



Bury Ladies Netball League Rules 2018

1. Meetings

- 1.1 A meeting is to be held on the first Thursday of the month as notified by The Management Committee.
- 1.2 Any team failing to send a representative to the League meeting shall be fined £20.
- 1.3 Any team failing to send a representative to the League meeting on three consecutive occasions shall be expelled from The League and must seek re-election to the waiting list at the AGM.
- 1.4 Apologies from teams will not be accepted unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 1.5 No member of The League shall be allowed to vote on any matter concerning his/her own team within meetings. In the event of the vote being equal, the Chairperson, shall give a second or casting vote.
- 1.6 Any team leaving before the Chairperson has officially declared the meeting closed will be fined £20 subject to the meeting finishing by 8.45p.m. This will also apply to teams arriving more than 15 minutes late unless there are extenuating circumstances.

2. Affiliation and Insurance

- 2.1 All teams must be affiliated to England Netball and evidence provided prior to their first match via The League e-mail address
 - a) Failure to comply with the above will result in the offending team being deducted 3 points for each game played until players are affiliated.
- 2.2 Teams and players amalgamating to cut down on affiliation costs must be identified by the player's name and which team they play for in The League.
- 2.3 A player used on an ad-hoc basis must be affiliated by the fourth game.

3. Registration of Players

- 3.1 Each team shall register their own players at or before the AGM.
 - a) Failure to do so will result in the match(es) being awarded to the non-offending team.

b) The offending team will be deducted 3 points.

3.2 Registered players of teams that resign from The League after the AGM will not be allowed to register with another team in The League for the current season.

3.3. ***Additional players***

3.3.1 Additional players may be registered at any time.

3.3.2 If registering on the evening of a match they must be marked on the scorecard as a new registration.

3.3.3 A maximum of 3 players may be registered on the day of the match.

3.4 Teams playing unregistered player(s) or falsifying scorecards will have:

a) Their match awarded to the non-offending team.

b) The offending team will be deducted 3 points.

c) Where matches are awarded to non-offending teams a score of 5-0 will be recorded for results purposes.

3.5 ***Transfer of players***

3.5.1 A player may only transfer from her registered team by completing the official transfer form, which requires the signature of 3 interested party's i.e.

- the player
- former team secretary
- future team secretary.

3.5.2 The transfer is effective from the date the Registration Secretary receives the form.

3.5.3 Players can only transfer once in a season.

3.5.4 No players may be transferred after 1st March.

4. **Borrowed Player(s)**

4.1 Only registered players shall be eligible to play for a team although one borrowed player may be fielded from the same division or below.

4.2 If a borrowed player is fielded, this must be brought to the attention of the opposing captain and umpires prior to the start of the match.

4.3 A borrowed player must take a centre court position only i.e. Centre, Wing Attack or Wing Defence, to be decided by the team she is to play for.

4.4 A borrowed player must be identified in the correct place on the scorecard.

- 4.5 Each team may field a borrowed player only six times (games) in a season.
- 4.6 A borrowed player may enter the game as per INF Rules of Netball 9.1. 9.2 and 9.3 to be adapted accordingly as per Bury Ladies Netball League Rule 4.3
- 4.7 If a borrowed player is injured a team cannot use another borrowed player.
- 4.8 A borrowed player may not be substituted or change position for any reason.
- 4.9 Each team may use the same player as a borrowed player only twice in a season .
 - a) The breaking of rules 4.1 to 4.9 inclusive will result in the match being declared void
 - b) The offending team will be deducted 3 points off their total number of points and the non-offending team will be awarded 3 points.
 - c) Where matches are awarded to non-offending teams a score of 5-0 will be recorded for results purposes.
- 4.10 In exceptional circumstances when a team is struggling to complete their fixtures due to lack of players (e.g. through pregnancy, injury etc) and avoid forfeiting games, this team may approach The Management Committee to request borrowing two players to play in same game.
 - a) If permission is granted The Management Committee will notify not only the team but the opposition and umpires involved.
 - b) If permission is granted all other conditions regarding a borrowed player will still apply.
 - c) Teams must not approach The Management Committee with their request on the same night as the game in question.

5. Fixtures

- 5.1 Fixtures shall be arranged by the Management Committee, who alone shall have the power to change dates and make alterations.
- 5.2 All matches to be played in accordance with the International Netball Federation Rules of Netball 2016 Edition.
- 5.3 The competition shall be decided by 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 point if the score is more than half the opponent's final score.
- 5.4 Placings for teams on the same total number of points shall be decided by goal difference.
 - a) Winners and runners-up of each division shall be promoted and the bottom 2 teams shall be relegated, however, if vacancies occur further adjustments may be required at the discretion of the Management Committee.

- b) Presentation to be awarded annually to such teams as the Management Committee decides.
- c) If a team resigns at any time during the season, their results shall be expunged from The League records.

5.5.1 A match will be of a duration not exceeding 20 minutes each way and not less than 15 minutes each way, therefore, there is no injury time to play.

5.5.2 Matches must start promptly at the time stated.

5.5.3 A maximum delay of 5 minutes is allowed if teams do not have the required 5 players to take to the court.

- a) Any team infringing this rule will forfeit the match.
- b) In this case a friendly game may take place but must finish before the time stated for the next game to commence.
- c) Where games are awarded to non-offending teams a score of 5-0 will be recorded for results purposes.

5.5.4 No match shall be cancelled or re-arranged.

- a) Any team who cancels a fixture will be fined £66 and expected to provide any Umpire or Scorer that may be required for the game before or after the one being cancelled.

5.5.5 Matches abandoned must be reported to The League Secretary via The League e-mail address.

- a) The Management Committee shall determine the next meeting of the teams.

5.5.6 If a team is short of players they should turn up and play a friendly match, borrowing players if necessary.

- a) If a team plays 3 or more friendly matches, their application will be reviewed and any new team waiting to join The League will be given preference.

5.5.7 In the event of a team not completing its' fixtures before the end of the season the Management Committee shall be empowered to deal with the same.

5.5.8 A team under suspension shall have:

- a) 3 points deducted and the non-offending team shall receive 3 points.
- b) The suspended team shall be liable to pay fines.

6. **Results**

6.1 The Home Team is responsible for sending results to their division Results Secretary.

6.2 The Results Secretary must receive the final score by text message on the same night and the scorecard within 24 hours which can be sent electronically or posted.

a) A fine of £10 to be imposed on any team failing to comply with the above.

7. Scorecard Official

7.1 Each team must have a person who is responsible for:

a) fulfilling the scorecard requirements and

b) keeping records of their team's results.

8. Umpiring

8.1 All teams in Divisions 1 must have at least 1 qualified umpire or trainee umpire(s).

8.2 Trainee umpire(s) to be nominated at the beginning of the season and

a) Should be working towards their final C Award Assessment at the end of the current season.

b) Must undertake to conform to The League's Training Programme.

c) A £10 fine to be imposed on any team failing to field an umpire, however, if a team representative thinks they have a valid case, an appeal may be made to the Management Committee. The Management Committee to have the final word.

d) On joining The League each team will be allowed 2 seasons during which time their trainee umpire will be supervised by a professional umpire provided by The League. After this time, teams whose trainee umpires have not yet passed their C Award Assessment will pay for a "professional" umpire, of their own choosing, to supervise their trainee umpire until he/she is qualified.

8.3 The League shall provide official umpires where necessary.

8.4 In the event of a suitably qualified umpire(s) not being available, if the two Captains cannot agree to play, the match will be abandoned and The League Secretary must be informed via The League e-mail address.

8.5 Umpires are requested to deal firmly with all cases of misconduct and assist the Management Committee in stamping out reprehensible tactics and bad language. Umpires must report all cases of bad conduct to the Management Committee.

8.6 The Umpires decision must be taken as final.

8.7 As far as possible neutral B/A Award umpires will be provided by The League for the Premier division. Each team must pay the umpire £12 before the game commences.

a) In extenuating circumstances a C Award umpire may be used.

8.8 An umpire who is obviously pregnant or has made known that she is pregnant is not allowed to umpire the match.

a) The team Captains to enforce this rule in conjunction with Rule 8.4

8.9 Teams in divisions 1 who have to pay for an umpire provided by The League are to pay the umpire £10 before the game commences.

9. Scorers

Premier Division

9.1 Home Team - The first named team on the fixture list is responsible for completing the scorecard.

9.2 Home Team - The first named team on the fixture list is responsible for providing two Scorers.

9.3 The Scorers provided must be from the Home Team.

a. Any Home Team who fails to provide Scorers as required above will be fined £10.

9.4 7.00p.m. game – two scorers from home team playing 7.45p.m.
7.45p.m. game – two scorers from home team playing 7.00p.m.
8.30p.m. game – two scorers from home team playing 9.15p.m.
9.15p.m. game – two scorers from home team playing 8.30p.m.

First Division

9.5 To trial providing Scorers following the above points 9.1 to 9.4 for the first half of the season i.e. to December 2018.

a) Should the feedback be negative then the First Division will revert to both teams providing one Scorer every week.

b) Committee to notify First Division teams as soon as possible for their second half of the season responsibility.

10. Finance

10.1 Match fees shall be payable for each match

10.2 Half of the seasons match fees must be paid by the first Thursday in December.

a) Teams with outstanding match fees after the first Thursday in December shall have their next two matches declared void and

b) Any subsequent match thereafter until the outstanding money is paid.

- 10.3 The second half of the seasons match fees must be paid by 31st March.
- 10.4 Any team who does not pay their match fees by the deadline stated will have:
- a) 3 points deducted for each late payment.
- 10.5 All fines are to be paid within 28 days of notification.
- a) Any fines not received as stated will be doubled.

11. Health and Safety

- 11.1 Due to the size of the sports halls players are not allowed to run off court during the match.
- a) A free pass is immediately given to the opposing team on court.

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.1 All teams must provide a regulation netball.
- a) The umpire(s) will ensure the match ball is suitable for the game.
 - b) If teams cannot agree on the match ball to be used then the teams will toss. The team winning the toss will use their ball.
 - c) The match ball will be used for the duration of the game i.e., not changed at half time
- 12.2 Players on each team must wear the same playing uniform
- 12.3 Teams must wear bibs lettered front and back.
- 12.4 Smoking is not allowed in any Sports Hall or Changing Room. Please adhere to all individual Sports Hall requests with regards to e.g. drinks, footwear etc.
- a) Captains of teams playing last are responsible for organising the clearing up of the Sports Hall and Changing Room.
- 12.5 The Management Committee shall decide whether it is feasible to hold a Rally at the beginning and the end of season, for which trophies may be provided.
- a) The rules for this completion shall be decided by the Management Committee.
- 12.6 Pregnancy – Players, coaches and umpires should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by EN. Neither EN, nor the club, will be held liable for any pregnant individual participating in recognised and authorised activity should the expectant mother suffer a miscarriage or permanent damage to herself and/or unborn child as a result of participating. The EN Personal

Accident cover will not provide any benefit for injury, loss or expense due to pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or any consequence thereof.

For example, if an Insured Person who is pregnant is involved in an accident (not pregnancy related) and suffers a broken leg then, subject to claims validation, EN would pay any broken bones benefit, the Hospital Confinement benefit and Temporary Total Disablement benefit due under the Personal Accident Insurance Policy resulting from this injury.

However, if the absence or hospital stay is prolonged as a direct result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications or even early childbirth then this would not be covered.

Further information can be found on EN website within their “Domestic Rules Guidance August 2016” on this matter

- 12.7 The League will not be held responsible for any accident, loss, injury or damage sustained by any player, umpire or spectator.
- 12.8 Any nominations for the Management Committee and proposed alterations to the League Constitution and Rules should be put in writing and forwarded to The League Secretary no later than 30th June.
- 12.9 Anything not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the Management Committee whose discretion shall be open to appeal.

Infringement	Sanction
1.2 Failure to attend a Meeting.	£20 fine
1.6. Leaving a Meeting before declared closed or arriving more than 15 minutes late.	£20 fine
5.5.3. Cancellation of a Fixture	£66 fine
6.6.2 Late submission of Match Result	£10 fine
8.2(c) Failure to Provide an Umpire	£10 fine
9.1 Failure to Provide a Scorer	£10 fine
10.4(a) Fines not paid within 28 days of Notification	Amount Doubled

Infringement	Sanction
2.1(a). Affiliation	Deducted 3 points
3.1 Failure to register players on or before AGM	Deducted 3 points
3.4 Falsifying scorecard	Deducted 3 points
4.1 to 4.9 Borrowed Player rules	Deducted 3 points Non-Offending Team awarded 3 points
4.1 to 4.9 Matches awarded to Non-Offending Teams	Score of 5 – 0 will be recorded
5.5.7 Team under Suspension	Deducted 3 points Non-Offending Team awarded 3 points
7.4 Failure to Meet Match Fees Deadline	Deduct 3 points for each late payment