

South Yorkshire County Netball Association

Summer League League Handbook 2024

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REGULATIONS

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

1.0	Playing Qualifications and Eligibility
1.1	Membership – to qualify for inclusion in the South Yorkshire County Summer League a player must be a registered member to the South Yorkshire County Netball Association.
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 membership system (ENgage) prior to taking to court. Any players joining a team after this date must hold full membership (and must be paid) 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 Senior 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 no later than 9 July 2024.
2.2	<p>Teams may only play those whose name appears on the team sheet held by the league coordinator.</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 League, unless agreed in advance with the Competition</p>

	<p>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 14 days, however every effort will be made to provide a response within 7 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 to their ‘first’ club/team nor submit a further request within the same Summer League season</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<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><i>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 per game the non-registered player participates in.</i></p>
<p>2.4</p>	<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 membership for the 2023/24 ➤ 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. ➤ Confirmed with the league coordinator before they take to court that a pool player will be included in the squad – this can be via WhatsApp (to the summer league group) or email to southyorkshirecopetition@gmail.com <p>You should include the following – Individuals Name / Membership Number / Club they are playing for.</p> <p>As a pool player once you have played for the same team on 2 occasions, they will be deemed to be a member of that team and registered to that team for the remainder of the league 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 League. ➤ Not play more than one games in any evening across all divisions.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NOT 'pool' for more than 2 teams across the League season
2.6	<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 any one fixtures. <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.	<p>Affiliation of Squad Members</p>
3.1	<p>All players and umpires who participate in the league must be in receipt of the relevant membership to South Yorkshire County Netball Association prior to them participating in the league.</p>
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 online 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 style="padding-left: 40px;">Please state on the email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Name of new player ➤ Membership Number <p><i>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.</i></p>
4	<p>Cancellation of Fixtures</p>

4.1	<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>
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><i>The team who cancels the game will be deducted 3 points</i></p>
4.3	<p>It is the responsibility of the team cancelling the game to notify the opposing team and umpires as far in advance as possible (WhatsApp, Text messages, phone call, email, social media should be used as a means to inform all relevant individuals as quickly and early as possible)</p> <p>Notification should also be sent to the league results secretary, via WhatsApp group or text – THIS IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.</p>
4.4	<p>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</p>
5	Fixture Arrangements
5.1	<p>All fixtures are to be played at English Institute of Sport or Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield, on Tuesday (unless otherwise agreed with SYCNA and the teams directly involved).</p> <p>All matches will be played indoors</p>
5.2	<p>Playing times are allocated and will commence at; 7pm, 8pm – as per fixture schedule.</p> <p>5.2.1 All games should be started within 10 minutes of the allocated start time. The duration of the fixture will then be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>5.2.2 No game should start after 10 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.</p>
6	Match Regulations
6.1	All matches shall be played to the current INF Netball Rules, 2020
6.2	<p>All matches shall be of 48minutes duration (4 x 12 minutes).</p> <p>6.2.2 The following intervals should be followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 2minutes at quarter time ❖ 4minutes at half time

	Where matches start late then times will need to be adjusted accordingly.
7	Umpires
7.1	Teams are responsible for providing their open umpires, umpires will umpire the teams allocated game as per details on the Entry Form.
7.2	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.
8	Scorers / Timekeeper
8.1	It is the responsibility of each Team to provide a competent Scorer/timekeeper (They should be over 13 years of age). 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	Teams will be asked to score their own games, if required this can include a player from the team.
9	Injury
9.1	The rule relating to injury time is as detailed in the INF Netball Rules, 2020 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
9.2	Any changes by either team MUST be made within 30 seconds,
9.3	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. 8.3.1 The umpires/scorers should note down the following on the Results card. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What quarter the game was in ○ How long of that quarter was left to play. ○ Reason why play was stopped (type of injury).
10	Completing the Results Cards
10.1	Each team must complete a results card, a photo should be taken and submitted via the appropriate WhatsApp group.
	Teams are required to keep a copy of their results card should it be needed at any stage during the season.
10.2	ALL TEAMS for the 2023/24 season will need to submit a result card. Player full names should be detailed on the results card e.g., Rachael Radford or R

	Radford
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 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><i>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 team's level on points. Except where one of the teams' levels on points is the offending team, at which point they assume a goal average of 0 and will be the lowest ranked team of those level on points.</i></p> <p><i>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</i></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 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) • The use of an unaffiliated player will result in a deduction of 3 league points, the result of the fixture will still stand. • The use of an unregistered player or a player who is underage without written permission to play in this league (as per age banding guidelines) being passed to the league coordinator before participation, will result in a deduction of 2 league points, the result of the fixture will still stand. • Failure to follow the rules and regulations regarding the use of a pool player will result in the team being deducted 3 points. • In the event that a team fails to play the non-offending team will be awarded 5 points for the match and the offending team will have 3 points deducted from 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 Logbook (if required) • Determine the score should any match not be concluded due to any unforeseen
	<p>circumstance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any matter not covered specifically by the Regulations

12.4	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
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.</p> <p>The Competition Referee's decision in relation to decisions taken under clause 13.1.1 is binding apart from where parties have the right to appeal the decision.</p>
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14.1.1 If the decision has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition; AND 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>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. 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 must give the opposing side, team officials and match officials at least 3 clear days' notice prior to the game to allow all parental permissions required under the Duty of Care to be obtained. All permissions must be in written form and signed by all contacts. 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 Competition Working Group may review and amend these regulations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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The Competition Working Group will adjudicate on all matters not covered by the regulations



