



## South Yorkshire County Netball Association

### Winter League 2023/24

#### Rules & Regulations

1	Overview
1.1	The South Yorkshire Winter League Competition is a county competition. The competition is organised by South Yorkshire County Netball Association (SYCNA) to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a county winner. The purpose of competition is to provide competition, whilst encouraging participation in netball through an open, fair, progressive, and transparent league structure.
1.2	These regulations set out below outline the Rules and Regulations which govern the operation of the South Yorkshire Winter League.
1.3	These regulations must be followed by all teams, players, officials, spectators, and administrators involved in the management, administration, and operation of the South Yorkshire Winter League.
1.4	<p>All teams will be held responsible for the behaviour, demeanour and actions of their Players, Team Officials, and spectators.</p> <p>Code of Conduct – <a href="https://storage.googleapis.com.doc(live.com)">storage.googleapis.com.doc (live.com)</a></p> <p>All Teams are required to read the above, sign and return to the Competition Organiser</p> <p>England Netball Code of Conduct - <a href="#">England Netball   Codes of Conduct</a></p>
1.5	is the responsibility of all Team Officials, not SYCNA to ensure that all players and relevant parties within the team are fully conversant with these regulations.
2	Competition Structure
2.1	The competition shall be known as the <b>South Yorkshire Winter League Competition</b> .
2.2	<p>The South Yorkshire Winter League Competition shall be made up as follows for the 2023/24 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Championship – 9 Teams</li> <li>- League One – 10 Teams</li> <li>- League Two – 9 Teams</li> <li>- League Three – 8 Teams</li> <li>- League Four – 6 Teams</li> </ul>
2.3	<p>The League will operate as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Championship to League One – will operate a 1 up 1 down system at the end of the season.</li> <li> All over divisions will operate a 2 up 2 down system at the end of the season</li> </ul> <p>In the event of new teams entering / teams withdrawing from the League, the SYCNA may instigate a variation to this rule.</p>




<b>3</b>	<b>Competition Organisation</b>															
3.1	The competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled, and managed by South Yorkshire County Netball Association, which may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to any sub-committee or individual(s) i.e., Working Group.															
3.2	South Yorkshire County Netball Association is responsible for the organisation and management of the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition.															
3.3	The decisions of SYCNA, in respect of these rules and regulations and on any other matter related to the Winter League, which is not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal which is specifically provided for under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations).															
3.4	Prior to the start of the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition, SYCNA shall announce the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Competition Referee and</li> <li>- The person appointed to receive appeals of the decisions of the Competition Referee, as outlined in Section 8</li> </ul>															
3.5	SYCNA may alter the named Competition Referee during the Competition. If a change is made, SYCNA through its best endeavours will notify all teams.															
<b>4</b>	<b>Competition Referees</b>															
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disqualification of any individual Player or Team.</li> <li>• Adjudicating instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute including but not limited to instances of teams predetermining or attempting to predetermine the outcome of a match and/or the competition.</li> <li>• Determining the result and score should any match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance.</li> <li>• Determining any matter not covered specifically within the regulations</li> </ul>
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.
4.4	The competition referee will maintain and be responsible for a confidential competition referee logbook where appropriate.
<b>5</b>	<b>Pre-Competition Management &amp; Administration</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Team Entry and Eligibility</b>
5.1.1	Entry into the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition shall be open to clubs/teams which has membership to England Netball and South Yorkshire County Netball Association and has paid its subscription in this respect.
5.1.2	<p>SYCNA are entitled to charge an entry fee to complete in the South Yorkshire League Competition and this must be fully paid in full within the permitted the scales for a team to participate.</p> <p>For the 2023/24 season there is no Entry fee. However, all teams will be required to pay a £50.00 deposit. This will be returned to teams at the end of the season, minus as deductions for any costs relating to cancelled matches (Umpire and court costs where relevant notice is not provided).</p>
5.1.3	<p>By entering a team in the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition, clubs/teams agree that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitment of participation in the League Competition.</li> <li>• they will fulfil their obligations and responsibilities as set out in these regulations.</li> <li>• they are bound by the competition regulations and</li> <li>• they are bound by all the rules, policies, regulations, and by-laws of SYCNA, including the England Netball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations.</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Player / Team Official Eligibility</b>
5.2.1	<p>In order to participate in the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition all Players and Team Officials (see 6.5 for details of Team officials) must be a member of England Netball and SYCNA as a personal adult/junior member participant, having paid the full membership fee due and received confirmation of their membership in advance of submitting the Team Registration Sheet.</p> <p>Individuals may register on the England Netball Membership System via one of the following routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through membership to a club</li> </ul>

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5.2.2	All players in the South Yorkshire Winter League competition must be aged 14 years and over to participate in the league. Players younger than this are not eligible to play in the South Yorkshire Winter League.
5.2.3	The South Yorkshire Winter League Competition is a competition for female players. Only biological female participants can be included on the team registration sheet as a player.
5.2.4	SYCNA recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidance issued by itself.
5.2.5	The England Netball personal accident insurance 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 hospitalisation) was prolonged as a direct result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications or even early childbirth, then this portion of any claim is not covered.
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Registration of Squads</b>
5.3.1	Participating clubs/teams must complete a Team Registration Sheet fully listing each player and their membership numbers. This needs to be lodged with the competition organiser one (1) week prior to the commencement of the South Yorkshire League Competition.
5.3.2	Teams may only use those Players whose names appear on their Team Registration Sheets held by SYCNA (see Section 4.2 for the penalty breach for this)  Once a player has taken part in ONE game (whether in full or part of) for their registered team, they are unable to play for any other team for the remainder of the 2023/24 Winter League Competition, unless agreed in advance with the Competition Referee (see 5.3.7).
5.3.3	<p><b>Teams may use Pool Players</b> during the Winter League 2023/24 season provided that the following is adhered to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✔ All pool players MUST be a member of England Netball and SYCNA as a personal adult/junior member participant, having paid the full membership fee due and received confirmation of their membership in advance of submitting the Pool Player Registration Sheet.</li> <li>✔ The completed Pool Player registration sheet must be lodged with the competitions group (southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com) by 4.00pm on the day of the match taking place.</li> <li>✔ A pool player MUST not be registered on any club/team Team Registration Sheets participating in the league.</li> </ul> <p><b>A player who is registered as a pool player MUST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✔ Not play more than one game in any evening across all divisions of the league</li> <li>✔ Not pool for more than three (3) teams across the Winter League season.</li> <li>✔ A pool player MAY play up but cannot play down</li> </ul> <p>e.g., if a pool player plays for a team in the Championship this is the only division, they are able to play as a pool player for the Winter League season. e.g., if a pool player plays for a team in League One, then they can play for teams in the Championship and League One as a pool player for the Winter League season.</p>

	<p><b>Where TEAMS use a pool player the following MUST be completed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ensure that a Pool Player is clearly marked on your results Card, this should be done by using the following **</li> <li>✓ No more than two (2) pool players can be used in any one match</li> </ul>
<p><b>The use of a Pool player should be the last resort and is in place to try and support teams/clubs where the alternative is to cancel fixtures</b></p>	
5.3.4	Any player with membership to SYCNA may only play for one club/team within the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition.
5.3.5	<p>Any additions to the Team Registration Sheet, must be lodged with the competitions group (southyorkshirennetball@gmail.com) by 12.00 noon on the day of the match taking place.</p> <p>Your email must state the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Name of Club/team player to be added to</li> <li>✓ Players Full name</li> <li>✓ Players EN Membership number</li> <li>✓ Date of Birth if under 18 years of age</li> </ul>
5.3.6	Each team may declare up to twelve (12) Players prior to the start of each match, these players must be listed on the teams Results Cards.
5.3.7	<p>A player may seek to transfer to another team after the start of the South Yorkshire League Competition if both teams are in agreement.</p> <p>Transfer requests must be made in writing by email to <a href="mailto:southyorkshirennetball@gmail.com">southyorkshirennetball@gmail.com</a> with both clubs/teams copied into correspondence.</p> <p>The request must clearly outline the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Name of the player and their EN membership number</li> <li>✓ Reason(s) the request is being made (e.g. returning from injury)</li> <li>✓ The number of games the player has played in for the existing team</li> <li>✓ Name of the team the player wishes to move to</li> </ul> <p>This will then be considered, and a decision made within 14 days, the player is not eligible to play for the 'new club' until they have been informed of the transfer decision</p>
<p>Responsibility for ensuring that players taking the court meet the eligibility criteria specified rests solely with the relevant club/team. All eligibility checking by the Competition Group / Competition Referee will be undertaken by reviewing submitted results cards and team registration sheets after matches have taken place.</p>	
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Competition Venue</b>
5.4.1	Matches must be played on an indoor court. The court should be made of an adequate playing surface (preferably wooden sprung) and preferably with adequate surrounds. If not sunken posts, the posts should be securely fixed to the floor with post protectors as standard.
5.4.2	All venues should have ancillary facilities, including changing facilities.
5.4.3	Venue Arrangement and Costs

SYCNA are responsible for arranging the venue, teams will pay a match fee, which for the 2023/24 season is £29.00 per team per match.

- Fees can either be paid.
  -  In full at the start of the season
  -  in 2 parts, 50% at the start of the season and 50% in January 2024
  -  in the week leading upto your game (including paying on the day of your fixture)
- Umpires will undertake pre-match checks to ensure the match is safe to play. It is within their jurisdiction not to allow a match to go ahead if not deemed safe to do so. In instances where risks have been identified, an email should be sent to [southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com](mailto:southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com) outlining the reason(s) why the match was not able to go ahead.
- for all 'incidents' on or off the court at a Match an England Netball Accident Report form must be completed, and a copy sent to the SY Competitions Group, which will be stored for insurance purposes.

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5.4.4 Each court will have a home and away designated benches where coaches, team officials and substitutes must sit. An official table area should also be provided where the scorers and timekeepers of both teams must be situated throughout the match.

## 5.5 Accidents

5.5.1 If an accident occurs at any match where a Player, Coach, Match or Technical Official, Spectator or staff member is injured the accident reporting procedure should be followed as detailed on [2.16-Accident-Report-Form.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Completed forms should be sent to [southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com](mailto:southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com) where it will be retained on file in line with EN guidance.

5.5.2 This procedure must be followed for ALL injuries and accidents, regardless of whether or not medical treatment is given.

## 6 Playing & Competition

### 6.1 Competition Scheduling

6.1.1 All matches must be played as per the fixture schedule published by SYCNA and take place on a Tuesday unless otherwise agreed by the Competition Referee.

6.1.2 Each team in the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition will play other as follows.

Division	Season runs from October – June 2024
Championship	Play each other 2 x
League One	Play each other 2 x
League Two	Play each other 2 x
League Three	Play each other 2 x
League Four	Play each other 3 x

	<p>The start time for each match is as detailed in the fixtures schedule and are 6pm / 7pm / 8pm / 9pm.</p> <p>All games should be started within 5 minutes of the allocated start time. The duration of the match should then be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Teams should warm up in the area next to the courts and be ready to take to the court as soon as the courts become available.</p>										
6.1.3	Teams are responsible for arranging their own travel to the central venue. Teams should allow sufficient travelling time to cover any unexpected delays.										
6.1.4	No team may play a match with less than five (5) players, any team with less than five (5) players will automatically concede the game.										
6.1.5	<p>No team may postpone or rearrange a match without the agreement of the Competition Referee. In the event of extreme or unforeseen circumstances (e.g., flash flood, heavy snow falls etc) the team effected by the circumstances must inform SYCNA, their opponents, and the umpires of the situation. SYCNA should be contacted by email to <a href="mailto:southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com">southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com</a> for all these issues. Failure to notify SYCNA, will result in the affected team conceding the match.</p> <p>The primary responsibility for rescheduling such matches shall reside with the Competitions Group, and any dispute over rescheduling shall be determined by the Competition Referee.</p>										
6.1.6	Matches that are postponed in these circumstances must be played on the next available reserve date, unless otherwise agreed by Competition Referee.										
6.1.7	If a match is abandoned for any reason (e.g., serious injury, severe weather), the result of that match will be determined by the Competition Referee, having regard to the score and the time at which play was suspended.										
6.1.8	The team which conceded may be liable for any costs which the non-offending team has incurred, subject to the determination by the Competition Organiser.										
6.1.9	Injuries, illness (including covid-19), pregnancy, England Camps, NPL county play days, school fixtures, non-affiliated netball competitions do not qualify as unforeseen circumstances.										
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Match rules and format</b>										
6.2.1	All matches shall be played in accordance with the World Netball Rules of the Game currently in force at the time of the relevant match, except where specifically stated in these regulations.										
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Match Officials</b>										
6.3.1	Umpires will be appointed to all matches by South Yorkshire Netball Officiating Group.										
6.3.2	Umpires should, as a minimum meet the following criteria.										
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	League Four	Into Officiating Award and actively working towards their C award umpire qualification (MUST have attended a C award course in the last two (2) years and be part of the South Yorkshire Mentoring Programme)	
6.3.3	SYCNA Officiating Group may seek to use matches in the South Yorkshire Winter League for C Award Umpire Testing and Assessments.		
6.3.4	Umpires are expected to conform to a standard of physical fitness, which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game.		
6.3.5	You cannot umpire more than two (2) South Yorkshire Winter League matches in one day.		
6.3.6	<p>In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If another umpire of the appropriate standard is available, then they will umpire the match.</li> <li>• Failing that, the next best qualified umpire should be used.</li> <li>• The competitions group MUST be informed immediately after the match and will determine the validity of the result of the game – email <a href="mailto:southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com">southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:symentoring@gmail.com">symentoring@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p>If the original umpire arrives late and the game has already commenced, the umpire that started the game will continue for the entire duration of the match.</p>		
<b>6.4 Technical Officials</b>			
6.4.1	<p>The Technical Officials are the Scorers and Timekeepers, the scorer(s) and the timekeeper(s) shall constitute the Technical Officials Bench.</p> <p>Scorers/timekeepers are required for all matches. Technical Officials should have a working knowledge of the World Netball Rules currently in force.</p>		
6.4.2	<p>Each team should provide a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• competent scorer (minimum age is 13 years) who is either an umpire, qualified technical official or someone who has a working knowledge of scoring/timekeeping.</li> <li>• timekeeper who should have a working knowledge of scoring/timekeeping, where a team doesn't have a timekeeper, the scorer will take responsibility for the timing of the match.</li> </ul>		
6.4.3	The scorers and timers for each team will sit together and take no part in the game (i.e., coaching or shouting).		
<b>6.5 Team Officials</b>			
6.5.1	Each team may have up to five (5) Team Officials. These will include a Coach, Team Manager and at least one Primary Care Person / First Aider		
6.5.2	<p>A Primary Care Person / First Aider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must be qualified to diagnose and treat injury or illness with first aid as a minimum qualification.</li> <li>○ Is permitted on court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a player or blood issues.</li> </ul>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must advise the umpires if a player is too ill/injured to be removed from the court within the 30 seconds and/or if assistance is required.</li> </ul>
<b>6.6</b>	<b>Match Timings</b>
6.6.1	All matches shall be 48 minutes in duration (four quarters of twelve (12) minutes each).
6.6.2	All matches shall have an interval of four (4) minutes at half time, and intervals of two (2) minutes at quarter and three-quarter time.
6.6.3	<p>Due to the limited time available for matches, the rule relating to injury time is as per the Netball Rules, however time will NOT be held for injury</p> <p>In the event of serious injury and the match is unable to continue a report should be submitted to the Competition Referee who will decide whether the remaining time of the match will be played at a later date.</p> <p>The umpires/scorers should note down the following and submit to <a href="mailto:southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com">southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What quarter the game was in when play was stopped</li> <li>• How long of that quarter was left to play</li> <li>• Reason why play was stopped (type of injury)</li> </ul>
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Kit and Equipment</b>
6.7.1	Teams must carry an alternative set of playing bibs for use where a clash of colours occurs. It is the Team Managers responsibility to identify any potential clash. Where a clash of colours is identified, team captains shall arrange to toss a coin to decide who shall wear their alternative bibs.
6.7.2	Both teams are responsible for providing a suitable match ball which should be given to the Technical Officials before the start of the match. The umpires will decide which ball will be used for the duration of the match.
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
6.8.1	<p>For all matches, teams will be awarded league points as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five (5) points for a win</li> <li>• Three (3) points for a draw</li> <li>• Two (2) points for a loss within 5 goals of the winners score – e.g., 50:46 = 2 points, 50:45 = 1 point</li> <li>• One (1) point for a loss with more than 50% of the winner's score</li> <li>• Zero (0) points for a loss</li> </ul>
6.8.2	<p>South Yorkshire Winter League Competition tables will be compiled based on the points awarded to each team. Where teams are level on points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goal Average</b> shall be used to determine their relative positions.</li> <li>• In the event that Goal Average does not differentiate between the teams, then <b>Goal Difference</b> shall be applied.</li> <li>• In the event that Goal Difference does not differentiate between the teams, then the team will the <b>greatest number of goals scored</b> shall take precedence.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the event that neither Goal Average, Goal Difference or goals scored can differentiate between the teams, <b>the score in the last match played between the teams</b> shall determine the standings, with the winning team taking precedence.</li> </ul> <p>In the event that none of the above differentiate between the teams, the Competition Referee shall determine the means of differentiation.</p> <p>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 calculation of both team's 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 zero and will be ranked the lowest ranked team of those level on points.</p>
<b>6.9</b>	<b>Registration of Results</b>
6.9.1	<p>For all South Yorkshire Winter League Competition matches the Results Card and a score card must be used and completed fully.</p> <p>The Results Card should be fully completed and then checked by the Captains and Scorers, to ensure they agree on the result of the match and that the results card shows the correct final score and name of the winning team.</p>
6.9.2	<p>The TEAM NAMED FIRST is required to send a message with the result of the match via WhatsApp to the relevant Results Group</p> <p>The message should include.  Your team / Your Score - <a href="#">Rockers 22</a>  Opposing team / Their Score – <a href="#">Mermaids – 20</a>  Name of winning team - <a href="#">Rockets</a></p>
6.9.3	<p>Submission of the Results Card is as follows.</p> <p><b>All TEAMS are required to submit a results card relating to the match (template available via the website). This should be sent</b> a photo of the fully completed Results Card to the correct WhatsApp Group</p> <p>The Results Card should be submitted by no later than Tuesday following the match taking place.</p>
6.9.4	<p>A copy of the official Results Card and/or Score Card may be requested by SYCNA from either team if there are any issues relating to the match, please therefore ensure that you retain these should they be requested at a later date.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Competition Complaints Procedure</b>
7.1	<p>All queries and complaints should be directed to the Competition Referee in the first instance, which will be dealt with as follows</p>
7.1.1	<p>During the South Yorkshire Winter League Competition, where the Complaint relates to the playing of a match, the scoring and/or results, the relevant team member or Team Official must:</p> <p>a) Inform their opponents and the umpires of the complaint.</p>

	<p>b) Mark the scoresheet with the words 'under protest'</p> <p>c) Send the marked Scoresheet to the Competition Referee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the match.</p> <p>d) Attach a letter to the scoresheet to explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee</p> <p>The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken</p>
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 Referee's 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 Competition Referee, such complaint will be dealt with under the complaint's procedure of SYCNA.
7.3	Where a Complaint relates to the behaviours of an individual player or team, volunteer of individual attending the competition which could be considered as a disciplinary offence under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations, such complaint will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures set out in England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations and should be referred to the Disciplinary Secretary of the appropriate authority.
<b>8</b>	<b>Appeals against the Competition Referees' Decision</b>
8.1	The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with sections 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 of the Competition Referee has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of a 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 has 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 Organiser within seventy-two (72) hours of the match.
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 extenuating circumstances. The Competition Appeals Committee (CAC) will decide whether the extenuating circumstances warrant the cheque being returned.
8.4	The Competition Organiser will establish a CAC which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected to 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 that 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 the CAC will have the secretion 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 discretion to publish the decision through whatever means it considers appropriate.
8.9	The CAC shall have the delegated power of SYCNA to make all decisions and impose and enforce any penalties and sanctions (but not limited to, reprimands, the deduction of points, fines, suspensions, and exclusion from the competition) relating to the appeal. There is no further right of appeal on the 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, as far as such waiver may be validly made.
8.12	The seat of arbitration shall be England, the language shall be English and the governing law of the regulation and these proceedings under Section 8 shall be English Law.
8.13	If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for by this section 8, 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
8.14	In order to adhere to the timescales, set out in this Section 8, all communications will take place via electronic mail to the contact held on South Yorkshire's administration for the Competition (as detailed on the Entry Form). It is the participating clubs/team's responsibility to ensure that these contact details are kept upto date.
<b>9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
9.1	SYCNA 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 SYCNA's liability for any personal loss or injury caused by SYCNA's own negligence, 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 Competition Organiser <a href="mailto:Southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com">Southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com</a>
9.5	It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials.
9.6	SYCNA reserves the right 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.
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