



SUMMER LEAGUE RULES - 2022

Membership to England Netball

All players, coaches and umpires must be a member of England Netball (EN).

Registration to ADNL

Teams and Players must be registered to ADNL via Engage. To be eligible to play in the summer league, Players must have been a member of an ADNL Team in the 2021/22 Season.

Rules Relating to Players

Miscellaneous

All players must be 16 years of age or older. An exception may be made at the discretion of the Committee if a player aged 14 or 15 and is currently on the England Performance Pathway.

Requests for consideration by the Committee must be sent via email from the Club Secretary to the League Secretary adnl@live.co.uk.

Players

Teams are free to use ADNL Pool Players or borrow players from other ADNL Teams. This can be arranged in advance or on the match night.

Rules Relating to Game Officials

Rota Duty

The responsibilities of the team members on Rota Duty can be found in the Match Procedures document. Teams are required to carry out their FULL ROTA DUTY, including completing the League's online Matters Arising form by 5pm on Thursday following the Wednesday match.

Scorers

All teams in each division must supply a scorer. The responsibilities of the Scorers can be found in the Match Procedures document. Both scorers should enter the scores into the online form and upload a photo of their score card by 5pm Thursday at the latest.

Umpiring

All teams in each division must supply an appropriately qualified umpire; the minimum umpiring requirement is as follows:

Div 1: EN C award.

Div 2: EN Into Officiating award and actively working towards the EN C award.

Div 3: Working towards an EN Into Officiating award.

An umpire can be replaced once on court in the event of illness/injury to that umpire. If a team is unable to provide an appropriately qualified umpire (for any reason) but the game is able to go ahead with the help of a substitute umpire, the team failing to provide the umpire must pay £15.00 to the replacement umpire on the match night.

Rules of Play

Miscellaneous

A team cannot take the court with less than 5 registered players.

All teams must provide a suitable match ball and a set of patches or overhead bibs that are a different colour to the regular playing set.

Match timings

The Rota Duty Team will provide the match timings for all 4 courts.

The match timer will only be stopped at quarter time, it will not be stopped for routine injuries or minor incidents.

All matches will consist of 4 quarters - 12 minutes per quarter with 1 minute between quarters.

If there are time constraints at the venue the following will apply - 10 minutes per quarter with 1 minute between quarters.

Points

5 points for the winning team

3 points for a draw for both teams

1 point for the losing team (1 bonus point will be added, if scored up to 5 goals less of the winners score)

Late Arriving Teams

Teams must be on court and ready to play their matches at the appropriate times. If this is not the case, the offending teams will be forced to accept an infringement penalty of one goal per minute awarded to the non-offending team.

Teams awaiting the arrival of a late team must wait on court for the duration of the 1st quarter of the scheduled match.

If both teams do not have enough players ready to start the match, the infringement penalty will apply from when one of the teams has the minimum of 5 players waiting on court. As long as it is before the end of the first quarter.

If the opposing team completely fails to arrive for a league match, the match will be awarded to the team who arrived.

Unforeseen Delays

In the event of an unforeseen delay due to facility unavailability or officials arriving late, there must be the ability for a game of 40 minutes duration – divided into 4 x 10 minute quarters to be played for the match to be valid with 1 minute at each interval.

Cancelling Matches or Non-Arrivals

The team cancelling the match or failing to arrive is required to pay the court fees for the hour.

Teams cancelling league matches are reminded that they MUST supply an UMPIRE & SCORER for the game preceding/following the cancelled game and carry out their ROTA DUTY if they have been scheduled to do so.

If this happens on 2 or more occasions, the offending team will lose their £25 deposit.

The League Committee reserves the right to cancel / postpone any fixture, for example the need to cancel fixtures due to bad weather or venue availability

Substitutions

If a player arrives after the umpire has completed their checks, they must approach the umpire for a nail check before they take the court.

Rolling substitutes:

Players can be substituted during the course of the match without notifying the umpire or calling 'time'. Substitutions must take place when the ball is in the opposite half.

Injured/ill players:

They can be replaced by a substitute. The umpire must be notified by calling 'time' so they can pause the game. The match timing will not be stopped. The injured/ill player must leave the court immediately and the substitution take place.

Where a substitute is not available the injured player's team should continue with a player short, providing they can take to the court with a minimum of 5 players.

If an injured player cannot be removed from the court and by the time she is moved there is not enough time to continue with the original format of the game and within the allotted time slot, the game will be abandoned and awarded to the opposing team.

NB: The ultimate decision about whether an injured player should be moved rests with the player themselves.

Recording Injuries

All injuries (no matter how minor) should be recorded. The injured player's team should, a) inform the Rota Duty Team of the injury after the match, so they can record it on the Matters Arising sheet, b) record the incident in the venue's accident log, c) complete the EN Accident Report Form, which is available on the ADNL website www.adnl.org.uk

Insurance claims cannot be made if an accident is not recorded.

All teams must have their own first aid kit present at each game.

Pregnancy

In accordance with EN's guidance, ADNL recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with written approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by England Netball. Contact should be made with the ADNL Committee via adnl@live.co.uk prior to participating in Netball Activities.

Neither EN, nor ADNL will be held liable for any pregnant individual participating in recognised and authorised activity should the expectant mother suffer a miscarriage or permanent damage to herself and / or unborn child as a result of participating. Further details can be found on EN's website <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/membership/insurance/>