

Junior Development Group (JDG) U12, U14 & U16 Netball League

Rules 2018/2019 Season

These rules are only applicable to teams playing in the JDG U12, U14 & U16 Netball Leagues and are played in conjunction with England Netball Official Rules.

1. Structure & Management of the League

- 1.1 Construction of the League shall be decided by the JDG at the start of each season. Teams will be invited to enter the league at the discretion of the committee.
- 1.2 League positions: Points will be awarded as follows:
 - 6 points for a win
 - 4 points for a draw
 - 3 points if within 5 goals of opponent's score
 - 2 points if within 50% of more of opponent's score
 - 1 point for less than 50% of opponent's score
- 1.3 Any team conceding a match will be deducted 4 points. The non-offending team will be awarded 6 points and the win. The non-offending team will be awarded the average goals scored against the offending team and the offending team will be awarded the average goals for the non-offending team for their goals against.
- 1.4 In the case of a tie in points the winner will be the team with the most wins, followed by the average goal difference if still equal.
- 1.5 Start times: All matches must start within 5 minutes of the agreed time. U12 matches will be 4 x 10 minutes. U14 and U16 matches will be 4 x 15 minutes. Umpires will time interval and injury time. Time allowed between quarter and half time as follows:
 - Quarter time 3 minutes
 - Half time 5 minutesStoppages for injury shall be as laid down in the England Netball rules.
- 1.6 Clubs must pay the specified entry fee of £80 per team to the appropriate League official before the first match of the season.
- 1.7 Scorecards will be given out to the clubs for all fixtures at or before their first match of the season.
- 1.8 Appointment of umpires: The JDG Umpiring Secretary will arrange umpires for most matches for this year's League. Clubs **MUST** have a qualified umpire within their club who

can be called upon to help sustain suitable personnel to assist with umpiring should there be a need.

- 1.9 Fees for Umpires: wherever possible A divisions will have umpires of C award or above. All other divisions will be Pre-Beginner being mentored, Beginner level or above. Umpires will be required to score as well as umpire.

Teams will be responsible for paying umpire expenses. For 2018-2019 season umpire expenses will be:

£15 per match for each umpire: 60-minute duration and £10 per match for each umpire: 40-minute duration.

- 1.10 Procedure for cancelled matches:

If weather conditions render the courts unsuitable to play on, teams will be contacted via the JDG 'WhatsApp' group as soon as practically possible on the day of the fixture.

In the event of such a cancellation by the JDG league, the fixture shall be rearranged on a date determined by the JDG league committee.

- 1.11 Rearranging and Conceding matches:

Any team wishing to rearrange or concede a fixture **MUST** notify the JDG Committee by emailing jdg-committee@googlegroups.com. Games can only be rearranged with the consent of the JDG Committee and the opposition. Otherwise the team wishing to rearrange must concede the game.

Rearranged games must be played as soon as possible after the original fixture date but within 4 weeks of the original date. If the date cannot be agreed within that timescale, the team wishing to rearrange must concede.

Conceded games: Teams should make every effort to play all fixtures. This includes playing with 5 players or playing players from lower age group teams up. In the event of a game being conceded, the conceding team **MUST** notify the JDG league emailing: jdg-committee@googlegroups.com and the opposition **NO LATER THAN 5pm** on the Friday before the fixture date. Any team conceding after this time will be responsible for paying **BOTH** umpires fees directly to the umpires.

Permission to rearrange **WILL NOT** be given due to not having enough players to field a team. Teams with 5 players should take to court.

No team may concede or rearrange more than 2 games per season. The penalty will be disqualification from the League.

- 1.12 Abandoned matches

Matches may be abandoned only by mutual agreement of the umpires. The scores at the time of abandonment will stand, if the time played exceeds 5 minutes into the 3rd quarter of

the match. Where a match is abandoned earlier than 5 minutes into the 3rd quarter of the match, the fixture shall be rearranged as per League rules.

1.13 Structure of the Divisions

Structure of the divisions will be determined at the discretion of the committee prior to the season starting in negotiation with the clubs.

1.14 Selection for Regional Clubs Tournament

This will be decided by a 'Play Off' day and all teams in Division 1 of U16's & U14's will be invited to a tournament before Christmas. Only the winner and runners up will be put forward and the 3rd place team will be entered into a 'wild card' system by the regional tournament organiser should any teams drop out. U16's & U14's playing adult netball at regional league, and top 2 divisions of local leagues to advance their development prospects, can be entered in the 'Play Off' day but **MUST NOT** play in the JDG league.

1.15 All clubs are required to send a club member to attend the JDG AGM, held at the End of Season Tournament.

1.16 Discipline

It will be the responsibility of the JDG Committee to apply disciplinary action, if deemed necessary for actions that may bring the County, League or the game of Netball into disrepute. The JDG committee shall follow the procedures set out in the England Netball Disciplinary regulations dated 2 February 2015 and as amended from time to time.

1.17 Communication

Teams should communicate by email to jdg-committee@googlegroups.com in the first instance. The JDG WhatsApp group is for communication between the clubs and the committee only in exceptional circumstances. All other communication must be done by email.

2. Player & team rules

2.1 All teams playing in the JDG League must be first claim affiliated to Cambridgeshire.

2.2 All players must be affiliated to England Netball before playing. "Affiliation" is defined at Section 3.04 of CCNA Constitution.

2.3 All players must be named to a team and registered with the League committee before playing. Changes to named teams must be advised to the Results Secretary by email to juniorleaguescores@gmail.com before the appropriate game. A player can only be renamed to a lower team once per season. An Additional Player/Change of Team Form should be submitted to the Results Secretary for each change.

- 2.4 A named player may play down in the team immediately below, within their age group, 1 time per season but may not return to her former team for the following 2 League matches. Only one named player may play down in the team immediately below per match.
- 2.5 If a player plays up for 2 full consecutive league games, she will be deemed to be a player of the particular team played for last and may not use 2.4 to play down in any part of the season thereafter. Note – consecutive games relate to the player and not the team.
- 2.6 It is the responsibility of the club to record and keep account of the consecutive playing up rule and the playing down rule. Failure to comply with 2.4 and 2.5 will result in the loss of game points and a further 2-point deduction.
- 2.7 Age ranges:
- U12: School year 6 and 7. All players must be at least 10 years of age and under 12 years of age on 31 August prior to the first match of the season.
- U14: School year 8 and 9. All players must be at least 12 years of age and under 14 years of age on 31 August prior to the first match of the season.
- U16: School year 10 and 11. All players must be at least 14 years of age and under 16 years of age on 31 August prior to the first match of the season.
- 2.8 A player who is not affiliated may play as a guest player once in a season. This must be recorded on the score card as 'GP'.
- 2.9 All players must be listed on the back of the scorecards on match day. There is no need for players to sign, but all players that played any part of the match must be listed on the scorecards.
- 2.10 Teams are responsible for ensuring that the scorecards are filled in correctly:
- All participating players are listed on the card, including substitutes, players playing up or down and guest players, indicating the number of quarters played. Coaches to ensure umpire initials against quarters played.
- All umpires have signed scorecard, stating qualification.
- Scorecard is placed in box provided on match day or an image forwarded to the Results secretary at juniorleaguescores@gmail.com within 3 days of the fixture.
- 2.11 Venues
- Impington: Supporters must spectate from outside the courts. Only coaches and substitutes are allowed court side.
- All venues: Please stand to the right-hand side of the shooting post to allow umpires sufficient room to officiate.
- Please note the toilets at Milton may not be open on every fixture date.