

COVID -19 – RULES

I hope you are all safe and well. Times are very different at the moment and although we all want to get back to some kind of normal we still need to stay safe and be careful not to spread COVID- 19.

Please ensure you follow the guidance below

- ALL TEAMS MUST BRING THEIR OWN NETBALL BIBS – WE CAN NO LONGER PROVIDE BIBS
- PLEASE TRY AND BRING YOUR OWN BALL, THE BALL WILL BE SANITISED AFTER EACH QUARTER
- YOUR TEMPERATURE WILL BE TAKEN ON ARRIVAL – PLEASE DO NOT START PLAY UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN DONE
- PLEASE HAND SANITISE BEFORE THE GAME AND AT THE END OF EACH QUARTER
- MATCH FEES MUST BE PAID BY BANK TRANSFER TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT BEFORE YOUR GAME

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- PLEASE ENSURE YOU FOLLOW THE ENGLAND NETBALL RULES - SEE LINKS BELOW
- <https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/latest-community-netball-across-government-tiers/>
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- ALL PLAYERS MUST MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES
- THE 4 METRE RULE MUST BE APPLIED ON COURT
- NO FACE TO FACE MARKING ON ANY PLAYER WITHOUT THE BALL
- ANYONE DISPLAYING OR LIVING WITH SOMEONE WITH SYMPTOMS MUST NOT PLAY
- PLEASE READ OUR RISK ASSESSMENT AND SENT OUT TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT NETBALL NIGHTS.

FIXTURES – RE ARRANGED

WEDNESDAY 28 JULY – WEEK 18

NO GAME THIS WEEK FOR PHOENIX

6.30	GOAL DIGGERS	v	FARSLEY
7.15	LEEDS MEDICS AND DENTISTS 1	v	DOLLIES
8.00	THE OPPOSITION	v	CARR MANOR THUNDER
8.45	HOOPSIE DAISYS	v	LEEDS LEOPARDS

WEDNESDAY 04 AUGUST – RE ARRANGED WEEK 15

NO GAME THIS WEEK FOR THE OPPOSITION

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8.00	LEEDS MEDICS AND DENTISTS 1	v	HOOPSIE DAISYS
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**NEXT SEASON STARTS 11 AUGUST (VENUES MAY CHANGE
DUE TO COVID -19)**



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LEAGUE HANDBOOK

WINTER 2020 - 21

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dear Team Manager,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the teams involved in the WINTER 20 -21 season for the NETBALL NIGHTS DIXONS TRINITY OUTDOOR LEAGUE.

Please find enclosed your fixtures for the season.

Your handbook shows all your seasons fixtures along with playing & administrative rules.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS TOWARDS THE BACK OF THIS HANDBOOK. I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR URGENT ATTENTION TO POINTS 2, 3 & 4. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF ANY BREACH OF THESE RULES, THEY WILL BE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED.

I hope you have an enjoyable season with NETBALL NIGHTS, good luck!

Yours in Sport

Claire Ramsbottom
Netball League Co-ordinator

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU WEAR OUTDOOR
TRAINERS**

**DRESSES/SKIRTS/SHORTS/TRACKSUIT
BOTTOMS ALLOWED**

MATCHING COLOURED TOPS

**FINGER NAILS MUST BE KEPT SHORT, ALL
JEWELLERY REMOVED, LONG HAIR TIED
BACK**

BIBS WILL BE PROVIDED WHERE NECESSARY

RESPECT THE UMPIRES

PLEASE NOTE THAT ABUSIVE LANGUAGE
AIMED AT UMPIRES WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED BY EITHER NETBALL NIGHTS OR
THE UMPIRES THEMSELVES

WE AIM TO PROVIDE A LEAGUE THAT IS
ENJOYABLE FOR BOTH THE PLAYERS AND
THE UMPIRES

WITHOUT THE UMPIRES THERE
WOULD NOT BE A LEAGUE

MANAGERS GUIDE

Please find below information and rules you need to be made aware of and act on where necessary:

1. INJURY TIME

There is no injury time.

In the event of serious injury a report will be submitted to Netball Nights by the umpire and we will then decide whether the remaining time will be played at a later date.

The umpires should note down the following

- What quarter of the game was in
- How long was left to play
- Reason why play was stopped

If a player is unable to carry on in the game, a substitution should be made ASAP. If there is no substitute available the team is able to move around the players already on court.

The opposing team is unable to make a substitution but is able to move around the players already on court.

2. TEAMS SHOWING UP LATE

- a) If a team shows up in the quarter of a match, the late team will start TWO goals down for every 4 minutes they are late.
- b) If a team shows up in the 2nd quarter of a match, the late team will start 6 – 0 down
- c) If a team shows up in the 3rd or 4th quarter of a match the late team starts 12 – 0 down.

3. BORROWING PLAYERS

There is a minimum of 5 players required for a game to go ahead.

If a team does not have enough players they may wish to borrow a player from another team. In this case, **the team must get permission from the opposition.**

This must be witnessed by the umpires, as must the following:

- a) If the opposition agree the game will go ahead as normal.
- b) If the opposition disagrees, the team may play with the minimum of 5 players or forfeit the game. The opposition will be awarded a 15 – 0 win and a friendly match will take place with both teams invoiced the full match fee.
- c) Any team not adhering to this rule will be given a 15 – 0 loss
- d) Any borrowed player must play in the position of WA or WD
- e) Teams cannot play down a division but they can play up

4. ABANDONED GAMES

If 80% has been played the result will stand.

If less than 80% of the game has been played the match may be replayed depending on the circumstances.

5. SCORING

Win = 5 points

Draw = 3 points

Lose with half goals or more of winning team = 1 point

Lose with less than half goals of winning team = 0 points

6. NO TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY TEAMS OWING MONEY AT THE END OF THE SEASON!

7. ALL DECISIONS MADE BY NETBAL NIGHTS ARE FINAL

NETBALL NIGHTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLAYERS & PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- A team will consist of **7 players**. GK,GD,WD,C,WA,GA,GS. Unlimited substitutions can be made between quarters only, unless you are replacing an injured player.
- A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to herself or another player, including any kind of jewellery.
- Players who are more than 12 weeks pregnant may not take part in Netball Nights matches
- All players must wear identical tops/dresses. Bibs can be provided to teams who require them.

THE UMPIRE

- Each match is controlled by two qualified umpires who have full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection to the match in which he/she has been appointed. Decisions from the umpire are final.
- The Umpire will record information on all matches they have been officiating and report this to Netball Nights. Information recorded will be i) Score of the match ii) disciplinary issues or teams absent

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- All infringements and misconduct will be dealt with by the umpire and the umpire's decision is final. Dissent and/or misconduct may be punished by sin-binning the offending player. The umpire must inform the sin-binned player of the duration of the sin bin at the time they are sent off the court. The offending player will be able to return to the court at the next centre pass following the end of their sin-bin period. The sin bin period does not include half time. The umpire will instruct the sin-binned player when they are able to return to the court. In the event that the sin-binned player is the Centre, one of the team's other players may become Centre for the duration of the sin-bin period. When the sin-binned player returns to the court, all players must return to their original positions.
- Serious misconduct during a match may result in an individual being sent off for the remainder of the match and incurring bans for subsequent matches. In the event that the sent-off player is the Centre, one of the team's other players may become Centre for the

remainder of the match. In the event of serious misconduct by more than two players in a team, the match may be abandoned and the match awarded as a walkover to the opposition. The offending team will be required to pay a one match fee fine to Netball Nights, in addition to their normal match fee, which will be used to reimburse the opposition.

- Serious misconduct may result in the individual or club being excluded from the league.
- Netball Nights reserves the right to ban or expel any player or team from the league. There is no opportunity to appeal.
- Any team found to be playing an unregistered player will forfeit the match 15-0 (unless the final score is greater).

DURATION OF A MATCH

- A match will consist of 4 x 10 minute quarters. There will be 1 minute break between.

START OF PLAY

- **TEAMS MUST BE READY AND ON COURT ACCORDING TO THE FIXTURE START TIME. ANY WARMING UP MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE START TIME. FOR EVERY FOUR MINUTES A TEAM DELAYS THE START TIME THEY WILL GO 2 GOALS DOWN. IN THIS SCENARIO THE UMPIRE WILL MAKE THE SCORE CLEAR BEFORE THE GAME – THE UMPIRES DECISION IS FINAL.**
- All matches are to be started with a coin toss made by the umpire involving the two captains. The winning captain decides whether to have the first centre pass or what end they would prefer to shoot at first. If they choose the centre pass the other team can pick which end to shoot at first. Teams swap ends after each quarter.
- Normal netball rules apply. For the full rules of netball please go to: http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/The_Game/Playing_Netball
- Misconduct will be dealt with by the umpires and punished accordingly. If a player is sent off the court, it is at the umpire's discretion for the duration of time they must remain off.

ADDITIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS TO NOTE:

- All players must be 16 & over, managers must be 18 or over

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. As team manager, you have a commitment to fulfill all your fixtures for the season. It is therefore your responsibility to ensure that your team is ready to play each week at the allocated times.

***** A team needs a minimum of 5 players for a game to go ahead *****

For every four minutes a team is late they shall go down by 2 goals (see managers guide point no 2)

Please note – no excuses will be accepted for late arrivals and the above rule will be strictly enforced. In order to do this, the umpires MUST make it clear to both teams before the first centre pass.

2. Fees are £34 per team per week.

***PLEASE NOTE: THE UMPIRES WILL NOT GO AHEAD WITH THE MATCH
UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN PAID
NO PAY = NO PLAY = NO EXCEPTIONS !!!!***

Teams failing to show:

- a) a team fails to fulfill a fixture a double match fee will be charged at £68 (both teams match fees + umpire fees)

3. Rearrangement of matches

Netball Nights cannot rearrange matches – once the handbook is made the fixtures are set in stone (apart from in exceptional circumstances)

However, Netball Nights has the right to rearrange fixtures that have been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control eg. lighting problems, flooding etc...

4. **If any team withdraws from the league during the course of the season, they shall be liable for payment of all remaining match fees, unless a replacement team can be found, by the team wishing to withdraw. As a team manager, you have signed a contract to “fulfil and pay for all fixtures” – if your team owes money for whatever reason, it will be yourself that is legally responsible for any debt**

YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS

5. If a team wishes to change their manager at any stage of the season, this can only be done by writing to Netball Nights. This request must be dated and accompanied by the signatures of both the former and new managers, along with the confirmation that the new manager will accept responsibility to fulfil and pay for all fixtures as required, and agree to abide by the rules of the competition.
6. If, in the unlikely event one or more umpires are unable to attend for whatever reason, teams will play their matches as normal. One team **MUST** provide an umpire or get a player from another team to umpire. (In this event the player/umpire in question will be paid the normal umpires fee)
7. **Any complaints must be made in writing to Netball nights within 7 days of the incident occurring.**
8. **Team managers** will be invoiced either during, or at the end of the season for any short payments, no shows, withdrawals etc. these invoices will also be subject to VAT.
9. **Netball Nights reserves the right to add interest at 1% per calendar month (12% per annum) for any outstanding debts accrued at the end of the season.**
10. Any team manager or assistant who is in any doubt about the playing or administration rules **MUST** make their views known in writing to Netball Nights within 7 days of receipt of this handbook

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

1. LEAGUE VENUE

VENUE ONE

Outdoor floodlit court at Dixons Trinity Chapeltown, LS7 4AW, the games will be played on the outdoor floodlit court.

2. LEAGUE TABLES

There will be an up to date league table every week for you to view, please visit

www.netballnights.co.uk

3. END OF SEASON PRESENTATION EVENING

The presentation will take place after the League Cup Finals. Please note that Netball Nights reserves the right to withhold any trophies from teams that may have money owing from debt accrued throughout

the season.

4. PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Please note that Netball Nights does not provide any insurance cover for teams to cover for personal injury.

Netball Nights cannot be held responsible for personal injuries and strongly recommends that a team take out their own insurance policies to cover such eventualities. (More details are available from England Netball)

5. CONTACTING NETBALL NIGHTS

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