

JUNIOR LEAGUE RULES 2018 2019

1. All games to be played to the England Netball official Netball Rules, except where special league rules apply. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that players arrive on court ready to play, i.e. short nails, full kit, no jewellery, hair suitably tied back. The umpire will ask a player to leave the court during play if they find an infringement of this rule.
2. All players participating in the Junior League must be affiliated to England Netball.
3. Players must be affiliated before they play their first match, at whatever stage of the season.
4. A team may have a squad of 12 players maximum.
5. Matches will be centrally timed. All matches will start and end on the umpires whistle.
6. Cancellation. Less than 7 days notice – loss of deposit. Less than 24hours notice - £5 per match conceded as well as loss of deposit.
7. Points will be awarded as follows:-
 - 5 points for a win
 - 3 points for a draw
 - 2 points to a losing team coming within 3 of the opponents score (30-28, not 30-27)
 - 1 point to a losing team if scoring over 50% of the opponents goal (30-16, not 30-15)In the event of a tie on points for the top 2 positions, conceded matches will be examined before goal average determines placings.
8. All teams must be on court ready to play at the time and place stated on the schedule. Captains should toss for centre pass **before** the start of each game and notify the umpires of the result.
9. Teams must use the team bench at the defending end at the start of the game. Do not change ends at half time. The coach, team manager, in addition to the 5 players not on court, will constitute the team bench. The team officials and bench players may not move up and down the side lines or along the goals lines during play. Coaching is only permitted from the team bench.
10. All players in any one team must wear matching kit and regulation bibs marked back and front. Each team must have available a spare set of bibs in an alternative colour. In the event of similarity of colours the captains will toss to decide which team changes its bibs.
11. Match balls will be provided.
12. No team may start a game if they arrive late on court or with less than 5 players. In such cases, the team present, on time, will be awarded 5 points and no goals. Late players cannot come onto court until a goal has been scored into a vacant position and with the permission of the umpire. Positions may be changed at quarter/half time.
13. Play may be stopped if the Umpire deems it necessary but, **ONLY** injured or ill players may be substituted during a game owing to the short games. No other changes can be made at this time by either side. No extra time will be allowed for stoppages due to accident or illness. During the interval substitutions/changes may be made by both teams provided that they take place immediately.
14. Each team must provide an umpire. As far as is possible, umpires will not umpire their own team. Failure to provide an umpire will result in £20 fine per age group scheduled and not covered on that day.
15. Each team must provide a scorer. Scorers from each team must sit together and hand in the card to the recorder at the end of the match. Scoring cannot take place from the team bench.
16. For the Junior League any one player may play for one club only. Team age groups are U12, U14, U16. Players must be under 12, under 14 or under 16 on 1st September 2018. Players can only play for one team on the day. Players can play up twice, but not down. If you wish to change a team/club please consult the league co-ordinator. Club changes need to be made prior to 1st January 2019 to still be eligible to play for the rest of the season.
17. Lower age limit – a player may play in the junior league **after** their 10th birthday. Talented players may be the exception to this rule, only with **prior** agreement of the league co-ordinator.
18. It is the responsibility of the club to bring a first aid kit and to attend to their players' injury needs.
19. The Junior League Co-ordinator can over-rule on any regulations where problems or disputes occur.
20. Clubs are responsible for their staff, players and spectators at all times until they leave the premises. Please ensure that everyone has read and signed the relevant England Netball Codes of conduct and that you have signed copies on file.
21. Failure to keep to the rules or spirit of the rules will result in a loss of deposit and a possible fine.

Any questions regarding the rules, please contact Melissa Wearne.