



## **NORTH WEST REGIONAL NETBALL LEAGUES – SUMMER LEAGUE INFORMATION AND RULES 2021**

- 1) Official divisions taking place in the North West Regional Netball Summer League are: North West Performance Prem in partnership with Manchester Thunder, North West Prem, North West Champs 1, North West Champs 2 and North West Junior U14s and U16s clubs
- 2) The summer league does not affect divisional positions for the official 2021/22 season
- 3) Games to be played under the most current rules of International Netball Federation (INF) rule book and ENGLAND NETBALL (EN) domestic guidelines. This includes the current modifications to the game enforced due to COVID-19
- 4) Results will be put into a league format to view
- 5) The objective of this league to return regional / national level netball back to court following the government lock down and to get as many player, officials, coaches and volunteers back into Netball at a regional level. This flexible framework aims to enable clubs to work with each other to enable matches to be played. If arrangements can't be made, the fixture is then not played.

## **NORTH WEST PERFORMANCE PREM in partnership with MANCHESTER THUNDER**

- 6) Teams who can take part are those in EN National Prem 2019/2020 and those in NW Prem 2020-2021
- 7) One way fixtures provided with flexible dates of a seven day window and option to utilise reserve weeks
- 8) Umpires must be B upwards (no bleep test needed).
- 9) Fixtures provided as a guide for venue; if both agree, alternative venue can be used
- 10) Results put into a league format
- 11) Players MUST all be affiliated

- 12) Franchise players can take part until they reach the 65% franchise court time  
(Franchise to provide information to team coaches)
- 13) Use COVID-19 modified game until we don't have to
- 14) Players can only take part in one match per day

## **NORTH WEST PREM, CHAMPS 1 AND CHAMPS 2 AND JUNIORS**

### **FIXTURES AND VENUE:**

- 15) Flexible date for fixtures with a seven day window for clubs to organise games with the opposition. For example, your game can be played any day Monday to Sunday that week of the fixture
- 16) Both clubs to agree to a venue and day that week rather than set home or away
- 17) Venue costs to be split between the teams and payment method agreed prior to any match
- 18) If a team pulls out after agreeing arrangements in writing, they will be liable for any additional costs the other team is liable for, unless by agreement between both teams
- 19) Teams who can take part are those who were in Prem / Champs 2020-2021 – upon entry, teams will be split into 2 or 3 groups based on their team placement as far as practically possible
- 20) If a venue has more than one court there can be up to 30 players on each court provided the venue capacity is not exceeded and groups do not mix at all
- 21) Where venues have viewing galleries there can be spectators (in groups of six max, socially distanced) provided the venue approves, the venue capacity is not exceeded and all spectators follow social distancing guidance

### **PRE-MATCH CLUB AND TEAM ORGANISATION:**

- 22) Super league and players in elite framework are only allowed to play in the North West Performance Prem
- 23) Players are only permitted to play one game per day in the North West regional competition structure due to COVID-19 restrictions

- 24) Borrowing is allowed and a player can play up a division, for example, however must ensure that is the only game played that day
- 25) A team may borrow opposition players to enable a match to be played
- 26) Players registered are only permitted to be registered to play for one club in the league
- 27) A maximum of up to 12 players is allowed per game and rolling subs is permitted
- 28) Team secretaries to contact opposition per match at least 2 weeks prior to the matches; confirm arrangements 7 days before and in the event a game can't go ahead due to COVID19 ASAP and also your competition referee copy [nwnetballcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:nwnetballcompetition@gmail.com).
- 29) Both teams are to provide an umpire. Minimum qualification of EN 'C' award
- 30) All players must be registered at least 24 hours before they play and be affiliated to England Netball
- 31) All players playing in North West Prem, North West Champs 1 and North West Champs 2 must be aged 14 years or over as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.
- 32) Player registrations to be provided by each team to the relevant league lead and used only those players can be used on a match day
- 33) For aiding visual checking of scores, teams can use sanitised scoreboards to agree score AS LONG AS these align to sanitisation guidance
- 34) Team officials are not limited to one match per day and may officiate in more than one match per day. This is because team officials are following social distancing guidelines

ON MATCH DAY:

- 35) Match officials/ scorer to agree score at the end of games and test the result to the results number in the following format:  
Home team xx Away team xx from Team Name  
You MUST ensure full team names are on the score sheet
- 36) The UMPIRES decision must be taken as final at all times

- 37) Any player who receives proven complaints against them will be dealt with using NW Regional and England Netball disciplinary procedures
- 38) Any complaints regarding matches, should be sent in writing (email is fine) to your competition referee, copy [nwnetballcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:nwnetballcompetition@gmail.com).
- 39) Rolling subs is allowed
- 40) COVID-19 procedures must be followed at all times on match-day
- 41) Games will be 12 min quarters with 3/5/3 min intervals
- 42) COVID-19 rule modifications must be played to until guidance allows otherwise

### **COVID-19 PROCEDURES**

- All clubs must have a registered Covid Officer
- All teams must complete their own screening process on the day of the match – Health Declaration Forms for example. The league has a right to ask to see these
- One responsible adult must complete the NHS Track and Trace QR code on arrival at the venue and will be the main contact for their club at that time slot
- Teams must not arrive at the venue early (please stay in your cars until 10 minutes prior to your court time). Teams will not be admitted courtside until the allocated time slot and must vacate the court immediately after the warm down via the designated exits
- All players and officials must sanitise their hands at quarter and half time
- No sharing of bibs, a fresh bib must be used if a substitute is made
- The team at the defensive end must clean and sanitise the post each time it is touched
- Both teams must provide a clean match ball. The ball will be cleaned and sanitised at quarter and half times by the designated Covid Officers for that game
- After the match, both teams must clean and sanitise the team bench and any other equipment used and ensure leave nothing behind
- COVID-19 rule modifications must be adhered to by all players while playing on court, until the government advice changes and we're able to go back to normal
- Teams must enter the courts via the designated entrance. A one-way system will be in place. Teams must leave via designated exit
- All team officials and players will be required to wear a face covering while entering the building
- All teams must arrive dressed to play
- All teams must maintain social distancing procedures inside and outside of the venue
- Everyone must refrain from shouting

- Any scorers, time keepers, team benches and substitutions must remain socially distanced at all times
- **Any COVID-19 cases MUST be reported immediately via government guidelines**

**Competition referees:**

Performance and Prem	Jane Moodie	<a href="mailto:janesnetball4all@gmail.com">janesnetball4all@gmail.com</a>
Champs 1 and Champs 2	Rob McKee	<a href="mailto:mckeerm@aol.com">mckeerm@aol.com</a>
Juniors	Pat Evans	<a href="mailto:patevans57@msn.com">patevans57@msn.com</a>
Supporting	Estelle Graham	<a href="mailto:nwnetballcompetition@gmail.com">nwnetballcompetition@gmail.com</a>

**Teams NW Performance Prem****Teams**

YWCA BURY NC  
Trafford NC (Seniors)  
Oldham  
Chester nc  
Warrington Town NC  
Tameside  
Blackpool

**Teams NW Regional Prem****Teams**

YWCA BURY NC  
Trafford NC (Seniors)  
Oldham  
~~Chester nc~~  
Ribble Valley Netball Club  
Deeside  
Capricorn  
Manchester Fury  
Dominoes  
Tameside

**Champs 1****Teams**

Northwich Sapphires  
Ribble Valley Netball Club  
Darwen  
Chester nc  
Elysium Netball Club  
Blackpool

## Champs 2 Group A

### **Teams**

Northwich Sapphires  
Ribble Valley Netball Club  
~~Chester nc~~  
Trafford NC (Seniors)  
Manchester Fury  
NW Panthers netball club  
Warrington Town Juniors

## Champs 2 Group B

### **Teams**

City of Manchester Netball Club  
NW Panthers Netball Club  
Kingsway Power  
DNA  
Lindal Netball Club  
Leyland Excel Netball Club

## U16

### **Teams**

YWCA Bury  
Ribble Valley Netball Club  
Boughton Belles  
Chester nc  
Oldham  
Kingsway Power  
Capricorn  
Macclesfield Netball Club

## U14

DNA  
Boughton Belles  
Chester nc  
Oldham  
Kingsway Power  
Warrington Town Juniors  
Macclesfield Netball Club  
Leyland Excel Netball Club  
Trafford JNC  
Wilmslow Lightning Netball  
Club