

Stamford and Rutland Junior Netball League

RULES 2022

1. All games shall be played to England Netball Rules/Guidelines. High-5 rulings shall apply to U9 and U11 fixtures. Rotation sheets must be used.

Clubs are asked to remind all players that these rules include:

- No jewellery (except a covered Medi-Alert bracelet);
- No taped earrings;
- No friendship bracelets;
- Nails to be short and smooth;
- If it is cold non fibrous gloves may be worn. Fleece headbands are permitted but hats may not be worn.

High 5 netball is open to both girls and boys. Boys that have played High 5 netball will be permitted to play in U12, U14 and U16 on agreement with the league / tournament organisers.

2. League Rules

2.1 A League Entry Fee shall be paid at the start of every season, with the fee detail on the League Entry Form. This is a non-refundable payment.

2.2 All new team entries will be automatically placed in the lowest division within that age group. However, a new team may request an assessment into a higher division.

3. Venues

3.1 All matches will be played at a League designated venue. The League will be responsible for booking courts.

4. Duration of Matches

4.1 All matches will be centrally timed.

For league matches the following durations will be used:

High-5 matches will be 4 x 6 minutes. The 1st and 3rd intervals shall be 1 minutes with 2 minutes at half time. Umpires are instructed to ensure that all clubs adhere to these times.

Junior Matches will be 4 x 10 minutes. The 1st and 3rd intervals shall be 2 minutes with 3 minutes at half time. Umpires are instructed to ensure that all clubs adhere to these times.

4.2 Persistent lateness should be brought to the attention of the Committee and this will be dealt with accordingly.

4.3 All stoppages for illness/injury or blood on a player will be up to 2 minutes and the player concerned must leave the court. For more serious injuries, umpires may extend the time for the player to leave the court.

Tournament match lengths will be agreed and published by the committee.

5. Playing Qualifications

5.1 The Junior League age groups follow the school calendar, starting on 1st September and

finishing 31st August.

U9 = school years 3 and 4.

U11 = school years 5 and 6.

U13 = school years 7 and 8.

6. Player Registration

6.1 All players must be registered on the team registration form. Additionally, at least 7 players must be registered per team.

6.2 Players may guest up to 3 games before they must be formally registered to a league team.

6.3 The Registration Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the relevant documents within 48 hours.

6.8 A player may only be registered to play in one age group or for one club.

6.9 Final registration date will be communicated in the relevant playing season. Any requests for registration after this date must be addressed to the Committee 24 hours before playing.

6.10 A player may only play for a higher team on 5 occasions. On the 5th occasion she will be

registered for the highest team in that Club that she has played for. She will no longer be allowed to play for any other team in that season. Clubs will be notified by the Registration Secretary when the player has played up on the 4th occasion.

Penalties for Infringements to Registration Rules

In the event of a team playing an unregistered player, the non-offending team will be awarded match points plus the greater of the actual goal difference or 10 goals. In the event of both teams playing unregistered players, the game is declared void with no points or goals being awarded to either team.

8. Umpires

8.1 All teams must provide a suitably qualified umpire for all matches.

8.2 For the season 2019, the umpires shall have the following qualifications:

U13 - Into Officiating Award

For these matches the Fixtures Secretary will allocate the umpires to matches. The match allocation will be published on the relevant Saturday and can be viewed on the League Notice Boards.

U11 - Beginner/Into Officiating Award or above

U9 - Trainee or above Umpire

Clubs are responsible for allocating their own umpires to these matches.

Penalty for non-supply of suitably qualified umpire

Fine £10.00 for offending team

9. Result Cards

9.1 Clubs are responsible for the accurate completion of a result card detailing the following information:

SCORE CARDS MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH UMPIRE AND HANDED IN AFTER EACH MATCH.

SCORES MUST ALSO BE SENT BY THE WINNING TEAM TO:

07545916346

Format of Text:	JLS DATE	EXAMPLE: JLS MAY 17
	AGE CATEGORY	U11
	TEAM 1 SCORE	KITES 21
	TEAM 2 SCORE	HAWKS 20
	NAME AND TEAM OF SUBMITTER	JO BLOGS KITES

At the end of a match the umpires will complete the score and sign the cards to say they are correct.

It is the responsibility of each team to place the results in the Result Box at the venue.

9.2 The Registration and Fixture Secretaries will deem the information written on the result card to be correct. No correspondence will be entered to rectify any mistakes, unless it is to resolve a difference between the score information on both result cards. However, if both umpires agree, in writing, to the Fixture Secretary that a mistake has been made and they confirm what the score should have been then that revised score will be allowed to stand.

9.3 In the event of one team not attending on a match day, the non-offending team (i.e. the team at the designated venue) must complete their result card as above, and instead of the score, insert the words "opposing team did not attend" and post in Result Box.

10. Rearrangements

10.1 No rearrangements allowed except:

- Extreme weather conditions (as decided by a Committee representative after on-site court visit).
- Matters outside League control (e.g. facilities becoming unavailable).

10.2 Fixtures are to be set taking into account any potential clashes including:

Any club that has knowledge of any potential date clashes must inform the Fixtures Secretary no later than 6 weeks prior the start of the season, thereafter no allowance will be made for any date clashes.

Should a team be affected by qualification of a School Team for the National Finals/Regional rounds (two or more players), they should contact the Fixtures Secretary and due consideration may be given for a fixture re-arrangement.

12. Results

12.1 Points will be awarded as follows:

Win 5 Points

Draw 3 Points

Lose 2 points to losing team where 5 or fewer goals separate a team

1 point to a losing team where they score 50% or more of the winning teams' goals

Forfeited games 5 points to non-offending team

12.2 League positions will be decided on points. In the event of a tie on points, goal average (goals for divided by goals against) will apply.

12.3 **Cancelled/forfeited matches**

- Where a team cannot fulfil their fixture they must, in the first instance, inform the Fixtures Secretary and then the relevant opposition Team Manager.

13. Team Withdrawals

13.1 Where a team withdraws from the League all their results will be null and void.

14. Club responsibilities

14.1 Clubs are reminded that they are expected to abide by the England Netball Child Protection Procedures and Policies, Codes of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

14.3 In addition to the League rules, clubs are reminded that they have a responsibility in all matches to:

- ensure that all players fielded are legal as outlined in the league rules.
- supply a match ball (size 5)
- wear clearly marked bibs (and have an alternative set in case of colour clash)
- have available a First Aid Kit

- ensure their players wear suitable footwear
- make sure all players and spectators are familiar with England Netball Rules.
- Cut-off time for contacting teams and Committee Members (including cancellation of games) should be no later than 8.00 pm on the evening prior to the match.

14.4 All spectators should follow the code:

- Respect managers, umpires and players - both your own team and the opposition
- There will be no offensive language, remarks or behaviour
- NO dogs must be brought to any League designated venue
- Adhere to the League's designated venues policy of No Smoking around the courts.
- Litter and lost property, including water bottles, is to be removed by all clubs.

14.5 To aid administration for both Clubs and the Registration Secretary we would recommend that all Clubs register all players at the start of the season.

15. Miscellaneous

15.1 All fines must be settled by the League's AGM.

Penalty for non-payment of Fines

The Committee may consider suspending a Team.

15.2 A breach of any rules not covered by a specific penalty will be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee.

15.3 One named individual representative from each club can be sent to observe at a Committee meeting in a non-voting role

