

SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL

WINTER LEAGUE

**ENGLISH INSTITUTE OF SPORT,
SHEFFIELD**

LEAGUE HANDBOOK

2020/21



USEFUL INFORMATION

Venue: English Institute of Sport, Sheffield, S9 5DA

Dates:

October	5 / 12 / 19 / 26
November	2 / 9 / 16 / 30
December	7 / 14
January	11 / 18 / 25
February	1 / 8 / 22
March	1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29
April	26
May	3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31
June	7 / 14
Reserve Dates	21 / 28

Competition Referee:

TBC

General Queries

Relating to the Winter League – Southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com

League Coordinator:

Rachael Radford – rachaelradford36@gmail.com

Umpire Coordinator:

Anna Mitchell – southyorkshireofficiating@gmail.com

Results and Results Card:

Following the fixture taking place, teams send their results to the WhatsApp group by no later than 9.00am on the Tuesday following the fixture

You should send a photo of your results card with the following typed into your message

- ✓ Team A v Team B.
- ✓ Team A score v Team B score.
- ✓ Team X winner

If you do not have access to WhatsApp then please email your completed results card to southyorkshireresults@gmail.com

Umpire Information:

Umpires will be allocated to all fixtures by South Yorkshire Netball following clubs / teams nominating umpires via their league entry

Umpires, will either

- ✓ Minimum of C award Umpire and holds an individual membership to England Netball for the 2021/22 season
- ✓ Individuals who are actively working towards their C assessment (**Must** have attended on a C award course within the last two (2) years) and/or part of the South Yorkshire County Netball Association Umpire mentoring programme
- ✓ The Officiating working group may use fixtures throughout the season for Umpire assessments. Where fixtures are used teams will be notified in advance.

Umpires across all divisions must not umpire more than 2 games in anyone evening

Changes/amendments to Team Registration sheets:

Updates to be sent to the following email address – southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com

Please note the email should provide the following information

Name	Affiliation Number	Confirmation Affiliation has been paid
Josie Smith	432674	Yes – 31 August 2021
Sally Turner	567432	Yes – 25 November 2021

There is no requirement to update and resubmit your Team Registration sheets

Keep up to date with Netball in South Yorkshire:

Website: www.southyorkshirenetball.co.uk

Facebook Group: South Yorkshire Netball

Facebook Page: South Yorkshire County Netball Association

Twitter: @SYnetball

REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of the named contact person to ensure that all players, coaches, officials and volunteers are conversant with the following regulations:

1.0	Playing Qualifications and Eligibility
1.1	Membership – to qualify for inclusion in the South Yorkshire County Indoor League (Winter league) a player must be a registered member to the South Yorkshire County Netball Association through their club.
1.2	All registered members must have paid their membership (previously known as affiliation) to England Netball and the appropriate levy to South Yorkshire County Netball Association.
1.3	All players must have their affiliation logged through the England Netball affiliation system (ENgage) by no later than 4 October 2021. Any players joining a team after this date must be affiliated prior to participating in the league.
1.4	Players 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 County Adult league).
1.5	<p>South Yorkshire County Netball 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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
2:	Registration of Squad Members
2.1	Team registration sheets for each participating team must be completed fully ; these must be completed and forwarded to the league coordinator by 4 October 2021.
2.2	Teams may only play those whose name appears on the team sheet held by the league co-

	<p>ordinator.</p> <p>2.2.1 Once a player has participated in one game (whether in full or part of) for their registered team, they are unable to transfer/ play for any other team for the remainder of the Winter League, unless agreed in advance with the Competition Referee.</p> <p>2.2.2 Where making a request for a player to 'move' clubs then a written request should be submitted to the competition referee outline the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Name of the player and affiliation number) ➤ Reason the request is being made (e.g. returning from injury) ➤ The number of games the player has played in for the existing club/team ➤ Name of the club/team making the request <p>Once the written request is received this will be considered and the outcome will be confirmed in writing (via email), this may take up to 28 days, however every effort will be made to provide a response within 14 days.</p> <p>Should the move be approved then the player will be classed as playing for the new club and will not be able to return back to their 'first' club/team nor submit a further request within the same Winter League season</p>
2.3	<p>Any additional team players should be registered, and full details given to the league coordinator prior to the start of the game they are to participate in (this could be via text, email or writing).</p> <p>The use of a non-registered player (as detailed on team registration sheet, held by the league coordinator) will result in a deduction of 2 points for each of the games the non-registered player participates in.</p>
2.4	<p>Use of Pool Players</p> <p>Pool players may be used in the league, however, to play a pool player the following MUST be adhered to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All pool players MUST be in receipt of individual EN membership for the 2021/22. ✓ All pool players must have paid their membership to England Netball and the appropriate levy to South Yorkshire County Netball Association prior to participating in the league. ✓ Be registered as a pool player with the league coordinator – details to be held

	<p>include – ✓ Name ✓ EN membership number (these details will be shown on the website for clubs/teams to see players and the divisions they are eligible to play)</p> <p>As a pool player once you have played for the same team on 3 occasions you will be deemed to be a member of that team and registered to that team for the remainder of the season and no longer classed as a pool player</p>
2.5	<p>As a pool player you must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not be registered on a Team registration sheet to any team participating in the Winter League ➤ Not play more than two games in any evening across all division of the Winter League ➤ NOT 'pool' for more than 3 teams across the Winter League Season
2.6	<p>As a pool player you are eligible to play up but not play down</p> <p>Example: if a pool player plays for a team in the Championship this is the only division, they will be able to play as a pool player for the season</p> <p>Example: if a pool player plays for a team in Division 1 then they can play in division 1 and Championship as a pool player, provided they follow the rules detailed above.</p>
2.7	<p>As a team using a pool player, you must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure that a Pool Player is clearly marked on your Results Card, this should be done using the ** ➤ No more than two (2) pool players can be used in anyone fixture. <p>Please note: Failure to follow the rules and regulations regarding the use of a pool player will result in the team being deducted 2 points for each pool player and game they participate in.</p> <p>The use of a pool player should be the last resort and is in place to try to support teams where the alternative is to cancel fixtures</p>
3.	Membership of Squad Members
3.1	All players and umpires who participate in the winter league must be in receipt of the relevant membership to South Yorkshire County Netball Association prior to them

	participating in the league.
3.2	<p>All players and umpires must have paid their membership fee to England Netball and the appropriate Levy to South Yorkshire County Netball Association prior to participating in the league; Membership is on line and through England Netball's ENGage system – more information is available on the South Yorkshire and England Netball websites</p> <p>3.2.2 Any additional team players must be in receipt of membership and full details given to the League Co-ordinator prior to the start of the game they are to participate in – this should be via email to southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com</p> <p>Please state on the email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Name of new player ➤ Membership Number <p style="text-align: center;">Please do not send through an updated team registration sheet.</p> <p>The use of a player who is not a member (to both England Netball & South Yorkshire County Netball Association) will result in a deduction of 3 point per game the non-affiliated player participates in.</p>
4	Cancellation of Fixtures
4.1	Failure to play fixtures on the allocated date and time could result in the team(s) losing their deposit and/or been charged the cost of the court. Teams may also be charged the cost of the opponents/umpire's travel expenses if fixtures are not cancelled with enough notice (playing at 7pm – game not cancelled until 6.00pm)
4.2	<p>Should a team cancel a game; the non-offending team will be awarded 5 points for the match and a score of 25:0</p> <p>The team who cancels the game will be deducted 3 points</p>
4.3	<p><u>Any team cancelling a game will be required to provide BOTH scorers for the allocated umpiring match (as per scorer guidelines).</u></p> <p>Failure to provide a scorer at your allocated game could result in teams losing their deposit and/or been charged a fee to the person who steps in.</p>
4.4	It is the responsibility of the team cancelling the game to notify the opposing team and umpires as far in advance as possible (Text messages, phone call, email, WhatsApp, Social Media should be used as a means to inform all relevant individuals as quickly and early as possible)

4.5	Should a team cancel two games or more then their deposit will not be returned to them at the end of the season. Where a team cancels more than two games in the same season, consideration will be given by the Competition working group as to whether the club/team will be permitted entry to the league for the following season
5	Fixture Arrangements
5.1	All fixtures are to be played at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield on Tuesday (unless otherwise agreed with SYCNA and the teams directly involved). All matches will be played indoors
5.2	Playing times are allocated and will commence at; 6pm, 7pm, 8pm or 9pm – as per fixture schedule 5.2.1 All games should be started within 5 minutes of the allocated start time. The duration of the fixture will then be adjusted accordingly. 5.2.2 No game should start after 5 minutes of the allocated start time; the team on court ready to play will be awarded the point. Any game played after this will be done so as a friendly.
6	Match Regulations
6.1	All matches shall be played to the current INF Netball Rules, 2020
6.2	All matches shall be of 48minutes duration (4 x 12minutes). 6.2.2 The following intervals should be followed ❖ 2minutes at quarter time ❖ 4minutes at half time
7	Umpires
7.1	Umpires will be appointed to all fixtures by South Yorkshire Netball
7.2	Umpires, will either ✓ Minimum of C Award Umpire and holds an individual affiliation to England Netball for the 2021/22 season ✓ Individuals who are actively working towards their C assessment (Must have

	<p>attended on a C award course within the last two (2) years) and/or part of the South Yorkshire County Netball Association Umpire mentoring programme</p> <p>Umpires across all divisions must not umpire more than 2 games in anyone evening</p>
7.3	Umpires who officiate in the league are expected to conform to a standard of physical fitness, which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game(s). If age, injury, illness or pregnancy is likely to affect the umpire's movement and positioning to the detriment of the game, she / he is required to withdraw from officiating.
7.4	The Officiating working Group may for the purpose of Assessments use some fixtures, notice will be given to teams involved prior to the fixture-taking place.
8	Scorers / Timekeeper
8.1	It is the responsibility of each Team to provide a competent Scorer and timekeeper. This person can be an Umpire, Technical Official or a person with working knowledge of scoring.
8.2	The two (2) Scorers and two (2) timekeepers from the Teams shall constitute the Technical Officials. Where a team does not have a timekeeper, the scorer will undertake this role.
8.3	Teams can use either the running scorecard or score card to score the game.
8.4	To reduce the number of mixing of players/officials for the 2021/22 season only, teams will be asked to score their own games, if required this can include a player from the team.
9	Injury
9.1	<p>The rule relating to injury time is as detailed in the INF Netball Rules, 2020</p> <p>Due to the court bookings, time will not be held for injury, however the Technical Officers (Scorer / Timekeeper) will notify the umpires when 30 seconds has been taken</p>
9.2	Any changes by either team MUST be made within 30 seconds
9.3	<p>In the event of serious injury and the game is unable to continue, a report should be submitted to the Competition Referee who will then decide whether the remaining time of the fixture will be played at a later date.</p> <p>8.3.1 The umpires/scorers should note down the following on the Results card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What quarter the game was in ○ How long of that quarter was left to play

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reason why play was stopped (type of injury).
10	Completing the Results Cards
10.1	<p>Each team must complete a results card and posts in the relevant WhatsApp group for your division, All TEAMS for the 2021/22 season will need to submit a results card.</p> <p>Player full names should be detailed on the results card e.g. Rachael Radford or R Radford.</p>
11	Results
11.1	<p>Points will be awarded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 - points for a win 3 - points for a draw 2 - points for a losing team scoring within 5 goals of the winners score 1 - point for a losing team scoring more than half the winners score
11.2	<p>A Winter League table will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each team. Where two teams are level on points at the end of the league:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 that gained most points <p>In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, then a playoff shall be used between the teams to determine placings.</p> <p>Note: Where one of the teams has its goal average, goal difference or total number of goals scored affected by cancellations, then all goals scored by and against defaulting team(s) in all fixtures shall be omitted from the calculations of both teams level on points. Except where one of the team's level on points is the offending team, at which point they</p>

	<p>assume a goal average of 0 and will be the lowest ranked team of those level on points.</p> <p>For example, in the event that one team received 5 points for a cancelled fixture, then the goals scored by and against both teams level on points, in all games against the offending team, will not be included when its goal average, goal difference or total number of goals is calculated</p>
11.3	<p>The league will operate a</p> <p>Championship – Division 1 will operate a 1 up 1 down system at the end of the season</p> <p>All other Divisions will operate a 2 up 2 down system at the end of the season.</p> <p>In the event of new team entering / teams withdrawing from the league South Yorkshire Management Board may instigate a variation to this rule.</p>
11.4	<p>At the end of the season, The South Yorkshire Competition Working Group in conjunction with the County Management Board will determine which team/club will be nominated to attend Regional Playoff's.</p> <p>This will be communicated to teams at the end of the Winter League season, when regulations for regional playoffs are known from the region.</p>
12.0	Competition Referee*:
12.1	A Competition Referee(s) will be appointed by the South Yorkshire Competition Working Group for the South Yorkshire Winter League.
12.2	<p>The Competition Referee(s) will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising throughout the Competition including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary; • determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction (including disqualification of any individual, Player or Team) • their total (Failure to play is defined as not playing in a game, without prior consent from NLMB and with the opposition and officials expecting that the game would be played) ** The offending team may be liable to pay any costs which the non-offending team and match officials have incurred. • Failure to play on more than one occasion (e.g. failure to play in 2 league fixtures) may result in expulsion from the League.

12.3	<p>Teams who are repeatedly in breach of any Regulation may have further action/penalties imposed to those above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • urgent matters that impact on the delivery of the competition not covered by the Regulations: • Maintaining and being responsible for a confidential Competition Referees Log Book (if required) • Determine the score should any match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance • Any matter not covered specifically by the Regulations
12.4	<p>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 will lie with the Competition Referee</p>
13.0	Competition and Complaints Procedure
13.1	<p>All queries and complaints (a Complaint) should be directed to the Competition Referee in the first instance which will be dealt with as follows:</p> <p>13.1.1 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Inform their opponents and the Umpires of their complaint; b) Mark the results card with the words "Under Protest"; c) Send the marked results card to the Competition Referee within 72 hours of the match; d) Attach a letter to the results card to explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee; <p>The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.</p>
13.2	<p>The Competition Referee will acknowledge receipt of the query or complaint and make a decision on the matter (where possible) within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the query or complaint. The Competition Referees decision in relation to decisions taken under clause 13.1.1 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint the right have to</p>

	appeal the decision under Section 14 below.
13.3	Where the Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by the SYCNA such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of the regional association.
13.4	Where the Complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual Player or Team participating, volunteering or 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
14	Appeal of Competition Referees Decision
14.1	<p>The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with section 13.1 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">14.1.1 If the decision has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition; AND</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">14.1.2 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.</p> <p>These are the only grounds of appeal and any appeal must be submitted in accordance with the appeals process set out below:</p>
14.2	An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the Team Manager of the appealing Team to the Competition Referee or its nominee within 72 hours of receiving the decision, who will refer it to the South Yorkshire County Management Board (SYCMB)
14.3	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.
14.4	SYCMB 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.
14.5	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 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.
14.6	All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The Chair of the CAC will have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal

14.7	The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within 72 hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
14.8	The CAC will notify all the parties that made submissions and presented evidence of its decision and any penalties and sanctions imposed within 24 hours of it reaching its determination. The CAC shall have the discretion to publish the decision through whatever media it considers appropriate.
14.9	The CAC shall have the delegated power of SYCMB 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 from the Competition) relating to the appeal.
14.10	The decisions of the CAC shall be considered to be the decisions of SYCMB and shall be final and binding on all participants in the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt there shall be no further right of appeal under England Netball's Disciplinary Manual or otherwise.
14.11	The procedures 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.
14.12	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.
14.13	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 11 shall be English Law
14.14	If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than permitted 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 the 72 hours stated in this section. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties
15.0	Miscellaneous
15.1	It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials, which shall also be made available to the match officials on request. 15.1.1 In the event of any accident/incident, please complete an accident/incident report form (available from the website) and return to southyorkshirenetball@gmail.com
15.2	Any team wishing to video/photograph a SYCNA (Tuesday Night) League match ensure that the opposing side, team officials and match agree, where agreement is not reached that this should not take place.

	A match official/team official who wishes to video record or photograph a SYCNA league game must also go through the same procedure.
15.3	England Netball (including the South Yorkshire league) 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 (including South Yorkshire County) liability for any personal loss or injury caused by England Netball's (including the South Yorkshire league) own negligence, the negligence of its employees, or for fraud.
15.4	All participants acknowledge that participating in the sport of netball involves a risk of personal injury and by taking part in the South Yorkshire League whether as a player, team member, team official, other official or spectator, each participant does so at their own risk.
15.5	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.
15.6	These Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law
15.6	Any questions regarding these Regulations can be addressed to the SYCMB
15.7	The SYCMB may review and amend these regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Yorkshire Netball amends the Regional League Regulations. • Following changes communicated by England Netball. • At the discretion of the SYCMB
15.8	Any changes will be communicated to the teams by the most available communication channel(s); including email, Website and Social Media
15.9	The SYMB will adjudicate on all matters not covered by the regulations



Rules Directives

<p>Gloves</p>	<p>No form of glove may be worn when playing netball. If for medical reasons gloves are required, then on production of an appropriate medical certificate gloves to be worn.</p> <p>These players are then to be advised to have personal liability insurance.</p> <p>Umpires are reminded that they still have to be satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players.</p> <p>Gloves should be plain, soft leather type, seamless or with internal seams.</p>
<p>Jewellery – Studs and Piercings</p>	<p>Umpires have a duty to ensure in the normal way that all their pre-match duties are adhered to. This includes the checking of jewellery and nails etc.</p> <p>Umpires should not however be asking players to physically show that they have no adornments as it is hoped that all players would respect that the umpire is dealing with their pre-match duties as an umpire according to the rules.</p> <p>However, if during a match a player is found to still have an item of jewellery on after having been asked to remove 'all jewellery' then again, the umpire will deal with this by asking for it to be removed.</p> <p>If the player should refuse, then she would be asked to leave the court and not continue the game until it was removed.</p> <p>Rings - NO item of jewellery except a wedding ring, and / or medical alert bracelet shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be taped (as detailed in the Rules of Netball, 2020 edition).</p>
<p>Leg Braces</p>	<p>Players wearing leg braces to protect injury or surgery and who are prepared to take the risk of playing, may take the Court provided the brace is covered adequately thus presenting no obvious hazard to other players. Such players are advised to have personal liability.</p> <p>Umpires should note that it is their responsibility to check that the covering, usually in the form of soft crepe bandage-type material or thick layers of tape, is secure enough to prevent any metal or hard plastic surfaces causing injury to other players should a collision occur.</p> <p>Umpires have no responsibility in respect of a player's decision to play while wearing a leg brace, unless the covering is inadequate.</p>

Medic Alert Bracelet	NO item of jewellery except a wedding ring, and / or medical alert bracelet, shall be worn. If either or both are worn, each shall be taped.
Please also refer to England Netball Website – www.EnglandNetball.co.uk	