

HAMPSHIRE NETBALL OPEN LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Overview

Hampshire Open Netball League (HNOL) is a league competition organised by Hampshire Netball Association (HNA) to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a county winner, whilst encouraging participation and development in netball through an open, fair, progressive, and transparent league structure.

These regulations set out below outline the Rules and Regulations ('The Regulations') which govern the operation of the HNOL.

The Regulations must be followed by all teams, players, officials, spectators and administrators in the management, administration, and operation of HNOL

1. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1.1 The competition shall be known as Hampshire Netball Open League (HNOL), and the name shall be preceded by the name of such sponsor Hampshire Netball Association (HNA) may direct from time to time.

1.1.1 For the purposes of these rules and regulations and their provision, and unless otherwise determined by HNA, shall be deemed to comprise up to two divisions.

1.2 The competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled and managed by HNA, which may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to a sub-committee.

1.3 The decisions of the HNA or its nominee(s), in respect of these rules and regulations and on any other matter related to the HNOL which is not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties.

1.4 It is the responsibility of all Team Officials to ensure that all players are conversant with the following rules and regulations.

1.5 All clubs will be responsible for the **Overall Conduct** of their players, officials, and spectators.

2. QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Entry to the HNOL shall be through the local league structure for any club which holds membership to England Netball, Netball South and Hampshire Netball Association Teams entering will agree to abide by the rules and regulations, codes of conduct and fulfil any cost commitments.

2.1.1 Entry into the HNOL will be open to winning teams in local leagues entering an entry tournament with the bottom team in division 2.. Where the winning team is unable to take forward this opportunity the team in second place will replace the winning team.

2.1.2 A club may have no more than 2 teams in the HNOL

2.1.3 The league will consist of between 8 and a maximum of 10 teams in any one division.
The Committee reserve the right to amend as necessary

2.2 HNA is entitled to charge an entry fee to the HNOL.

2.2.1. Where a club has junior members (U18s) in order to qualify and participate in the HNOL they shall either be accredited under England Netball's CAPS scheme, or actively working towards the same. (Currently on hold by EN)

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- 2.3 Players must be over 14 at midnight on 31st August/1st September prior to the commencement of the HNOL playing season unless granted age banding permission
- 2.4 HNA recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participant with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by itself. England Netball Personal Accident Insurance cover excludes any loss of 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 result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications and even early childbirth then this portion of any claim is not covered.

3. REGISTRATION OF SQUAD MEMBERS

- 3.1 Squad registration of all players must be completed fully under the team name on ENgage at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of first fixture of the League.
eg Team Name – Hants Open plus players or Team Name - Hants U16 plus players.
This will act as the registration form for players. Any player not linked to a team will be deemed as the team playing an ineligible player
Any team playing a player that does not hold membership will be deemed to have played an unregistered player. All bench officials must be registered on Engage with roles and added to the teams Failure to complete registration -- Sanctions will apply
- 3.2 Clubs who have more than one team participating in the Hampshire League will register all players in both squads but the eight (8) tied players who can only be registered in the highest team registered.
- 3.3 All non-tied players will be able to play for the higher identified HNOL team up to 11 quarters. Once the 12th quarter is played they are tied to the highest team.
- 3.4 Any additions to the squad must be lodged on ENgage and email the league administrator with the names of the players registered by 17.00 hours on the Thursday prior to the fixture weekend they are to play. No additional registrations will be permitted for the last 3 scheduled games of the season.
- 3.5 Once a player has been named on a squad sheet and has played she can transfer but not play for another HNOL team during the course of the current playing season unless the transfer is in the transfer window as per 3.8. In extreme circumstances permission may be granted at the discretion of HNA
- 3.6 Each team must declare up to twelve (12) players prior to the start of each match by completing a HNOL Result Sheet and handing to the score desk at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
- 3.7 Where a club has a player(s) participating in the Regional League they may play in the HNOL until they have played 16 quarters in the regional league. Any player, either 1st or 2nd claim, that has played 12 quarters or more in any regional team in the current season will not be permitted to play in Netball South Regional League Play Offs for Division 3. Players playing in the Premier League or higher are not permitted to play in the HNOL
- 3.8 Transfer Window:- A transfer window will operate for all divisions at the mid-point of the Hampshire leagues season. The exact dates & deadlines will be published by the league administrator(s) prior to the start of the league. Players may request a transfer between Hampshire Clubs under the following conditions
- 3.8.1. Players may ONLY transfer providing the transferring player has taken to the court in less than 12 quarters of the HNOL games.
- 3.8.2. The request will be made using the transfer form <https://forms.gle/rXnwRp1uabZ8L49b9>

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3.8.3. Players must NOT play in the Hampshire HNOL for 2 games prior to transferring and can start playing for the new team following confirmation the transfer is complete from the league administrator.

3.9 HNA will not accept responsibility for notifying Clubs of the current status of any individual player. It is strongly advised that Clubs maintain their own records to ensure compliance and thereby avoid a deduction of points for fielding ineligible or unregistered players.

4. STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE

4.1 The HNOL will be contested by as many teams as shall be determined by HNA committee

4.2 Each team will play the other teams in its division twice, once at home and once away unless played at a central venue.

Where a division consists of less than eight (8) teams they will play once at home and once away during the first half of the season. Fixtures will continue for the remainder of the season with a format to be determined by HNA this could be in the form of one or more tournaments.

4.3 Teams will be awarded league points as follows:

- 5 points for a win
- 3 points for a draw
- 2 points if within 5 goals of the winner's score – i.e., 50-46 = 2 points, 50-45 = 1 point
- 1 point for more than 50 per cent of the winners' score
- 0 points for a loss

4.4 Where two teams are level on points:

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. 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

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 winning team.
- In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, then HNA or its nominee(s), shall determine the means of differentiation.

4.4.1 The team which finishes top of HNOL Division 1 will be eligible to enter the playoffs for promotion to Netball South Regional League Division 3.

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- Should the winner of the HNOL NOT gain promotion to the Netball South Regional League Division 3, through the playoffs, then they will be allowed to return to Division 1 of the HNOL
- If an HNA affiliated team is relegated from Netball South Regional League Division 3, they will be allowed to re-enter the HNOL Division 1 and adjustments to the division will be made as appropriate
- If the winning team decline or are unable to enter Division 3 the second place team will be offered the play off place

4.5 Promotion and Relegation between divisions and leagues:

The bottom two (2) teams in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2
The top two (2) teams in Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1

The bottom team from Division 2 will enter a play-off with local league winners. Failure to gain a place in the league they will return to local league. In the event there are no play offs, the bottom team will retain their place in Division 2

HNA reserve the right to adjust the number of divisions and teams in each division based on the number of entries received. Divisions will be a maximum of 10 teams

The process as to how this will be achieved will be decided by HNA and details will be sent to teams

4.6 If a team withdraws from the league they will be fined

5. FIXTURE ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 Matches will be played on a suitable indoor court. The home team is responsible for arranging the venue, which must be within the boundaries of the county and will be liable for the cost unless a central venue is used.
- 5.2 The home team is responsible for ensuring adequate changing facilities unless central venue is used. Refreshments for both teams and match officials are optional.
- 5.3 **If central venue is NOT used the home team must provide**

The League Administrator with:

- **details of all home fixtures including start time.**

The Opposing team with:

- **details of home fixtures including start time,**
- **travel directions with postcode,**
- **two emergency contact telephone numbers for the day**

This must be sent by email 30 days before the first fixture and reconfirmed 10days prior to a fixture

The away team must confirm receipt of this information

In extenuating circumstances, if a fixture venue and time need to be changed, inform the League Administrator, Opponents and Officials immediately.

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- 5.4 Matches will be played **on Sundays**
- 5.5 The start time of each match must be between **9:30am and 3pm**. All fixtures must start within 30 minutes of the agreed start time
- 5.6 The away team will be responsible for arranging its own travel and costs. Any team that fails to arrive and start the match within 30 minutes after the agreed start time will forfeit the match, and the non-offending team will be awarded 5 points as winners by default. The offending team will be deducted 5 points
- 5.7 No team may postpone or cancel a match without agreement of HNA. Matches which are postponed due to extreme and unforeseen circumstances, e.g. flash flood, heavy snowfall will be played on the reserve date unless agreement has been given by HNA to play on an alternative date prior to the reserve date. A team may request permission by completing the Permission to Postpone Form which will be considered by HNA. <https://forms.gle/Qq91KaBxEE8ZXBXe7>
- 5.8 If a match is postponed or cancelled, it is the responsibility of the offending team to ensure that the League Administrator, the opposition and officials, are informed immediately. The offending team might be liable for any out of pocket expenses incurred by the non-offending team
- 5.9 In the event that a match is abandoned by both umpires for any reason the outcome of the match will be determined by HNA Committee. The score would stand if the final quarter has started

6. MATCH REGULATIONS

- 6.1 All matches shall be played to the World Netball Rules of the Game currently in force in England at the time, except where specific regulations may apply.
- 6.2 All matches shall be of one hour duration (i.e. four quarters of 15 minutes each).
- 6.3 Half time will be 5 minutes duration.
- 6.4 In the event of a clash of colours of bibs, the away team will change. All teams must have a change of colour of bibs available for all fixtures. If central venue, teams will toss to decide which team changes bibs.
- 6.5 It is the responsibility of the home team to provide a Claxton/horn and visible score cards. Both teams if central venue.
- 6.6 Home team to complete a risk assessment prior to the first fixture at any new venue. If central venue both teams of first game of the day are responsible for completing the risk assessment.
- 6.7 Post covers are essential and must be provided at every game.

7. GAME MANAGEMENT

Each team must provide a competent scorer and the home team must provide a timer. If fixtures are at Central Venue both teams need to provide a scorer and timer. This **cannot** be a player named on the scoresheet

Each scorer must be competent and **over the age of 14**

Correct Score sheets and team sheets must be used for all fixtures.

Team sheets to be on the table fully completed 15 minutes before the start of the game

Spectator Benches are permissible in the hall if no viewing gallery is available. These will be situated at the umpires discretion. NO spectators on team benches.

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8. MATCH OFFICIALS

- 8.1 Division 1 - umpires may be allocated where possible and there are sufficient numbers on the AUL for HNOL
All other Divisions - Each team must provide an **Active** Umpire who holds a minimum of **C Award** who are registered with the Umpiring Secretary and are on the AUL for HNOL

For all divisions the umpire cannot be the coach or a player from the list of registered players on ENgage at the start of the season or following any changes during the season.

- 8.2 All teams will contribute to the costs incurred of umpires where we may hold matches at a central venue and where the League is allocating the umpires. This will be added to entry fee.
If not at a central venue it is up to the teams whether the umpire has been allocated or not to agree a fee. The league will not set the fee where it is being agreed with the teams but would suggest payment to cover expenses in the region of £20.
- 8.3 Division 1 will be notified of their umpires, if allocated, 10 days prior to a fixture.
All other divisions, teams must notify the League Administrator the name of their umpire ten (10) days prior to the fixture and thereafter any subsequent changes that occur.
- 8.4 In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied:
- If another active umpire with the correct qualification is available then they will umpire the match. This must not be one of the registered players or team officials for that match (as per rule 7.1). The home team or both teams if at a Central Venue, must inform the League Administrator immediately after the match

During this year the County Officiating Lead and other B award assessors will look to attend matches where possible to give umpires mentoring. Any umpire wishing to obtain mentoring should contact the COL directly. As a result of this it may lead to the AUL being adjusted to reflect the division the umpire can work in.

- 8.5 Each team may have up to five (5) Team Officials. These will include a Qualified Coach and must include a Primary Care Person.

8.5.1 A Primary Care Person:

- Must hold full membership to England Netball, Netball South and Hampshire
- Must be qualified to diagnose and treat injury or illness (for example, doctor or physiotherapist)
- Teams must provide evidence of the relevant qualification for their Primary Care Person along with the Squad Registration Form.
- Must wear identification as specified by Hampshire
- Is permitted on the court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a player or blood issues
- Must advise the umpires if a player is too ill/injured to be removed from the court within 30 seconds and/or if assistance is required

- 8.5.2 Team Officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties. However, Primary Care Person/s must not be Players and it is preferable that they do not hold any other role.

- 8.5.3 The Team Officials and up to five (5) players not on court shall constitute the Team Bench. All bench officials must hold appropriate EN membership

- 8.5.4 The Team Bench will be situated in the half of the court that the Team is defending at the start of the Match, to the right of the netball posts, unless otherwise agreed with the Umpires .

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9. RESULTS

9.1 Registration of Results

- 9.1.1 The completed Result Sheet must be handed to the Technical Officials table 15 minutes prior to the start of the match.
- 9.1.2 Any Cautions /Warnings /Sending off must be recorded on result sheet for players and bench officials sanctions will apply
- 9.1.3 Result of the match must be agreed by both scorers
- 9.1.4 Each team MUST submit their own Results Sheet using the QR Code on the form immediately after the fixture
- 9.1.5 Failure to do so within 24 hrs will result in a sanction
- 9.1.6 Any emails sent to the League Administrators or OTSG regarding fixtures must be detailed in the subject line as: Age Group, Division and Teams (**Eg: Open Div 2 HOME TEAM OPPOSITION**).
- 9.1.7 Each team also submits their match score and umpire names directly to the relevant WhatsApp group by **20.00 hours** on the day of the fixture, after which league tables will be published within 48 hours where possible
- 9.1.8 The official Result Sheet and Running Score Sheet must be retained by the individual team as this may be requested at any time.

10 FIXTURE CANCELLATION

If a team cancels a match without agreement of HNA:

- The team which cancels will incur a 5 point deduction, a fine and will be liable to pay any costs which the non- offending team has incurred, subject to the determination of the HNA.

Fines

- £25 for 1 game, £50 for 2 games and £100 for 3 games
- The non-offending team will be awarded five (5) points and 20-0 score
- Conceding three (3) Matches will result in all games being forfeited and the offending team will take no further part in the HNOL.

11. CONDUCT

All players, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators and parents must adhere to the appropriate EN Codes of Conduct as set out on England Netball, Hampshire Netball and Netball South websites.

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12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISOS

- 12.1 It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials.
- 12.2 HNA accept no liability whatsoever in respect of personal loss or injury which players, officials or spectators may sustain. The England Netball Accident report form must be sent to the League Administrator with the results sheet.
- 12.3 Clothing
 - 12.3.1 No form of glove may be worn when playing netball. If gloves are required for medical reasons, the umpires may allow seamless leather or cotton gloves to be worn on production of an appropriate medical certificate, provided that they are satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players.
 - 12.3.2 If scarves need to be worn because of religious practices or medical reasons, the players and the coach must ensure that the material used for the head covering is soft, without embellishments which might constitute a danger, and with potential flowing/flapping edges held securely around the neck and securely as possible.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY

- 13.1 Any person wishing to take photographs or video recordings **must** get the permission of both Teams and officials
- 13.2 Flash photography is not permitted in the playing arena at any time
- 13.3 Video recording can **ONLY** be used for training purposes

14. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 14.1 Play will be stopped if the Umpire deems it necessary due to the injury or illness of a player.
The Primary Carer will do an initial assessment and should they feel the player that has sustained the injury is critical (e.g., head, neck or back) and that the injured Player should not be moved without the assistance of Medical Staff, the game will be abandoned to protect the rest of the players, in terms of psychological impact as well as physically stopping for a prolonged period of time.
This decision cannot be questioned by either team.
- 14.2 In order to reflect the seriousness of the injury protocol, the following actions should be undertaken:

Immediate Silence and Stillness: The Umpires demand that all bench personnel remain seated and silent. The atmosphere must reflect the seriousness of the injury.
Preventing Interference: The Umpires must be vigilant that no one from the opposition bench attempts to coach, shout, or interfere with the medical staff or the Umpires communication with the captains/officials.
All players and team officials must leave the court area when instructed and await further instructions

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- 14.3 For all accidents or injuries on or off the court at the Competition, where any Player, Team Official, Umpire, Bench Official, Spectator, Volunteer, Staff Member or any other individual connected to the Competition is injured, a Hampshire Netball Accident Report Form must be completed and sent to the League Administrator immediately after game. This procedure should be followed for all injuries and accidents, longer than 30 seconds
- 14.4 Outcome of the fixture will be determined as follows:
- If the game was stopped in the first 3 quarters the match will be rescheduled. The home team will give the opposition 2 dates to play the game. The timeframe for the fixture will be determined by the League Administrator. If this cannot be agreed the League Administrator will set a date
 - If the game was stopped after the 4th quarter has started the result at the time of stoppage will stand.

15 SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media must not be used to insult, belittle or criticise other teams, players, officials or staff of England Netball.

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QUERIES COMPLAINTS and APPEALS

1. Competition Referees

- 1.1. A Competition Referee* will be appointed by the HNA for the Hampshire Open Leagues
- 1.2. The Competition Referee will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising throughout the Competition including, but not limited to:
 - 1.2.1. Altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary.
 - 1.2.2. Determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction (including disqualification of any individual, Player, or Team).
 - 1.2.3. Sanctions will be imposed as per sanction list
 - 1.2.4. 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.
 - 1.2.5. Determine the score should any Match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance.
 - 1.2.6. Any matter not covered specifically within the Regulations.
- 1.3. 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.

2. Competition Complaints Procedure

- 2.1. All queries and complaints (a Complaint) should be directed to the Competition Referee in the first instance, which will be dealt with as follows:
 - 2.1.1. 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:
 - a. Inform their opponents and the Umpires of their complaint
 - b. Mark the Score Card with the words "Under Protest".
 - c. Attach a letter to the Score Card to explain the issue in full
 - d. Send the marked Score Card and letter to the Competition Referee, within seventy two (72) hours of the match
 - e. The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken
 - 2.1.2. The Competition Referee will acknowledge receipt of the query or complaint and decide on the matter within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the query or complaint. The Competition Referees decision in relation to decisions taken under clause 2.1.1 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint have the right to appeal the decision under Section 3 below.
 - 2.1.3. Where a Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by the HNA League, such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of the South Region
- 2.2. Where the Complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual Player or Team participating, volunteering or individual 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.
- 2.3. Complaints cannot be made in relation to a decision made by an umpire in line with the World Netball rules.

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3. Appeal of Competition Referees Decision

3.1. The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with section 2.1 .1 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:

- 3.1.1. If the decision has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition, and:
- 3.1.2. 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.

These are the only grounds of appeal, and any appeal must be submitted in accordance with the appeals process set out below.

- 3.2. An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the team manager of the appealing team to the Competition Referee within 72 hours of receiving the decision, who will refer it to HNA
- 3.3. The appeal shall be accompanied by a payment of £100 via bank transfer 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 payment being returned.
- 3.4. The Disciplinary Secretary will establish a CAC which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected the Competition. One of those individuals will be appointed as the Chair.
- 3.5. 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 the appeal notice is sent from the CAC to submit any evidence or submission that they wish the CAC to consider.
- 3.6. All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The Chair of CAC will have the discretion to determine the process, procedure, and direction of the appeal.
- 3.7. The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
- 3.8. 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 the discretion to publish the decision through whatever means it considers appropriate.
- 3.9. The CAC shall have the delegated power of HNA 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. There is no further right of appeal on this decision.
- 3.10. 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.
- 3.11. 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, insofar as such waiver may be validly made.
- 3.12. 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 3 shall be English Law.

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3.13. If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for by this section, and all parties to the appeal consent, the timetable which an appeal is raised, submissions made, and the decision taken can be shorter than seventy-two (72) hours stated. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties.

* - A Competition Referee should be identified and named prior to the start of the Competition and communicated to all participating teams

* * - An LOC is the organising committee responsible for the management and delivery of the competition

MISCELLANEOUS

England Netball and HNA 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 liability for any personal loss or injury caused by England Netball's own negligence, the negligence of its employees, or for fraud.

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.

These Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.

Any questions regarding these Regulations can be addressed to the relevant League Administrator.

HNA will be entitled 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 document on the HNA website.

Under extenuating circumstances these rules & regulations can be amended. All teams will be notified of the changes and the dates of enforcement.

SANCTIONS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Reg	Breach	£ Fine	Points Deduction	Other
3.1	Playing an ineligible player.		3	Result will stand Points deduction for every occasion player plays
3.1	Playing an unregistered player		3	Result will stand Points deduction for every occasion player plays
3.1	Ineligible Team Official		3	Results will stand
10	Conceding/cancel one game	25	5	Plus any associated costs incurred by opposing team and OTSG
10	Conceding/cancel 2 nd game	50	5	Plus any associated costs incurred by opposing team and OTSG
10	Conceding/cancel more than two games	100	5	Expulsion from the league for the remainder of the season and need to re-enter through appropriate route (e.g., entry tournament or play offs) All results voided
4.6	Withdrawal from the league	100		
7	Failure to provide Officials – First offence	10		
8.5.1	Failure to provide Officials – Second offence	25		

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	Failure to provide Officials – Third offence and more	50	2	Per subsequent incident
9.1	Incomplete Results Sheet – First offence			Reminder of how to complete referring to guidance on website
9.1	Incomplete Results Sheet – Second offence	5		
9.1	Incomplete Results Sheet – Third offence and more	25	2	Per subsequent incident
9.1	Late submission of Results Sheet – First Offence			Advisory note with reminder of timescales and signpost to where more guidance can be found
9.1	Late submission of Results Sheet – Second Offence	25	2	
9.1	Late submission of Results Sheet – Third Offence and more	50	5	Per subsequent incident
11	Instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute			Potential interim suspension and referral to EN under section 5.2.1
11	Teams predetermining, or attempting to predetermine, the outcome of a Match and/or the Competition			Potential interim suspension and referral to EN under section 5.2.1
9.1.2	Players or team bench who receives 4 warnings during a season			One match Ban - may be carried over to next season
9.1.2	Players or team bench who receives 8 warnings during a season			Two match ban – may be carried over to next Season
9.1.2	Players or team bench who receives 10 warnings during a season			Suspension for the remainder of the season or three match ban which may be carried over to the next season – Whichever is the longer
9.1.2	Players or team bench who receives 2 suspensions during a season			Two match ban – may be carried over to next Season
9.1.2	Players or team bench who receives 4 suspensions during a season			Suspension for the remainder of the season or three match ban which can be carried over to the next season (Whichever is the longer). Also, consideration for referral to EN under EN Section 3.1.8
9.1.2	Player, coach or team official ordered off during or after a match – First Offence			Two match ban – may be carried over to next Season
9.1.2	Player, coach or team official ordered off during or after a match – Second Offence			Suspension for the remainder of the season or three match ban which can be carried over to the next season (Whichever is the longer). Also consideration for referral to EN under EN Section 3.1.9

HAMPSHIRE NETBALL OPEN LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

2026/27

Position at end of season		Scenario 1 - No change in teams from Regional League		Scenario 2 - County League winners promoted to Regional 3		Scenario 3 - Regional team relegated and county gains place in regional		Scenario 4 - Regional team relegated and county does not gains place in regional		Scenario 5 - Regional team relegated and county does not gains place in regional	
Div . 1	Div 2	Div. 1	Div 2	Div. 1	Div 2	Div. 1	Div 2	Div. 1	Div 2	Div. 1	Div 2
1	11	1	9	2	10	reg	9	reg	9	reg	9
2	12	2	10	3	13	2	10	1	10	1	10
3	13	3	13	4	14	3	13	2	12	2	12
4	14	4	14	5	15	4	14	3	13	3	13
5	15	5	15	6	16	5	15	4	14	4	14
6	16	6	16	7	17	6	16	5	15	5	15
7	17	7	17	8	18	7	17	6	16	6	16
8	18	8	18	9	19	8	18	7	17	7	17
9	19	11	19	11	20	11	19	8	18	8	18
10	20	12	20	12		12	20	11	19	11	19
		20	PLAY OFFS	20	PLAY OFFS	20	PLAY OFFS	20	no play off unless 2 down	19 and 20	2 teams to play off
			8 LOCAL LEAGUES		8 LOCAL LEAGUES		8 LOCAL LEAGUES		no local teams can enter		8 LOCAL LEAGUES
			1 PLACE		2 PLACES		1 PLACE				1 PLACE