



YORKSHIRE NETBALL

REGIONAL LEAGUE

HANDBOOK – 2019/20



USEFUL INFORMATION

Venues:

The 2019/20 Regional League will be played across 2 venues:

English Institute of Sport, Sheffield	9 Coleridge Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, S9 5DA
York Sports Village	York Sport Village, Lakeside Way, York, YO10 5FG

Competition Referee:

TBC

Competition Administrator / Results Secretary:

Rachael Radford

Email: YorkshireCompetition@gmail.com

General Queries:

Email: YorkshireCompetition@gmail.com

Competition Complaints:

Email: YNCompetitionComplaints@gmail.com

Results / Paperwork:

The results should be sent through following the fixture taking place by one of the following methods

WhatsApp Group: Regional League 2019/20

Telephone: 07795 257837

Invites will be sent to those detailed on the entry form – if others are to be included then please email YorkshireCompetition@gmail.com to confirm the details

Results cards to be emailed to YorkshireCompetition@gmail.com or posted to:

Debbie Chandley
EIS
9 Coleridge Road
Sheffield
S9 5DA

Please note – it is the responsibility of the team named first to message in the results and also send in the results card

Umpire Fitness Forms (Bleep Test) to be emailed to Yorkshirecompetition@gmail.com or posted to:

Rachael Radford
24 Moonshine Lane
Sheffield
S5 8RD

Changes/amendments to Team Registration sheets:

Updates to be sent to both email addresses detailed below

Debbie – yorksandhumber@englandnetball.co.uk

Rachael: - YorkshireCompetition@gmail.com

Please note the email should provide the following information

Name	Affiliation Number	Confirmation Affiliation has been paid	DOB
Josie Smith	432674	Yes – 31 August 2017	N/A
Sally Turner	567432	Yes – 31 August 2017	1/9/2015 Age Band form attached

Updated and/or amended Team Registration sheets should not be submitted

✓ *Remember to*

Keep up to date with netball in Yorkshire:

Website: www.yorkshirennetball.co.uk

Facebook: Yorkshire Netball

Twitter: @netballyorks

Regional League 2019/20 – Team Names and allocated number

	Team		Team
1	Leeds Athletic	6	Hallam
2	Ripon Rockets	7	Wakefield Wildcats
3	Harrogate Phoenix	8	Sheffield Open
4	Farsley Celtic	9	Reckitts
5	Sheffield Stormers	10	Hi-Tech

Points to Note:

- **Games commence 15 minutes after the allocated start time,**

So if your allocated time is 9.30 – 11.00am – game will commence at 9.45am with the time prior to this (9.30 – 9.45am) allocated to teams to warm up.

- **You cannot be involved in more than two (2) Yorkshire Netball Regional (Adult and Junior) League or Northern League games in one day**

So you can play one (1) (as per regulations) and umpire one (1) game (whether northern or regional)

Or

You can umpire two (2) games (whether both are regional league or one regional and one Northern)

Important Dates for the Diary

Regional League Playoff's	
Northern League Playoff's	
EN Premier League Playoff's	

Rd	Date / Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
1	6 October 2019	EIS, Sheffield		
	10.00 - 11.30am	1 v 10	2 v 9	
	11.30 - 1.00pm	4 v 7	3 v 8	
	1.00 - 2.30pm	5 v 6		
2	27 October 2019	EIS, Sheffield		
	10.00 - 11.30am	10 v 6	7 v 5	
	11.30 - 1.00pm	9 v 3	8 v 4	
	1.00 - 2.30pm	1 v 2		
3	10 November 2019	EIS, Sheffield		
	10.00 - 11.30am	2 v 10	3 v 1	
	11.30 - 1.00pm	5 v 8	4 v 9	
	1.00 - 2.30pm	6 v 7		
4	15 December 2019	EIS, Sheffield		
	10.00 - 11.30am	10 v 7	1 v 4	2 v 3
	11.30 - 1.00pm	8 v 6	9 v 5	
5	5 January 2019	EIS, Sheffield		
	9.00 -10.30am	5 v 1	4 v 2	3 v 10
	10.30 - 1.00pm	6 v 9	7 v 8	Under 14
	1.00 -2.20pm	Under 14	Under 14	Under 14
	2.20 - 3.40pm	Under 14	Under 16	Under 16
	3.40 - 5.00pm	Under 16	Under 16	Under 16
6	19 January 2020	EIS, Sheffield		
	9.00 -10.30am	10 v 8	2 v 5	3 v 4
	10.30 - 1.00pm	9 v 7	1 v 6	Under 14
	1.00 -2.20pm	Under 14	Under 14	Under 14
	2.20 - 3.40pm	Under 14	Under 16	Under 16
	3.40 - 5.00pm	Under 16	Under 16	Under 16
7	2 February 2020	EIS, Sheffield		
	9.00 -10.30am	6 v 2	8 v 9	5 v 3
	10.30 - 1.00pm	7 v 1	4 v 10	Under 14
	1.00 -2.20pm	Under 14	Under 14	Under 14

	2.20 - 3.40pm	Under 14	Under 16	Under 16
	3.40 - 5.00pm	Under 16	Under 16	Under 16
8	16 February 2020	York Sports Village, York		
	10.00 - 11.30am	4 v 5	2 v 7	3 v 6
	11.30 - 1.00pm	10 v 9	1 v 8	
9	1 March 2019	EIS, Sheffield		
	9.00 -10.30am	5 v 10	8 v 2	9 v 1
	10.30 - 1.00pm	6 v 4	7 v 3	Under 14
	1.00 -2.20pm	Under 14	Under 14	Under 14
	2.20 - 3.40pm	Under 14	Under 16	Under 16
	3.40 - 5.00pm	Under 16	Under 16	Under 16
	22 March 2020	EIS, Sheffield		
	9.00 - 10.20am	Under 14	Under 14	Under 14
	10.20 - 11.40am	Under 14	Under 14	Under 16
	11.40 - 1.00pm	Under 16	Under 16	Senior Res
	1.00 - 2.20pm	Under 16	Under 16	Senior Res
	3.00 - 4.30pm	Senior Res	Senior Res	Senior Res
	29 March 2020	EIS, Sheffield		
	9.00 -10.30am	Senior Res	Senior Res	Senior Res
	10.30 - 1.00pm	Senior Res	Senior Res	Under 14 Res
	1.00 - 2.20pm	Under 14 Res	Under 14 Res	Under 16 Res
	2.20 - 3.40pm	Under 14 Res	Under 14 Res	Under 16 Res
	3.40 - 5.00pm	Under 16 Res	Under 16 Res	Under 16 Res

The first named team is the designated home team

YORKSHIRE NETBALL REGIONAL LEAGUE – REGULATIONS 2019/20

1 Organisation & Administration

- 1.1** The Yorkshire Netball Regional League and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned controlled and managed by the Regional League Management Board (RLMB). It may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to any Sub Committee or individual(s).
- 1.2** The decisions of the RLMB or its nominee(s), in respect of these rules and regulations and on any other matter related to the Regional League which is not provided by below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal which is specifically outlined in Sections 9, 10 and 11.)
- 1.3** It is the responsibility of all clubs/teams, including Team Managers, Coaches, Captains, Athletes, Umpires, Officials and all other personnel within the Regional League Netball to ensure that they are conversant with the following rules and regulations.
- 1.4** All clubs will be held responsible for the **Overall Conduct** * of their players, officials and spectators.

Definition: Overall Conduct = You will be responsible for the behaviour, demeanour and actions of all members associated with your club and spectators

The Codes of Conduct of England Netball and Yorkshire Netball will be adopted by all associated with the Regional League

https://www.englishnetball.co.uk/Conduct_and_Disciplinary_Regulations

2 Qualifications and Eligibility

- 2.1** Application for entry to the Regional League shall be open to any club or team which has membership to England Netball through a County Association, which has paid its subscription in this respect, which is situated within the boundaries of a County Association which is a member of Yorkshire Netball Region and are accredited under England Netball's CAPS scheme, or working towards the same (where applicable) - unless otherwise agreed by the RLMB.
- 2.2** Entry to the Regional League will be determined by the RLMB at its absolute discretion, subject to its reasonable application of the rules and regulations laid out herein and having due regard to the playing standard of teams which wish to participate.
- In the same way, such casual vacancies as may appear from time to time will be addressed by the RLMB in whatever way it seems fit.
- 2.3** Clubs entering the Regional League can only participate in one regional competition at this age group (Seniors)
- 2.4** The entry fee for the League will be determined by the RLMB.

*Please note: The fee for the 2019/20 season will be **£55 per team.***

2.5 Only one (1) team from any one club is allowed to play in the Regional League competition

2.6 By entering a team in the Regional League clubs/teams agree that:

- They will abide by these rules and regulations
- They will honour all commitments and fulfill the costs of participation in the Northern League.
- They shall either be accredited under England Netball's CAPS scheme or working towards the same (where applicable).
- They are not participating in any other Regional League in the same age group (Adults)

2.7 In order to participate in the Regional League a player and team officials shall be in membership of England Netball as a Registered Participant via one of the following qualifications

- Through membership to a club
- Through membership to a county (Team officials only)

Players must be registered as a Registered (full membership) Participant through a club as defined in Regulation 2.1 above

The penalty for not adhering to 2.7 is as follows

- 2 points will be deducted

2.8 All players and team officials must be in membership of England Netball as a Registered Participant having paid the full membership fee due and received confirmation their membership is paid prior to their participation in the Regional League, this must be paid in full no less than 3 days before they take part in any level of the competition.

2.9 Clubs/Players must be able to produce relevant current EN ID cards at fixtures when requested by a member of the RLMB (irrespective of age).

2.10 All players must be over 14 years old as at 11.59pm on 31st August immediately prior to the commencement of the Regional League playing season unless they have completed the age banding consent form and submitted it with the team registration form to the Regional League Administrator prior to that player participating in the League.

The penalty for not adhering to 2.9 is as follows

- 2 points will be deducted

2.11 Yorkshire Netball recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by itself

The England Netball Personal Accident insurance cover excludes any loss or 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 hospitalization) was prolonged as a direct result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications or even early childbirth, then this portion of any claim is not covered

3 Registration of Squad Members

3.1 Clubs must register all players to play in the competition.

- i. Squad registration sheets for each participating team must be completed fully for each player and lodged with the RLMB at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the Regional League.
- ii. Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged with the RLMB by 0900 hours on the Friday prior to the fixture weekend.

Additional Registrations of players will not be accepted after 09.00 on the Friday prior to Regional League round 8.

- iii. If a player plays the equivalent of 16 quarters, (or part quarters thereof) during the current playing season in a higher-level competition i.e. National Superleague, National Premier Leagues - Divisions 1/2/3 or Northern League then she may no longer play in the Regional League or in that seasons Playoffs to determine membership of the Regional League.

3.2 Teams may only use those players whose names appear on their squad registration list held by the RLMB

Penalty: -2 points will be deducted from any team using an unregistered player.

3.3 Each team must declare up to twelve (12) players prior to the start of each match by completing a team sheet/result card.

3.4 Once a player has been named on a squad sheet and has taken to court during that season

- She cannot transfer to another Regional League club during the course of the current playing season and /or
- She cannot participate in any other Regional League in the same age group (Adults) and/or
- She cannot play for any other club or team within the same season's county to Regional League playoff, the playoffs to determine membership of The Northern League or England Netball Premier league.

3.5 No player who has played in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League can within the same season play for any other club/team in any Regional League, Northern League or England Netball Premier League (including England Netball Premier League Playoff's).

So for example - this means a player is unable to play for Leeds Athletic in the Northern League and Sheffield Concord in the Regional League

Nor could a player play for Hallam in the Yorkshire Regional League and Grangetown in the North West Regional League.

Nor can a player who has played in any other Regional League play for a club in the Regional League Playoff's to determine membership of the regional league (so a player who has played for a club in the North West Regional League, would not be eligible to play for a team from West Yorkshire at county to region playoffs to determine membership)

4 Structure of League

- 4.1** This is an Open competition. The Yorkshire Regional League will be contested between as many teams as shall be determined by the Regional League Management Board (RLMB).
- 4.2** Each team will play each other once. Matches will be played on the date specified in the fixture schedule
- 4.2.1** All matches will be played at a central venue as detailed in this handbook
- 4.3** Points for the matches will be awarded as follows:
- a) 5 points for a win
 - b) 3 points for a draw
 - c) 2 points for a losing team scoring within 5 goals of the winners score
 - d) 1 point for a losing team scoring more than half the winners score
 - e) 0 points for a loss
- 4.4** A Regional League table will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each team.

Where two teams are level on points at the end of the league:

- a) 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
- b) 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
- c) 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
- d) 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 team that gained most points

In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, then a playoff shall be used between the teams to determine placings.

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 team's level on points.

Except where one of the team's level on points is the offending team, at which point they assume a goal average of 0 and will be the lowest ranked team of those 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 team's 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

4.5 The team which finishes top of the Regional League at the end of the season will be the Regional League Champions.

4.5.1 The club/team that finishes top of the Regional League will go forward to represent the Regional at the Playoff's for entry to the Northern League*

*If that club/team is already represented in the Northern League, the next highest team in the Yorkshire regional League who is not represented will go forward to the playoff's

Should a club decline going forward to the Northern League Playoff's then their inclusion in the following season may be reviewed.

4.5.2 At the end of the season the 9th & 10th placed team will play in the Playoff's with the nominated best team from each county (6 teams in total). The top team(s) from the playoffs, subject to the numbers of available places, will play in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League the following season, all other teams will return to their county leagues.

The play offs will take place at the end of the season at a weekend to be determined by the RLMB – full playoff regulations will be available by no later than January 2020 via the Yorkshire Netball Website.

Note: All teams should ensure this date is included in their fixture list to ensure availability if required

5 Fixture Arrangements

5.1 Fixtures will be played at a location determined by the RLMB

5.2 For all 'incidents' on or off the court a Match an England Netball Accident Report form **must** be completed, and a copy sent to England Netball Competition and Events Officer, a copy also sent to the Regional League Administrator, which will be stored for insurance purposes.

Forms used must be the Standard ones issued by the Regional League. These can be downloaded from the competition Section of the Yorkshire Netball website.

5.3 Accidents

5.2.1 If an accident occurs at any match where a player, coach, official (umpire or match bench), spectator or staff member is injured, the accident reporting procedure should be followed as detailed on <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/competitions/administration/>

5.5.2 This procedure should be followed for ALL injuries and accidents regardless of whether or not medical treatment is given

5.4 The fee per fixture will be £28.00 per team to cover the cost of the facilities. So the total cost of fixtures for the 2019/20 regional league = £252.00

Fee's can either be paid per fixture (in the week leading upto the fixture taking place) or in advance at the start of the season

Cheques or Bank Transfer is the only way to pay league fee's

5.5 Teams are responsible for paying their umpires, whilst the region is unable to set the fee payable to umpires, a reasonable fee would be upto £25.00 to cover umpire expenses – this should be given directly to the umpire on the day the fixture takes places.

5.6 All teams will be responsible for their own travel costs and should allow sufficient traveling time to cover any unexpected delays.

Any team, which fails to arrive on time, must take the court within 10 minutes of 5 members of the squad arriving, and in any event within 30 minutes of the agreed start time. So if you allocated match time is 9.30 – 11.00am, the latest the match can commence is 10.00am (which is 30 minutes after the agreed start time)

In the event that the court booking prevents the match being completed

- A report on the amount of time played should be submitted to the Regional League Results Secretary within a week of the match.
- The RLMB will decide if the result as far as played should stand, or if the late team should forfeit the match.

Any team arriving more than 30 minutes after the agreed start time will forfeit the match, and the non-offending team will be awarded the points as winners by default. Teams who are delayed for any reason must make contact with the other team to explain their late arrival.

5.6 Teams failing to arrive for a fixture will meet the full costs of the fixture prior to their next game.

NB: Payment to be made **via Yorkshire Netball Treasurer**

5.7 Teams cannot rearrange postpone or cancel a fixture without the agreement of the RLMB. Matches, which are postponed due to extreme and unforeseen circumstances, e.g. Flash floods or heavy snowfall, must be played on the next identified reserve date unless otherwise stipulated/agreed by the RLMB.

Any dispute over rescheduling shall be determined by the RLMB, or its nominees, at its absolute discretion

The penalty (ies) for not adhering to 5.6 are:

- i. The non-offending team will be awarded 5 League points for the match and the offending team will have 3 League points deducted from their total.

- ii. The offending team may be liable to pay any costs, which the non-offending team and the match officials have incurred

5.8 Any bank charges relating to dishonored cheques must be paid immediately by the relevant team to the Yorkshire Netball Treasurer

5.9 If for any reason a fixture is rearranged, postponed or cancelled it is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that the Results Secretary of the RLMB is informed, and BOTH teams will be responsible for informing their own Umpires and Officials, immediately the postponement or cancellation is known.

5.10 In the event that a match is abandoned for any reason e.g. because of serious injury, the result of that match will be determined by the RLMB having regard to the score and the time at which play was suspended.

6 Match Regulations

6.1 All games must be played to the current INF Netball Rules (those that are applicable at the start of the competition) except where specific regulations may apply.

6.2 All games are to be played indoors and must be of 1-hour duration (4 x 15 minutes). There will be 3 minutes interval at each quarter time and 6 minutes interval at half time.

6.3 A team may have upto five (5) Team officials. These will include a coach and where possible at least one (1) Primary Carer

Team officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties, however where possible the primary carer should not be an on-court player.

The team officials and upto five (5) players not on court shall constitute the Team Bench

The team bench will be situated in the area at the teams Defending half at the start of the Match to the right of the netball posts, unless otherwise agreed with the Umpires

7 Match Officials

7.1 Umpires will be 'A' award or a minimum 'B' award level (NOT INTERMEDIATE). Clubs are responsible for appointing their own umpire.

The penalty for not adhering to 7.1 is as follows

3 points will be deducted from the offending team

7.2 Clubs/Teams are responsible for providing their own umpires for the 2019/20 season – they will umpire your allocated game.

7.3 Each team will be responsible for paying their own umpires expenses.

Teams are responsible for paying their umpires, whilst the region is unable to set the fee payable to umpires, we see a reasonable fee of upto £25.00 is payable to cover umpire expenses – this should be given directly to the umpire on the day the fixture takes places.

7.4 In the event that an Umpire fails to arrive or becomes injured or taken ill during a match the following procedures will be applied:

- RLMB Competition Referee must be informed immediately
- If another Umpire of the appropriate minimum standard (B award) is available then she/he will Umpire the match
- Failing that, the next best qualified (minimum C award) Umpire should be used
- If the appointed umpire arrives late and the game has already commenced, the umpire that started the game will continue for the entire duration of the match.

7.5 Umpires are expected to conform to a standard of physical fitness, which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game. **They MUST reach a level of 6.1 in a multi-stage fitness test** that is recognised by England Netball.

The first results must be sent to the Rachael Radford before Round 1 of the Regional League or before they umpire in the Regional League.

The second results must be sent to the Rachael Radford before they umpire in January 2020.

The penalty for non-compliance will result in 3 points being deducted from the offending team for each game the umpire officiates.

7.6 Technical Officials

Both teams must arrange for the match

- i. A Scorer who should have a working knowledge of scoring
- ii. A Timekeeper who should have a working knowledge of the INF rules – failing this, the scorer may take responsibility for the timing of the match

7.7 One Scorer (team designated the HOME team) must use the Running Score Sheet and a copy should be retained in case this is needed during the season. The other scorer will use a standard score card which they should retain in case this is needed during the season

Match Officials should allow sufficient traveling time to cover any unexpected delays.

8 Registration of Results

8.1 All teams must notify the results secretary BY 9.00am on the Monday immediately following the match, by one of the following ways

Either

WhatsApp Group

in the format:

R.L. Nomads 30 vs Wanderers 33 – so a Wanderers win
Anne Other, Nomads Netball

8.2 Teams will complete **One Results Card** on the day of the fixture

ONLY THE RESULTS CARD SHOULD BE SUBMITTED – THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING THIS

Submitted to the RLMB **Results Secretary** the result card naming players, and positions played each quarters etc. This is to be received by Wednesday following the fixture.

8.3 The result card **must** be signed by Captains, and the names of the scorers and umpires clearly printed as well as the umpire qualification.

9.0 **Competition Referee*:**

9.1 A Competition Referee(s) will be appointed for the Regional League.

The RLMB may alter the named Competition Referee during the Competition and will, through its best endeavours, inform all participating teams in the event that an alteration is made.

9.2 The Competition Referee(s) will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising throughout the Competition including, but not limited to:

- altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary;
- determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction (including disqualification of any individual, Player or Team)
 - The use of an unaffiliated player will result in a deduction of 2 league points, the result of the fixture will still stand
 - The use of an unregistered player or a player who is under age without written permission to play in this league (as per age banding guidelines) being passed to the RLMB Secretary and Results Secretary before participation, will result in a deduction of 2 league points, the result of the fixture will still stand
 - In the event that a team fails to play the non-offending team will be awarded 5 points for the match and the offending team will have 3 points deducted from their total (Failure to play is defined as not playing in a game, without prior consent from RLMB and with the opposition and officials expecting that the game would be played) ** The offending team may be liable to pay any costs which the non-offending team and match officials have incurred.
 - Failure to play on more than one occasion (e.g. failure to play in 2 league fixtures) may result in expulsion from the League.

- Adjudicating 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;
- Maintaining and being responsible for a confidential Competition Referees Log Book (if required)
- Determining the score should any Match not be concluded due to unforeseen circumstance
- Any matter not covered specifically by the Regulations

9.3 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 will lie with the Competition Referee

10.0 Competition and Complaints Procedure

10.1 All queries and complaints (a Complaint) should be directed to the Competition Referee in the first instance which will be dealt with as follows:

10.1.1 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) Send the marked score card to the Competition Referee within 72 hours of the match;
- d) Attach a letter to the scorecard to explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee;

10.1.2 The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.

10.2 The Competition Referee will acknowledge receipt of the query or complaint and make a

decision 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 10.1.1 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint have the right to appeal the decision under Section 11 below.

- 10.3** Where the Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by the RLMB such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of the regional association.
- 10.4** Where the Complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual Player or Team participating, volunteering or 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

11 Appeal of Competition Referees Decision

- 11.1** The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with section 10.1 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:

11.1.1 If the decision has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition; AND

11.1.2 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:

- 11.2** An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the Team Manager of the appealing Team to the Competition Referee or its nominee within 72 hours of receiving the decision, who will refer it to the RLMB.
- 11.3** The appeal shall be accompanied by a cheque for £100 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 cheque being returned.
- 11.4** The RLMB will establish a (CAC) which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected to the Competition. One of those individuals will be appointed as the Chair.
- 11.5** 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 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.
- 11.6** All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The Chair of the CAC will have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal
- 11.7** The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within 72 hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
- 11.8** The CAC will notify all the parties that made submissions and presented evidence of its decision and any penalties and sanctions imposed within 24 hours of it reaching its

determination. The CAC shall have the discretion to publish the decision through whatever media it considers appropriate.

- 11.9** The CAC shall have the delegated power of the RLMB 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.
- 11.10** The decisions of the CAC shall be considered to be the decisions of the RLMB and shall be final and binding on all participants in the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt there shall be no further right of appeal under England Netball's Disciplinary Manual or otherwise.
- 11.11** The procedures 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.
- 11.12** 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.
- 11.13** 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 11 shall be English Law
- 11.14** If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than permitted by this section, and all parties to the appeal consent, the timetable within which an appeal is raised, submissions made and the decision taken can be shorter than the 72 hours stated in this section. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties

12.0 Miscellaneous

- 12.1** It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials, which shall also be made available to the match officials on request.
- 12.2** Any team wishing to video/photograph a Regional League game, should give the opposing side, team officials and match officials at least 3 clear days' notice prior to the game to allow all parental permissions required under the Duty of Care to be obtained. All permissions must be in written form (email is preferable) and the Regional League Secretary copied into correspondence.

A match official/team official who wishes to video record or photograph a Regional league game must also go through the same procedure.
- 12.3** England Netball (including the Regional league) 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 (including the regions involved) liability for any personal loss or injury caused by England Netball's (including the Regional league) own negligence, the negligence of its employees, or for fraud.
- 12.4** All participants acknowledge that participating in the sport of netball involves a risk of personal injury and by taking part in the Regional League whether as a player, team member, team official, other official or spectator, each participant does so at their own

risk.

- 12.5** 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.
- 12.6** These Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law
- 12.6** Any questions regarding these Regulations can be addressed to the RLMB –
Competition@yorkshirenetball.com
- 12.7** The RLMB may review and amend these regulations
- If England Netball amends the Premier League Regulations for 2018/19
 - If Northern League amends the Northern League regulations for 2018/19
 - Following changes communicated by England Netball.
 - At the discretion of the RLMB
- 12.8** Any changes will be communicated to the teams by the most available communication channel(s); including email, Website and Social Media
- 12.9** The RLMB will adjudicate on all matters not covered by the regulations



A fully designed Website provided by Web Services could enhance your communications strategy by offering you:

- **A .co.uk web address of your choice**
 - **Information for players, parents, and visitors.**
 - **Add Match reports & Scores**
 - **Upload match pictures**
 - **Directions to venues**
 - **Training schedules (including last minute changes)**
 - **Information on CAPS Awards**
 - **Online applications to join club/organisation**
 - **Online contact forms**
 - **Members only area for secure communications**
-

Examples Sites:

- **www.netballyorkshire.co.uk**
- **www.loughboroughlightning.co.uk**
- **www.bradforddragons.co.uk**
- **www.juniorsharks.co.uk**

For further information or a free no obligation quote email

support@web-services.org.uk

Tel: 07795 257837