

# NETBALL NW REGIONAL PERFORMANCE LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS - 2021/2022



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in the below format

League Name

Age Group

Team and Score

Team and Score

Name

## 1. Overview

Netball NW Regional League (NWRL) is a league competition organised by Netball NW to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a regional winner, Netball NW representative at the England Netball National Premier League playoffs and Netball NW representative at England Netball Junior National Finals whilst encouraging participation and development in netball through an open, fair, progressive and transparent league structure.

These regulations set out below outline the Rules and Regulations ('The Regulations') which govern the operation of the NWRL.

The Regulations must be followed by all teams, players, officials, spectators and administrators in the management, administration and operation of NWRL.

## 2. Competition Structure

2.1. The competition shall be known as Netball NW Regional League (NWRL), and the name shall be preceded by the name of such sponsor Netball NW Regional Management Board (NWRMB) may direct from time to time.

2.2. NWRL shall comprise of the following leagues

- NWRL U14
- NWRL U16
- NWRL Open (Prem, Champs 1, 2)

For the purposes of these regulations:

- U14 & U16 will be referred to as Junior Divisions and Open will be referred to as Senior Divisions

Numbers of teams determined on a yearly basis however benchmark is:

- Open - Prem 10-12; Champs 10-14. Juniors Max 16. (NW reserve the right to amend as necessary).

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- 2.3. The team which finishes top of NWRL Prem will be eligible to enter England Netball Premier playoffs for promotion to Premier League 3. [It is noted that where the top placed team belongs to a club that already has a team playing within the England Netball Premier league 1, 2 or 3 then the opportunity to enter playoffs will be offered to the next highest placed team that doesn't have a team in the National Premier leagues].
- Should the winner of the NWRL **NOT** gain promotion to the Premier Netball 3 competition through the playoffs, then they will be allowed to return the NWRL Prem.
  - If a NW registered team is relegated from Premier Netball 3, then they will be allowed to re-enter the NWRL Prem.

2.4. Promotion and relegation between Senior leagues (NW reserve the right to amend as necessary).

**NW Prem:** The bottom two teams will be relegated to Champs 1.

**Champs 1:** The top two teams will be promoted to NW Prem.  
The bottom two teams will be relegated to Champs 2.

**Champs 2:** The top two teams will be promoted to Champs 1.

Provisos:

- Should a team be relegated to NWRL from Premier Netball 3
  - Only the top team from Champs 1 will be promoted to NW Prem
- Should a team be promoted from NWRL to Premier Netball 3.
  - Only the bottom team from NW Prem 1 will be relegated to Champs 1.
- Should a team leave any of the NWRL Senior leagues
  - Only the bottom team from that specific league will be relegated.
- Should a team be unable to take a promotion place in a higher division due to 5.1.2
  - The next best placed team will be offered the opportunity to gain promotion
  - Only the bottom team from the higher Division will be relegated.

2.5 NWRL reserve the right to charge a fee for the NWRL play offs and any entry tournament.

2.6 The Winner and Runner Up of the U16 and U14 regional league will progress to the National Club Finals.

## 3. Competition Organisation

- 3.1. The competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled and managed by NWRMB, which may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to its sub-committee namely, the Competition Technical Support Group (CTSG).
- 3.2. Netball NW is responsible for the organisation and management of NWRL as well as any NWRL Play-offs. County Leagues (or other mechanisms used by the counties) that feed into the NWRL playoffs are the responsibility of the County Netball Associations. These competitions may have different regulations to those set out in this document.
- 3.3. Prior to the start of NWRL, Netball NW shall announce the following:
- 3.3.1. the Competition Referee; and
  - 3.3.2. the person appointed to receive appeals of the decisions of the Competition Referee, as outlined in Section 8.
- 3.4. NWRL may alter the named Competition Referee during the Competition and will, through its best endeavours, inform all participating teams in the event that an alteration is made.

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## 4. Competition Referees

- 4.1. A Competition Referee will be appointed by Netball NW for the NWRL.
- 4.2. The Competition Referee will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters not covered specifically within the Regulations or arising throughout the Competition including, but not limited to:
  - 4.2.1. Altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary.
  - 4.2.2. Determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction including but not limited to:
    - a) The use of an ineligible player in a fixture or fixtures will result in a deduction of 3 league points, but the result of the fixture will still stand
    - b) The use of an unregistered player or a player who is under age without written permission from the Competition Referee will result in a deduction of 2 league points, the result of the fixture will still stand
    - c) If a team concedes or cancels a fixture the non-offending team will be awarded 5 points for the match and the conceding team will have 5 points deducted from their total, a fine\* and will be liable to pay any costs which the non-offending team, umpires or OTSG has incurred.
    - d) Conceding on more than one occasion (2 league fixtures) may result in expulsion from the League.
    - e) Failure to provide Technical Officials as required by 6.4 will result in a fine\* for the offending team. If the home team agrees in writing to provide all Technical Officials as per 6.4.1.3 and does not, they will be fined.
    - f) Disqualification of any individual Player or Team.
  - 4.2.3. 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 the Competition;
  - 4.2.4. Determine the score should any Match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance;
- 4.3. 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.

## 5. Pre-Competition Management and Administration

### 5.1. Team Entry and Eligibility

- 5.1.1. Entry to the U14 and U16 leagues shall be through the Netball NW County Leagues or NW County nominations)
- 5.1.2. A club may have a maximum of 1 teams in each division of the Senior NWRL. A club may only have one team in each of the U14, U16 leagues.
- 5.1.3. Netball NW is entitled to charge an entry fee to compete in NWRL and any qualifying tournaments, this must be paid in full within the permitted timescales to be eligible. This charge will include the costs associated with appointing the umpires where these are allocated by Netball NW.
- 5.1.4. In order to qualify to participate in NWRL a club shall either be accredited under England Netball's CAPS scheme, or working towards the same (where applicable and evidence needed). From 2021/22 all clubs will be required to be CAPS accredited otherwise existing league places will be forfeited.
- 5.1.5. By entering a team in NWRL clubs/teams agree that:
  - a) they are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the NWRL
  - b) they will fulfil their obligations and responsibilities set out in the Regulations including providing of an umpire where necessary
  - c) they are bound by the Competition Regulations;
  - d) they are bound by all of the rules, policies, regulations and by-laws of England Netball and Netball NW

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including the England Netball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations, as may from time to time be in force

## 5.2. Player/ Team Official Eligibility

- 5.2.1. In order to qualify to participate in the NWRL players and team officials must be a registered member of England Netball, Netball NW and a NW Region County, having paid the full membership fee due and received confirmation of their membership in advance of submitting the Registration Form for the NWRL.
- 5.2.2. Players and team officials must be members of England Netball within the timeframe set out in the Regulations. The appropriate membership 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 Junior players must be over 11 years old as at 11.59 on 31st August immediately prior to the commencement of the NWRL playing season.
  - All players must be over 11 years old and under the maximum age for the specific division as at 11.59pm on 31st August immediately prior to the commencement of the NWRL playing season. Any player under the age of 14 at the start of the season playing at U16 or above must have completed a NW age banding consent form and submitted it with the team registration form.
- 5.2.4. During all matches of NWRL, Team Managers must at all time carry hardcopy photographic proof of age for all Players under the age of 18 and a copy of Age Banding Consent Forms applicable to Players listed on the Squad Registration Sheet.
- 5.2.5. Players registered for the NWRL Senior Divisions may only play for one club in the specific Division.
- 5.2.6. Players registered for the NWRL Junior Divisions may only play for one club in the specific Junior Division.
- 5.2.7. A player and/or club can only participate in one Junior regional competition within that specific age category
- 5.2.8. To allow player progression players can play for a different club in the Senior divisions to the club they play for in the Junior divisions provided that the Junior club do not have team in the same Senior Divisions.
- 5.2.9. If a junior player has taken the court during the season at Under 14, Under 16, they cannot play for another club in the same NW Junior league during the same season.

If a Senior player wishes to transfer to another club, a request must be received in writing to the NWRL with proof of agreement of all parties concerned.
- 5.2.10. Netball NW recommends 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 hospitalization) 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 Squad Registration Sheets fully listing a minimum of 8 players, their membership numbers and indicating players selected in a higher level of netball\*\*. These need to be lodged with the relevant league administrator prior to the commencement of the NWRL playing season (Round 1) as instructed.
- 5.3.2. Teams may only use those players whose names appear on their Squad Registration Sheet held by the NWRL administrator. (see Section 4.2.2 for the penalty for breach of this).

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- 5.3.3. Any additions to the squad sheets or changes to players selected in a higher level of netball\*\* must be lodged with the NWRL administrator by 17:00 hours on the Thursday prior to the fixture weekend. Email additions will be accepted as long as the paperwork is sent with the results of the next fixture.
- 5.3.4. Each team must declare up to twelve (12) players prior to the start of each match by completing a NWRL Team Sheet and submit it to the Technical Officials. This must be done fifteen (15) minutes prior to the stated start time for the match.
- 5.3.5. Only players who have taken to the court (played at least one (1) quarter) during the course of the season will be eligible to compete for their registered team within the NWRL Open Play Offs unless they have been tied to a higher team, including Premier league and Superleague.
- 5.3.6. All NWRL players who are aged 18 or below at the start of the season may only play eight (8) quarters in NWRL over a weekend.
- 5.3.7. Where a club has a team participating in the England Netball Premier League the following provisos will control the movement of players.
  - 5.3.7.1. The club must identify a minimum of 8 tied players who can only play in the higher division or league (i.e. National Premier League) none of whom will be permitted to play in the lower division (i.e. NWRL Seniors League).
  - 5.3.7.2. All non-tied players will be eligible to play NWRL until they have played the equivalent of three matches (12 qtrs) in the Premier League. Thereafter they will be tied to the Premier League and identified as permanent members of that squad and will not be able to play down again.
  - 5.3.7.3. A player, once registered with a Superleague team (VNSL), may play in the NWRL up to the start of the super league Competition.
  - 5.3.7.4. PENALTY – 2 POINTS DEDUCTED FROM ANY TEAM USING A SUPERLEAGUE REGISTERED PLAYER AFTER THE SUPERLEAGUE HAS STARTED WHEN THEY HAVE A TEAM PLAYING IN A HIGHER COMPETITION (PER PLAYER PER MATCH)
  - 5.3.7.5. A player may take the court in two Regional matches per weekend. Duty of care for the players is the responsibility of the Club Coaches.
  - 5.3.7.6. Players registered on a Prem sheet are considered PREM players. No more than 2 PREM players may take the court at anyone time during a Champs game and visa versa.
  - 5.3.7.7. Players registered on a Champs 1 sheet are considered Champs 1 players. No more that 2 Champs 1 & / OR Prem players may take the court at anyone time during a Champs 2 game and visa versa.
  - 5.3.7.8. PENALTY - 2 POINTS DEDUCTED FROM PREM TEAM AND CHAMPS TEAM IF MORE THAN 2 PLAYERS TAKE THE COURT FOR ANY QUARTER DURING A CHAMPS GAME or visa versa.

## 5.4. Competition Venues

- 5.4.1. Matches will be played wherever possible on an indoor court with adequate surrounds and surface and with ancillary facilities, including changing and showering facilities for both teams and officials, unless otherwise agreed by NWRL.
- 5.4.2. The home team is responsible for arranging the venue, and for the cost of this.
  - 5.4.2.1. It is the responsibility of the home team to conduct a risk assessment, using the standard issued form, prior to each match and ensure that the umpires countersign this document. Umpires will undertake pre game checks to ensure the game is safe to play. It is within their jurisdiction to not allow a game to go ahead. In instances where risks have been identified, a copy should be sent to NWRL administrator alongside the Official Result sheet.
  - 5.4.2.2. Where venues **ARE** deemed unsuitable for the fixture on the day, one of the following will apply:
    - i) Rearrangement played as an away fixture and original home team incur all costs
    - ii) Home Team concede
  - 5.4.2.3. For all 'incidents' on or off the court at a Match, a NW Accident Report form must be completed, and a copy sent to the NWRL administrator with the Result sheet and which will be stored for insurance purposes.
- 5.4.3. The home team is responsible for providing hospitality for both teams and all match officials in the form of suitable and substantial refreshments served in a timely fashion after the match, if agreed as required by both teams. NOTE SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID.

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## 5.5. Accidents

- 5.5.1. If an accident occurs at any match where a player, coach, official (umpire or match bench), spectator or staff member is injured, the accident reporting procedure should be followed as detailed on
- 5.5.2. This procedure should be followed for ALL injuries and accidents where the game is stopped for longer than 30 seconds, regardless of whether or not medical treatment is given.

## 6. Playing and Competition

### 6.1. Competition Scheduling

- 6.1.1. All matches **MUST** be played on the specified fixture dates
- 6.1.2. Each team in NWRL will play the fixtures as provided by the NWRL devised each season based on numbers entered over the weekend of the dates provided
- 6.1.3. The start time of each match will be mutually agreed between the teams, but will not normally be earlier than 10.00am or later than 3:00 pm. Any dispute over start times will be determined by the Competition Referee at their absolute discretion
- 6.1.4. The home team must provide their opposition, the two umpires and the Competition TSG with re-confirmation via email of the fixture, its start time and travel directions (including postcode) ten (10) days prior to the date of the fixture.
- 6.1.5. The away team will be responsible for arranging its own travel and the cost of this. The away team should allow sufficient travelling time to cover any unexpected delays. If a team is delayed in arriving for a fixture, the following protocol must be observed:
  - a) Inform the opposing team and umpires as soon as they are aware of a delay
  - b) Any team which fails to arrive on time must take the court and be ready to play as soon as possible and in any event within 15 minutes of the agreed start time.
  - c) Any team taking to the court more than 15 minutes after the agreed start time will concede the match unless otherwise agreed by the Competition Referee.
- 6.1.6. No team may play a match with less than 5 players; any team with less than 5 players will automatically concede the game.
- 6.1.7. Teams may request to postpone or cancel a match where 2 or more registered players of the team are involved in a higher level of netball\*\* or County rounds of National Schools. These players must have taken to the court in a NWRL game for the relevant age group that the request is being made for and be listed as selected in a higher level of netball where this is the basis of the request to rearrange.

Any request to postpone or cancel **MUST** be received in writing (email) by your league age group administrator as soon as the conflict is identified and **MUST** be agreed before contacting the opposition. Once agreed by your league age group administrator these matches must be played on a CTSG agreed reserve date.
- 6.1.8. No team may postpone or cancel without **PRIOR** agreement with the CTSG.

Matches postponed or cancelled due to extreme and unforeseen circumstances, e.g. flooding, heavy snowfall will be played on a reserve date specified by CTSG
- 6.1.9. In the event of a game being conceded:
  - a) The non-offending team will be awarded five (5) league points for the match. The team which conceded will have five (5) league points deducted from their total and incur a fine.
  - b) The team which conceded may be liable to pay any costs which the non-offending team, umpires has incurred.
- 6.1.10. 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, or its nominee(s), having regard to the score at the time at which play was suspended.

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## 6.2. Match Rules and Format

- 6.2.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the International Netball Federation Rules of the Game currently in force at the time of the relevant match, except where specifically stated in the regulations.

## 6.3. Match Officials

- 6.3.1. Teams are responsible for the appointment an Umpire for each of their league matches.
- 6.3.2. In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied:
- If another umpire approved by the OTSG is available then she/he will umpire the match.
  - Failing that, the next best-qualified umpire should be used
  - If the appointed umpire arrives late and the game has already commenced, the umpire that started the game will continue for the entire duration of the match.
  - The home team must inform the Regional League Administrator and the OTSG immediately after the match.
- 6.3.3. Netball NW will have responsibility for procedures which ensure that umpires conform to a standard of physical fitness which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game(s). NWRL matches may be used by for the purpose of umpire assessment.
- 6.3.4. Teams wishing to raise concerns relating to the level of umpiring must email the OTSG Chair at [nwofficiating@gmail.com](mailto:nwofficiating@gmail.com) concern and determine whether any further action is required.
- 6.3.5. Teams wishing to take photos or video recordings of matches must email the opposition 10 days prior to the fixture to request permission. If agreement is not received from all parties, then no photos or video recording will be allowed at the fixture. Permission from all officials required also on the day. These photos and videos should be used for training purposes only and NOT shared or published on social media.

## 6.4. Technical Officials

- 6.4.1. The Technical Officials are the Scorers and Timekeepers and shall constitute the Officials Bench. The Technical Officials do not need to have an EN membership and cannot hold any other role.
- Each team MUST provide a competent scorer, either an umpire, technical official or a person with a working knowledge of scoring. Scorers will be required for all fixtures.
  - The home team MUST provide at least 1 timekeeper for each match played. The timekeeper(s) MUST have a working knowledge of the INF rules currently in force.
  - If agreed in writing (email is sufficient) between both teams, the home team can provide all Technical Officials for a fixture. The league administrator must be informed of this happening.
- 6.4.2. Scorers are required to use the current Netball NW Score sheet for all matches available from the Netball NW website

## 6.5. Team Officials

- 6.5.1. A team may have up to five (5) Team Officials. These will include a coach and at least one primary care person
- 6.5.2. A primary care person:
- Must a First Aid qualification\*, evidence of this qualification must be submitted to Netball NW League Administrator (where requested).
  - Must wear identification as specified by Netball NW
  - 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
- 6.5.3. Team Officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties. However, primary care person/s must not also be a Player and it is preferable that they do not hold any other role.
- 6.5.4. The Team Officials and up to five (5) players not on court shall constitute the Team Bench
- 6.5.5. The Team Bench will be situated as agreed with the Umpires.

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## 6.6. Match Timings

- 6.6.1. All senior matches shall be of one hour's duration (four quarters of fifteen (15) minutes each). Central timing may not be used.
- 6.6.2. All Junior matches shall be of 40 mins duration (four quarters of ten (10) minutes each). Central timing may not be used.
- 6.6.3. All matches shall have an interval of five (5) minutes at half time, and intervals of three (3) minutes at quarter and three quarter time.

## 6.7. Scoring

6.7.1. Teams will be awarded league points as follows:

- a) Five (5) points for a win;
- b) Three (3) points for a draw;
- c) Two (2) points for a loss if within 5 goals of the winners' score - i.e., 50-46 = 2 points, 50-45 = 1 point
- d) One (1) point for a loss if more than 50 per cent of the winners' score
- e) Zero (0) points for a loss

6.7.2. NWRL tables will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded. Where teams are level on points:

- a) Goal average (goals for divided by goals against) shall be used to determine their relative positions, i.e., the team with the higher average score over the course of the season shall take precedence
- b) 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
- c) 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
- d) In the event that neither Goal Average nor Goal Difference nor goals scored can differentiate between the teams, the aggregate score in the match or matches played between them over the course of the season shall be calculated and precedence given to the team whose scores were greatest.

In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, then Netball NW or its' nominee 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.

Note: All matches will be counted to determine the overall NW regional league winners. However, to determine which team will be allocated the 'play off' place for National Premier leagues all Senior matches played against clubs that have teams within England Netball National Premier Leagues be treated as 'non-material / friendlies' and will be discounted (points, goals scored and conceded) from the final league table in order to determine the team eligible for National League playoffs. This principle will be applied to determine promotions from Champs 2 and Champs 1 (e.g. a team cannot be promoted into a league where they already have a team registered.

## 6.8. Registration of Results

- 6.8.1. The completed match sheet must be handed to the official table 15 minutes prior to the start of the match. The result to be entered by scorer at the end of the match.  
The result sheet must be signed by the scorer(s), both captains and umpires after the match and both sheets sent by the home team to the League Administrator to be received (by post or email/scan) within five (5) working days of the fixture. Failure to do so will result in a two (2) point deduction.
- 6.8.2. Each team must **message via Whatsapp** their match result directly to **07795257837** by 20.00 hours on the day of the fixture, after which league tables will be published within 48 hours where possible. It must be sent in the format requested.
- 6.8.3. The official score sheet must be retained by teams as this may be requested at any time.

## 7. Competition Complaints Procedure

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- 7.1 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 playing of a Match, the scoring, and/or its result, the relevant Squad member or Team Official, must do the following:
- Inform their opponents and the Umpires of their complaint;
  - Mark the Score Sheet with the words "Under Protest";
  - Send the marked Score Sheet to the Competition Referee, within seventy two (72) hours of the match;
  - Attach a letter to the Score Sheet to explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee.
  - The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.
- 7.1.2 The Competition Referee will acknowledge receipt of the query or complaint and make a decision on the matter within seventy two (72) hours of receipt of the query or complaint. The Competition Referees decision in relation to decisions taken under clause 7.1.1 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 the CTSG such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of the NW Region.
- 7.3 Where the Complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual Player or Team participating, volunteering or individual attending a Match which could be considered as a Disciplinary Offence under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations, such complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the processes set out in England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations.

## 8. Appeal of Competition Referees Decision

- 8.1. The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with section 7.1. 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 has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition; AND
- 8.1.2. If there has been a failure by the Competition Referee to follow or act in accordance with these Regulations and/or the Competition Referee 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 Competition Referee within 72 hours of receiving the decision, who will refer it to Chair of Netball NW.
- 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 NW will establish a CAC which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected the Competition. One of those individuals will be appointed as the Chair.
- 8.5. 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 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 have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal.
- 8.7. The CAC shall meet and reach a determination 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 it reaching its determination. The CAC shall have the discretion to publish the decision through whatever means it considers appropriate.
- 8.9. The CAC shall have the delegated power of Netball NW 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

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from the Competition) relating to the appeal. There is no further right of appeal on this decision.

- 8.10. 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.
- 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 3 shall be English Law.
- 8.13. 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.

## 9. Miscellaneous

- 9.1. England Netball and Netball NW 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. Any questions regarding these Regulations can be addressed to the relevant League Administrator.
- 9.5. Netball NW will be entitled 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 NW website.

### Definitions:

#### **Referee:**

Competition Referee will be the Chair of CTSG or League Administrator as advised.

#### **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 a or a group of appeal(s) on the Competition Referee's decision as set out in section 8.

#### **NW Prem Umpire:**

B level with a verified bleep test or above umpire who currently umpires at variety of leagues & levels.

#### **NW Champs Umpire:**

B level with a verified bleep test or a level C working towards B - with approval of Netball NW Officiating lead or County Officiating Lead. Champs 1 - ideally B and Champs 2 C.

#### **NW Juniors Umpire:**

B level with a verified bleep or a level C working towards B - with approval of Netball NW Officiating lead or County Officiating Lead.

#### **First Aid Qualification:**

To have completed any recognised certified First Aid course

#### **\*\* Higher Level of Netball:**

- National team fixture
- National Academy
- Franchise NPL U21, U19 and U17 league fixtures

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## **Fines:**

Conceding 1 game = £25

Conceding 2 games = £100 and expulsion from the league.

Teams will be invoiced for any fines due and failure to pay within 10 working days will mean a team may not be allowed enter the league the following season.