

WAVELL INVITATION NETBALL LEAGUE LEAGUE RULES

SEPTEMBER 2014

1. All member Clubs to submit their EN affiliation number **before** the **first** League event.
2. EN rules apply throughout, unless overruled by the Committee in extreme circumstances.
3. No team will be eligible to take part in League events unless the above is adhered to.
4. The League proper will run from September to July. The League will announce the relevant dates.
5. All matches will be played at a venue agreed on by the League.
6. Games will be four quarters of 15 minutes, with a maximum of 3 minutes at quarter time and 5 minutes at half time.
7. Points shall be awarded as follows: -
 - 5 for a win
 - 3 for a draw
 - 1 for 50% of goals
 - 0 for a loss
8. In the event of a draw for first place, after the final game has been played, a play-off for the first position will take place at a time specified by the Committee. Other positions will be decided by goal difference.
9. In the event of bad weather or floodlight failure being the reason for abandoning a match, the Team Captains must: -
 - (a) If less than half the game has been played, agree to re-arrange the game at their own convenience within 2 weeks, or at a date fixed by the WINL Committee
 - (b) If more than half the game has been played, the score will stand as a result.
10. In any case of 9 (a) and (b) the Results Secretary must be informed.
11. **No** postponement of matches will be permitted other than for inclement weather or floodlight failure. Decisions to be taken by 2 or more Committee members. Clubs are **not** to contact the Wavell Community Campus. The Chairperson will contact Wavell before 6.15pm. The Chairperson will then advise Divisional Secretaries if the matches are postponed. All Clubs need to contact their Divisional Secretaries to find out if matches are postponed.
12. Teams wishing to cancel matches will do so 3 days prior to the fixture.
13. They shall inform the Results Secretary and opposing team verbally and in writing – also refers to Rule 38.
14. The score in the case of Rule 12 shall read 15 – 0 to the non-offending team. **If the game is cancelled within 3 days of the fixture**, the offending team shall reimburse the non-offending team £10, which is to be paid to the non-offending team's booked umpire. If the game is cancelled with 3 day's notice (by 7pm on Friday for Monday's game and 7pm on Sunday for a Wednesday game), the two teams playing at the opposite time will pay the umpires scheduled to umpire their match and the cancelling team does not need to pay.

15. In the event of a team's non-arrival, Rule 14 will apply.
16. Teams are expected to turn up for every game.
17. Only players registered with the League will be eligible to play within the League.
18. Affiliation numbers and signatures of squad members to be received by the Results Secretary by the 30th September of that playing season.
19. Any squad playing unregistered players will forfeit any points on the said games.
20. Teams may register players throughout the season providing the new member has paid the EN affiliation fee.
21. Change of squad members e.g. due to injury, left the Club - should be notified to the Results Secretary immediately.
22. A player is entitled to change her Club during the season providing **all** relevant registrations are made. **Do not forget EN** affiliations are **not** transferable from one area to another. You will need to register as a second claim member if transfer is made within any one season.
23. The breaking of the Rules and/or the employment of any action not covered by the wording of the EN Rules, in the manner contrary to the spirit of the game, is not permitted. For further details refer to the EN Official Netball Rule Book.
24. Spot checks will be carried out to ensure that these Rules are being complied with.
25. No Premier, South Region registered player may play in Divisions 4 and below of the midweek League or Division 2 and below of the Summer League. Playing a player of this standard will result in a 3 points deduction from the team's total score.
26. The Committee will decide the standard of the League.
27. No player may play in a lower Division than the one they are registered in. Playing a player of this standard will result in a 3 points deduction from the team's total score.
28. A Club with more than one squad will be called A, B etc.
29. No member may play A to B or B to C etc... All differences to the rule must be at the discretion of the Committee and be applied for in writing by the Club Secretary.
30. Players may play C to B or B to A for a maximum of 2 games. On the third game of playing they are then deemed to be of the higher standard and therefore not eligible to play down again. If a lower Division player is named reserve and has not taken part in the said game then this will not be counted as playing up. The Umpiring/Result slip must state "Reserve NOT PLAYED" otherwise it will be assumed that she was used.
31. **No** game may commence with less than 5 League registered players per squad.
32. If a team or umpire is late and the opposing team is **on court** in their positions, a goal a minute will be awarded up to a maximum of 15 minutes. If the team or umpire fails to arrive within this time then Rule 14 will apply. Leniency of 5 minutes will be given to games commencing at 8.30pm where a player/umpire has been active at Wavell in a game that commenced at 7.15pm.
33. If a team or umpire is late Rule 32 will apply but the game must be cut down accordingly, ie red team on court, blue team is 6 minutes late, the score should read 6-0 to the red team and 9 minutes playing time remains for the first quarter. The umpire(s) must be notified before the match commences. If both teams/umpires are late, playing time to be cut down accordingly.
34. A member who is eligible to play in the Youth Section of the League but whose Club does not run a Youth Team may register to a Youth Team of a different Club. League Rules will then apply twice to that member.

35. Teams **must** send their results to the Results Secretary within 5 days of the match being played. Failure to do so will mean that your team will be deducted 5 points and the results will not be included in the points system, an additional fine of £5.00 will be incurred and will be payable by the teams next fixture.
36. The umpiring/results slip must have your players' names printed and signed on before play commences. Slips must be given to the umpires before play starts and captains must ensure the result is sanctioned by both umpires as well as yourselves on both team slips. Results will not be altered once signed.
37. All umpires and Committee decisions are **final**. Arguing **will not** be tolerated by the League. Any breach of this Rule could lead to the team involved being disqualified.
38. Umpires to arrive in time for the start of games – teams to provide umpires for the opposite time and on the same court as you are playing on. ie. Court 1 teams playing at 7.15pm to provide umpires for Court 1 for the 8.30pm game. These umpires should be of the correct qualification (see Rule 39) – (non-compliance see Rule 41). Should a team on Court 1 not provide an umpire for the required match on the day, then 3 points will be deducted from the team's total score, and will also be liable for paying the non-offending teams umpire payment at the appropriate fee. If a game is cancelled by the teams for any reason, it is the responsibility of the team who is cancelling to contact the two teams providing their umpires that night to inform them to cancel their umpires. Failure to do so will result in 3 points being deducted. It is the team's responsibility to ensure they give all the required information to their booked umpire, and also to find their booked umpire on the night and ensure they are paid the appropriate fee.
39. All Divisions must provide a currently active "C" Award umpire or above. Where appropriate the Umpiring Coordinator/Assistant may give approval for trainee umpires to umpire certain divisions. No trainee umpire may umpire without a mentor. These will be highlighted on the official umpiring list provided by the League but are not to be contacted directly.
40. The League will as required carry out assessments on umpire's ability to perform to a minimum level of a grade C umpire. Umpires who have been assessed will be provided with a written assessment detailing their current standard. Where there is concern raised in an umpire's ability by the assessor, the umpire will be given a further assessment within that year. Where a second assessment finds that there is still concern with an umpire's ability the umpire will be asked to only umpire games when they have secured a mentor to work with them to improve their standard of umpiring. A further assessment will be carried out. Should an umpire fail this third assessment they will be withdrawn from the League's umpire list and will not be allowed to umpire at the WINL or in any tournaments run by the League.
41. In case of non-compliance with Rule 39, an umpire fails to turn up, the League will do its utmost to ensure that the match plays that night, however if this is not possible, the game will be re-arranged by the League and be paid for at the appropriate fee by the offending team. Also see rule 38. If a trainee umpire umpires without a mentor without prior approval from the Umpiring Coordinator/Assistant then 3 points will be deducted from the total teams score.
42. In the event of a team dropping out of the League during the season. All points and goals will be deleted from the result table, except if that team has played each team in that Division once, in which case the first round result will stand.

43. All League meetings will count as a fixture. A £15 fine will be imposed to non-attending clubs to be paid before the next fixture. If non-payment still occurs the game will be forfeited.
44. Umpires shall be responsible for starting their games promptly and timing their own games. Any injury time – England Rules apply. **All** umpires must be aware of League Rules 32-33 and 38.
45. The Constitution and League Rules will not be rescinded or amended unless two thirds of member Clubs present at the AGM or EGM are in agreement.
46. Any other matters arising not covered by League Rules and Constitution will be dealt with at the discretion of the League Committee.
47. The League is **not** held responsible for loss, damage or injury.
48. Youth players must be 14 as at 1st September of the forthcoming season.
49. Any player, team, umpire or participant whose actions within the League are not in keeping with the spirit or standards of the League shall be excluded, temporarily or permanently from any or all activities or events within the League. This will be decided by the Committee or if required a Disciplinary Committee will be appointed. The League will act in accordance with the latest England Netball Disciplinary Procedures.
50. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entry into any League event of any team, person or participant whose past actions have caused the League (formerly the WCNL) and/or its members embarrassment or have brought the League and/or game of netball into disrepute.
51. Any team who does not adhere to these Rules will lose the points/or 3 points for the game in which the infringement occurred.
52. **All** teams enter the League undertaking to abide by the Rules and Constitution, together with the League Rules as laid down by the League members and the understanding that any League activities they enter and pay for is not returnable.
53. Members should not play under the influence of alcohol or drugs, as this will not be tolerated. Umpires and Committee members should be made aware of any player who is deemed “under the influence”. Action will be taken at disciplinary level.
54. The League in addition to these rules will have a detailed Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure.
55. All complaints regarding any matter must be received in writing by the Disciplinary Officer within 7 days of the incident and all replies from the Disciplinary Officer or the Committee will be in writing.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS LEAGUE IS RUN BY YOU - YOUR SAY IN
ALL MATTERS IS VALUED**