the game has commenced.
- vii. If a team member turns up late they must wait until the interval before the borrowed player is replaced. No borrowed player may be replaced after the second half has commenced.
- viii. A team may borrow not borrow the same player more than twice in any season.

All other rules as per the "IFNA official rules of netball 2007" and England Netballs rules for high 5 apply.

THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL FACILITIES NETWORK

1-court netball / basketball centre

Bury Sport for All Centre

Philips High School
Park Lane
Whitefield
Manchester
M45 7PH

Tel: 0161 796 2034

Email: bury@sportforallcentres.co.uk

Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Wednesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Thursday evenings	Men's basketball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball

2-court netball / basketball centre

Oldham Sport for All Centre

Kaskenmoor School
Roman Road
Hollinwood
Oldham
OL8 3PT

Tel: 0161 682 7278

Email: oldham@sportforallcentres.co.uk

Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Wednesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Thursday evenings	Ladies' netball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball
Sunday evenings	Men's basketball Mixed basketball

3-court netball / basketball centre

Stockport Sport for All Centre

Reddish Vale Technology College
Reddish Vale Road
Reddish
Stockport
SK5 7HD

Tel: 0161 480 2223

Fax: 0161 480 3373

Email: stockport@sportforallcentres.co.uk

Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Wednesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Thursday evenings	Men's basketball Mixed basketball Women's basketball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball Men's basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball
Sunday evenings	Ladies' netball

2-court basketball / netball centre

Warrington Sport for All Centre

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Latchford
Warrington
WA4 1JL

Tel: 01925 655 794

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Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Men's basketball Mixed basketball
Wednesday evenings	Junior volleyball
Thursday evenings	Ladies' netball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball
Sunday evenings	Ladies' netball