



Love Netball - Code of Conduct

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All contact is to be made via lovenetball.com marked to the attention of the committee member you require assistance from

1. FEES AND REGISTRATION

1.1 - Game fees will vary depend on the location of the league and the duration of the game.

1.2 – Our preference is for match fees to be paid as a season upfront or part thereof. Weekly game fees will be by arrangement with the Treasurer. Where match fees are paid weekly they should be sent by 4pm on the day of your fixture to the named bank account at the latest.

1.3 - No team may take the court until court fees are paid.

1.4 - All players – to include captain and vice captain are to be registered on the website BEFORE they play in any game.

2. LEAGUE WITHDRAWAL

2.1 - A lot of time and work goes into creating fixtures and updating the website and social media pages - therefore, if a team withdraws from the league at any point once the league has commenced and has fully paid up there will be no refund. If the team has not paid upfront the rest of the season fees are payable.

2.2 - When a team leaves the league, any previous or future fixtures will be input as a 15-0 win to the team still in the league.

3. LEAGUE RULES

3.1.1 - Team Captains/Coaches upon submitting entry accepts all rules and regulations of the Love Netball league and will ensure that ALL members of their team (who at any time represent them in Love Netball matches) are fully aware of said rules.

3.1.2 - All teams to supply own ball, bibs and first aid kit etc where possible.

3.1.3 - All teams must wear suitable footwear. In the event of a clash of colour of kit/bibs the away team [second named team on fixture] must change their bibs and seek confirmation from umpires that they are happy with the colour change. Umpires will have at least 2 sets of bibs at game night to support this.

3.1.4 – Any jewellery that cannot be removed is permitted BUT only if it is taped up. Players play at their own risk if this is the case.

3.1.5 - Nails should not be visible from palm side.

3.1.6 - It is the umpires' responsibility to check for any of the above and request removal before commencing the match. Umpires decision is final in respect of this rule.

3.1.7 - England Netball recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and not participate beyond the 12th week of pregnancy.

Love Netball will require this approval to be sent to lovenetball@yahoo.com

3.1.8 – Where there are 2 leagues running in a location - the winners of Division 2 will automatically be promoted to Division 1 and the bottom placed team of the Division 1 will move down to Division 2

4. PLAYERS AND TEAM SHEETS

4.1 - Players **MUST** be registered to your team before they take to the court.

4.2 - If you wish to add players to your team - this must be done before the fixture takes place through the registration form on the Love Netball website.

4.4 - Player's may **REGISTER** to play in any Love Netball league from the age of 14 if the players parent accepts this is an adult league.

4.5 - You are allowed 2 borrowed players per fixture. No exceptions will be made for any teams. If a team plays with more than the allowed number of borrowed players, the game will be forfeited and played as a friendly with 5 points being awarded to the opposition. Borrowed Players can only play in mid court positions (C, WA, WD) only.

4.6 - There is no restriction on the number of times a borrowed player plays within the night, however, fit and able registered team players must always be on court and take precedence over a borrowed player.

4.7 - LOWER PLAYERS can play UP a division. HIGHER PLAYERS cannot play in a LOWER division.

5. MATCHES

5.1 - Matches will have 1 or 2 umpires per court and they will score and time the games.

5.2 - Umpire fees are included in the game fees.

5.3 - Final score will be updated by COP the day after the fixture (in the main).

5.4 - Rules are World Netball regulated. A copy of which can be found by clicking [here](#).

5.5 - Match duration will vary depending on the league division. Matches will be played in equal thirds or quarters.

5.6 - Games will start on the whistle of the Umpires timer so speed in getting on court is essential at the changeover. First matches on are advised to arrive early and be on court ready for start to avoid any delays.

5.8 - Teams can take to court with 5 players.

5.10 - Point System - Win = 5 points / Draw = 3 points / Loss within 5 goals = 2 points / Score within half = 1 point / Loss = 0 points

5.11 - Player of the match, to be submitted to the umpire at the end of the game for each team.

6. PLAYERS CONDUCT

6.1 - If a players conduct on court is deemed unacceptable, the following will apply.

1 - Written Warning

2 - If said players' conduct does not improve on the next game, they play then the player will receive a 3-match ban

3 - If said players' conduct doesn't improve on the next game after the 3-match ban, the player will receive a league ban

6.2 - Umpire decisions are final, and comments and disrespect to the umpires is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. The Umpires are **NOT** there to take abuse from anyone. They have come out to umpire for what they see, not what you see. It is a hard job on its own without players seeing the odd thing on court and directing comments to umpires. We all love netball, and it is everyone's passion within our leagues. All our umpires are qualified and without the umpires we would not be able to keep the league running. So please show all our official's the respect they deserve. Same rules apply as above in 6.1. if a complaint is received. Players can **appropriately** seek clarification from Umpires during the break between quarters / thirds or at half time or at the end of the game.

7. INJURIES

7.1 - Netball is a physical game. Umpires will do all they can to cut out dangerous play, but accidents do happen. Neither Love Netball nor umpires can be held responsible for any accidents or injuries in any match. Teams are required to take out their own personal insurance however any injury should be reported and entered in the injury / accident book. Players play at their own risk and are asked to confirm this on registration on the website.

7.2 - In the event of any players being injured the game **should** continue unless the team has **LESS** than 5 players on court - only then will time be called. If the said injury is an injury to the head, the umpires have a duty of care to stop the game and hold time - as in all sports head injuries can be serious and it is imperative this is dealt with correctly.

7.3 – If a game needs to be abandoned and over half of the game has been played the score stands at time of stoppage and will not be replayed. If it is less than half the match will be replayed at end of season unless teams agree otherwise. The team with injury will have to recompense the opposition for the percentage of play left un-played.

8. CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

8.1 – If a team cancels or forfeits any fixture the fees for the game are still to be required to be paid in full. If the game is forfeited and not played as a friendly the team forfeiting is liable for the game fees of the other team as well.

9. UMPIRES

9.1 - Any disputes arising from umpire decisions must be put in writing to the league secretary via lovenetball@yahoo.com as soon as possible after the game has concluded. We will always ask whether you have raised your concerns (appropriately) with the umpire during or after the game.

9.2 – Love Netball have a policy of NO Verbal Abuse directed at either any player or umpire or any volunteers. Please always respect our umpires. Remember they have to make decisions in a millisecond, and they cannot physically see everything that is going on. In addition we have a NO physical violence or bad sportsmanship policy.

9.3 – If a complaint is made by anyone the League administration reserve the right to discipline or suspend accordingly.

9.4 – Love Netball have the right to amend Rules and Regulations if required for the safety / benefit of the League.

9.5 - Any disputes arising from these decisions must be put in writing within 7 days via email to lovenetball@yahoo.com

10. FIXTURES

10.1 - Fixtures are available to view on the Love Netball website

11. GENERAL

11.1 - Complaints or problems should be directed to the Love Netball email address (e-mail: lovenetball@yahoo.com) within 7 days of the issue arising. Please make sure this is emailed and not on text, WhatsApp, or Facebook

11.2 - Any violent, abusive, derogatory or socially inappropriate behaviour towards any Player, Official or Umpire will not be tolerated and will be investigated thoroughly, and a decision made with regards to the incident by the committee.

11.3 - Participating in any match or Tournament, in any capacity, whilst under the influence of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited and will result in the Player, Official umpire being required to cease the activity immediately. The offending individual will be suspended from Love Netball league/s until the Committee have discussed the incident and reach a decision on the appropriate action.

11.4 – Love Netball recognises that children are often brought with their parents to the netball courts - this is only permissible if children are appropriately supervised whilst the parent is playing, or the child can understand Health & Safety rules, such as standing back from the edge of the court, not running onto court etc

11.5 - Social media Policy - during game nights and at tournaments we (Love Netball) may take photos or videos. Please let us know if you do not want any photo or video taken used on social media – email lovenetball@yahoo.com

11.6 - Safeguarding- please refer to our separate safeguarding policy. Helen Clark is point of contact for any safeguarding concerns.