

<p style="text-align: center;">BURY LADIES NETBALL LEAGUE RULES</p>
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1. Meetings

- a) A monthly meeting is to be held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise notified. Any team failing to send a registered representative to the meeting will be fined £20. Any team failing to send a representative to the monthly League Meeting for 3 months shall be expelled from the League and must seek re-election to the waiting list at the AGM.
- b) Apologies from teams will not be accepted unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- c) No member of the League shall be allowed to vote on any matter concerning her own team within meetings. In the event of the vote being equal, the Chairperson shall give a second or casting vote.
- d) Any team leaving before the Chairperson has officially declared the meeting closed will be fined £20 subject to the meeting finishing by 9.15 p.m. This will also apply to teams arriving more than 15 minutes late unless there are extenuating circumstances.

2. Affiliation and Insurance

- a) All team members must be affiliated to the AENA by 31st October.
- b) Evidence of affiliation for all team members must be forwarded to the results/affiliation secretary by 31st October.
- c) Failure to comply with a) above will result in the offending team being fined 3 points for each game played until players are affiliated.

3. Registration of Players

- a) Each team shall register their own players at or before the AGM. Failure to do so will result in the match(es) being awarded to the non offending team. The offending team will be fined 3 points.
- b) The registered players of teams that resign from the League after the A.G.M. will not be allowed to register with another team in the league for the current season.
- c) Additional players may be registered at any time. If registered on the evening of a match they must be marked on the scorecard as a new registration. A maximum of 3 players may be registered on the day of the match.
- d) Teams playing unregistered player(s) or falsifying scorecards will have their match awarded to the non offending team. The offending team will be fined 3 points.

- e) A player may only change her registered team by completing the official transfer form, which requires the signature of the 3 interested parties, i.e. player, former team secretary, future team secretary. The transfer is effective from the date the Registration Secretary receives the form. Players can only transfer once in a season. No players may be transferred after 1st March each season.
- f) Only registered players shall be eligible to play for a team although one “borrowed player” may be fielded from the same division or below.
- g) If a “borrowed player” is fielded, this must be brought to the attention of the opposing captain prior to the start of the match.
- h) 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. A borrowed player must be identified in the correct place on the scorecard.
- i) Each team may field a “borrowed player” only six times in a season. Each team may use the same player as a “borrowed player” only twice in a season, (rallies excluded). The breaking of this rule will result in the match being declared void. The offending team will lose 3 points off their total number of points and the non-offending team will gain 3 points.
- j) A “borrowed player” may enter the game as per AENA Rule 5.2 (i), (ii) and (iii). Rule 5.2 (i) to be adapted accordingly as per Bury Ladies Netball League Rule 3 (h) above.
- k) If a “borrowed player” is injured a team cannot use another “borrowed player”. A “borrowed player” may not be substituted or change position for any reason.
- l) Where matches are awarded to non offending teams a score of 5-0 will be recorded for results purposes.

4. Fixtures and Results

- a) Fixtures shall be arranged by the Management Committee, who alone shall have the power to change dates and make alterations.
- b) All matches to be played in accordance with the rules of the AENA.
- c) The competition shall be decided by points, 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 point if the score is more than half the opponents final score.
- d) Placings for teams on the same total number of points shall be decided by goal difference.
- e) 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.
- f) Presentations to be awarded annually to such teams as the Management Committee decides.

- g) If a team resigns at any time during the season, their results shall be expunged from the league records.
- h) A match will be of duration not exceeding 20 minutes each way and not less than 15 minutes each way. Therefore there is no injury time to play).
- i) Matches must start promptly at the time stated. A maximum delay of 5 minutes is allowed if teams do not have the required 5 players to take the court. Any team infringing this rule will forfeit any points for the match. In this case a friendly match may take place, but must finish before the time stated for the next match to commence. Match Score, for points claimed game, shall be that of the corresponding game in the other half of the season. Points must be claimed by a team at the subsequent monthly meeting.
- j) No game shall be cancelled or re-arranged without prior consent of the League Secretary. Otherwise a subsequent Management Committee Meeting will determine suitable action to be taken.
- k) Matches abandoned must be reported to the League Secretary. The Management Committee shall determine the next meeting of the teams, unless they mutually agree on a date, in which case the sanction of the Management Committee must be obtained.
- l) The results must be posted to the Results Secretary by first class post on the day following the match i.e. post marked within 24 hours of the game. A fine of £5.00 to be imposed on any team failing to comply with this rule. The Management Committee shall determine which teams are responsible for sending in results.
- m) Each team must have a scorecard official who is responsible for fulfilling the scorecard requirements and keeping records of their team's results.
- n) If a team is short of players they should turn up and play a friendly match, borrowing players if necessary. If a team plays 3 or more friendly games, their application will be reviewed and any new team waiting to join the League will be given preference.
- o) 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.
- p) A team under suspension shall have 3 points deducted and the non-offending team shall receive 3 points. The suspended team shall be liable to pay fines stated as per Rule 4 (n).

5. Umpiring

- a) All teams (in Divisions 1-4) must have at least 1 qualified umpire or trainee umpire(s). Trainee umpires(s) to be nominated at the beginning of the season and should be working towards their test at the end of the current season. They must undertake to conform to the League's training programme.
- b) A £10.00 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.
- c) On joining the league each team shall 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" Umpiring Award will pay for a "professional" umpire, of their own choosing, to supervise their trainee umpire until she is qualified.
- d) The League shall supply official umpires where necessary. Expenses shall be made by the League. Where a team is requested to provide 2 qualified umpires, 1 umpire shall be deemed "professional" and receive payment.
- e) In the event of a suitably qualified umpire(s) not being available, if the 2 team captains cannot agree to play, the match shall be abandoned and the League Secretary must be informed.
- f) 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.
- g) The umpires decision must be taken as final.
- h) Neutral 'B' award umpires will be provided by the League for the Premier division. In extenuating circumstances a 'C' award umpire may be used.
- i) An umpire who is obviously pregnant or has made it known that she is pregnant is not allowed to umpire the match. The team captains to enforce this rule in conjunction with Rule 5 (e).
- j) Teams in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th divisions who have to pay for a professional umpire provided by the League will be charged £8.00 per game.
- k) Teams in the Premier and 1st Divisions have to provide a Scorer.

6. Miscellaneous

- a) All teams must provide a regulation netball. The umpire(s) will decide which netball will be used.
- b) Teams must wear bibs lettered front and back.
- c) Smoking is not allowed in any Sports Hall or Changing Room.
- d) Captains of teams playing last are responsible for organising the clearing up of the Sports Hall and Changing Room.
- e) The Management Committee shall decide whether it is feasible to hold a Rally at the beginning and the end of the season, for which trophies may be provided. The rules for this competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.
- f) A player who is obviously pregnant or has made it known that she is pregnant, is not allowed to play in the match. The umpires to enforce this rule.
- g) The League will not be responsible for any accident, loss, injury or damage sustained by any player, umpire or spectator.
- h) 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 the 30th June.
- i) Anything not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the Management Committee whose decision shall be open to appeal.
- j) All fines must be paid within 28 days of notification. Otherwise a subsequent Management Committee meeting will determine suitable action to be taken.
- k) All teams must wear the same playing uniform.
- l) A team who fails to provide a scorer as required will be fined £10.
- m) Any team who does not pay their match fees by the deadline stated will have 3 points deducted for each late payment.

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