



**Under U14 + U16**

**Regional League**

# **RULES & REGULATIONS**

**2018-2019**

## **General (New this season ....)**

### **Make-up of U14/U16 NSW RL**

Div One x 8 teams – play each other twice – all matches group venue – Paignton Academy / Glou TBC– two matches on each date

**Div 2 – there will be a North (Glou / Avon / Wiltshire / Dorset / Jersey?) and South (Cornwall / Devon East / Devon West/ Somerset / Jersey?) - may include home and away (depends how many entries) will have a Finals Play off event**

### **Seeding Event**

Up to 3 teams per county (only where results warrant this) to make a Division 1 of 8 teams – Division 2 will be 10 teams

### **Teams**

That two teams from same Club can enter seeding – (why – RL is for the best teams in SW)

### **Umpires**

Umpires will only be allowed to umpire two matches a day-as per guidelines from EN

Umpire allocations at central venue will be managed by Debbie Ashworth – CEWG Junior League Umpire Co

### **Rule Specific**

**2.6** In order for a player to be eligible to participate in the U14RL+U16RL, they must be in membership of England Netball as a Registered Participant through affiliation to a Club or County Association **in the South West Region and the Club they are representing – this can be via second claim (see also 2.1)**

**2.8** A team may register up to three (3) 2nd claim players in their squad (2<sup>nd</sup> claim affiliation via EM MyNet) all others must be 1st claim.

**3.2** Clubs may only use those players whose names appear on their squad registration list held by the U14RL+U16RL Coordinator - **If the player was on the Squad Registration Sheet for another club in the feeder competition, this would make them ineligible.**

**NB – At the National Finals the rules state ‘If a Player was not named on the Squad Registration Sheet for the final feeder competition prior to the National Finals, the Club must provide evidence that the Player has played for the Club prior to the date of the final feeder competition. Failure to provide evidence will result in the player being ineligible. If the player was on the Squad Registration Sheet for another club in the feeder competition, this would also make them ineligible’**

**4.5** **U14 + U16 Division One winners will be determined by a Play-off between the top 4 teams.** The top two teams from the Regional play-off finals shall progress to the National Finals.

**5.12** In the event of a clash of kit colours, the away team (**at group venue this is the second named team**) will change their bib colour which must achieve significant difference (i.e. not a reversal of the same colours).

**6.2** All U14 Div1 matches shall be of 40 minutes duration (i.e., four (4) quarters of (10) minutes each, 3 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes at half time)

**All U14 Div 2 matches shall be 60 mins duration (i.e., four (4) quarters of (15) minutes each, 3 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes at half time)**

All U16 Div 1 + 2 matches shall be 60 mins duration (i.e., four (4) quarters of (15) minutes each, 3 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes at half time)

**7.1** Each team shall be responsible for providing an umpire for each match whether the match is home or away. Umpires shall be affiliated to England Netball and their qualifications shall be:

RL U14 + U16 Div 1 Umpires shall preferably hold a Netball Europe B award or above but may hold a C award - In this case they shall have been approved by their County Umpiring Secretary in the current season, have achieved the level 6.1 bleep test (with written evidence) in Sept 2018 and Jan 2019, and permission sought and granted in advance by the CEWG

**Div 2 Umpires shall preferably hold a Netball Europe B award or above but may hold a C award - In this case they shall have been approved by their County Umpiring Secretary in the current season and permission sought and granted in advance by the CEWG (no bleep test requirement – but recommended)**

### **NSW CEWG Junior Comp Group**

#### **Who to contact**

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## **1. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 1.1 The NSW U14 + U16RL is the Regional qualifying competition for the National Finals
- 1.2 The U14 + U16 Regional League (U14RL+U16RL) shall be governed and managed by the Regional Management Board (RMB) through its Competition and Events Working Group (CEWG- Junior Group)
- 1.3 The decisions of the CEWG, in respect of these rules and regulations and on any other matter related to the U16RL which is not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal which is specifically provided for under England Netball's disciplinary regulations).
- 1.4 These rules and regulations shall be subject and secondary to the application of England Netball's rules and regulations.
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of all Team Managers, Coaches and Captains to ensure that all players are conversant with the following rules and regulations.
- 1.6 The authorised representative for each team entered into the U14+U16RL will sign the 'Acknowledgement of Responsibility' form to confirm that all team players and officials have been informed about the Rules and Regulations and that all players and officials from the club have agreed to comply with all U14+U16RL Rules and Regulations.
- 1.7 It is the responsibility of all Team Managers, Coaches and Captains to ensure that all players are conversant with the competition Code of Conduct.
- 1.8 The authorised representative for each team entered into the U14+U16RL will sign the Code of Conduct form to confirm that all team players and officials have been informed about the Code of Conduct and that all players and officials from the club have agreed to comply with the U14+U16RL Code of Conduct (Annex A).

## **2. PLAYING QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Application for entry to the U14RL+U16RL shall be open to any club, which is affiliated to England Netball through a County Association, which has paid its subscription in this respect, and which is situated within the boundaries of a County Association, which is a member of the South West Regional Association (unless otherwise agreed by the CEWG).  
Their entry eligibility will have been determined by the competition structure for that County and agreed by the CEWG. Two / three teams shall be nominated by each county.  
If this is two teams from the same club then separate squad sheets must be produced prior to commencement of the U14RL+U16RL.  
There shall be no crossover of players between the two club teams (see also 3.6).  
More than one team per club may enter the U14+U16RL, but only one team per club may progress to the National Finals.  
At the discretion of the County Association, teams qualifying for the U14RL+U16RL may continue to play in their county competition but, on all occasions, U14+U16RL fixtures will take priority over county league fixtures.
- 2.2 Entry to the U14RL+U16RL will be determined by the CEWG 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 that may appear during the playing season will be addressed by the CEWG in whatever way it sees fit.
- 2.3 All participating clubs in the U14RL+U16RL will be required to cover the entry fee and deposit as set out in the registration paperwork. In addition clubs will be liable for court and umpiring costs as set out in the entry particulars.
- 2.4 In order to qualify to participate in the U14RL+U16RL clubs must be accredited under the England Netball CAPS scheme, or registered at the commencement of the season in which they enter the league and working towards obtaining their accreditation. Clubs must have achieved their CAPS accreditation within 18 months of their registration date.

- 2.5 Clubs entering in the U14RL+U16RL agree that they are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the U14RL+U16RL
- 2.6 In order for a player to be eligible to participate in the U14RL+U16RL, they must be in membership of England Netball as a Registered Participant through affiliation to a Club or County Association **in the South West Region and the Club they are representing – this can be via second claim x 3 (see also 2.1)**
- 2.7 All players must have their membership lodged with England Netball and their fees paid in full, prior to their participation in the U14RL+U16RL.

**2.8 A team may register up to three (3) 2nd claim players in their squad (2nd claim affiliation via EM MyNet) all others must be 1st claim.**

#### 2.9 U14

All players must be **over 12** but **under 14** at midnight on 31 August/1 September (Normal School years 7-9) to participate in the U14RL. In some exceptional circumstances, an U12 player may demonstrate a level of skill and maturity that suggests they may be more suited to taking part in the Regional U14 competition. In these circumstances, their Level 2 Club Coach, Club/School Safeguarding Officer and the parent(s) or carer(s) of the player, must complete an Age Banding form, available from the England Netball website. This form should be used by all of the above individuals and if agreed between all parties, the form should be signed by all parties and submitted to the Regional U14 Co-ordinator before the player shall be allowed to participate.

#### U16

All players must be **over 14** but **under 16** at midnight on 31 August/1 September (Normal School years 10 & 11) to participate in the U16RL. In some exceptional circumstances, an U14 player may demonstrate a level of skill and maturity that suggests they may be more suited to taking part in the Regional U16 competition. In these circumstances, their Level 2 Club Coach, Club/School Safeguarding Officer and the parent(s) or carer(s) of the player, must complete an Age Banding form, available from the England Netball website. This form should be used by all of the above individuals and if agreed between all parties, the form should be signed by all parties and submitted to the Regional U16 Co-ordinator before the player shall be allowed to participate.

**NB - DoB monitoring will be done via affiliation checks.**

~~2.9 — All players must provide proof of age~~

### 3. REGISTRATION OF SQUAD MEMBERS

- 3.1 Squad sheets for each participating team must be completed fully for each player (maximum of fifteen at initial registration) and lodged with the NSW Regional Co at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of U14RL+U16RL. A minimum of 9 players must be available and on your team sheet for each fixture (Why? Duty of care). We will monitor this as the season progresses. Failure to comply could result in loss of points and or a fine.
- 3.2 Clubs may only use those players whose names appear on their squad registration list held by the U14RL+U16RL Coordinator - **If the player was on the Squad Registration Sheet for another club in the feeder competition, this would make them ineligible.**  
**NB – At the National Finals the rules state ‘If a Player was not named on the Squad Registration Sheet for the final feeder competition prior to the National Finals, the Club must provide evidence that the Player has played for the Club prior to the date of the final feeder competition. Failure to provide evidence will result in the player being ineligible. If the player was on the Squad Registration Sheet for another club in the feeder competition, this would also make them ineligible’**
- 3.3 Any additions to the squad sheets must be lodged by email with the U14RL+U16RL Coordinator prior to playing the fixture. N.B. It is advised that additional players are registered before 12 noon on the Thursday before a fixture in order that any affiliation checks can be carried out.
- 3.4 Once a player has been named on a squad sheet and has played she cannot transfer to another club during the course of the current playing season. Consent to a transfer may be given by CEWG in unusual or exceptional circumstances where written request is made by the player and clubs involved. All correspondence on player transfer must be copied to all concerned.
- 3.5 Each team must declare their Team Officials i.e. Coach, Manager, Captain and up to three (3) other personnel one (1) of whom may be a Primary Care person who is qualified to diagnose and treat injury and/or illness (for example Certificated First Aid course / Doctor or Physiotherapist) together with the team sheet of up to twelve (12) players prior to the start of each match by completing a team sheet/result card and depositing these on the

Officials table prior to the match commencement. The Team Officials, together with up to five (5) players not on court, will constitute the Team Bench.

- 3.6 Clubs who have two teams participating within this competition must abide by the principle of having separate squads for each team. If a player plays up in the A squad for 6 quarters then they are no longer allowed to play in the B team.
- 3.7 Players are only eligible to play in one team on a double header fixture. If they play in the U14RL+U16RL squad they must remain in the same squad for the other fixture that day and will not be able to change age groups.

#### **4. STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE**

- 4.1 The U14RL+U16RL will be contested between as many clubs as determined by the CEWG. There will be two (2) divisions (division 1 and 2), with the places in each division having been allocated at a seeding tournament held prior to the start of the U14 / U16RL.
- 4.2 Each club will play each other twice in Division 1. Those teams in Division 2 will play each other once.
- 4.3 Clubs will be awarded league points as follows:
- 5 points for a win
  - 3 points for a draw
  - 2 bonus points for a losing team scoring within 5 goals of the winners score
  - 1 bonus point for a losing team scoring more than half the winners score
  - 0 points for a loss
- 4.4 League tables for the U14RL+U16RL will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each team. Where two or more clubs are level on points:
- Goal average 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
  - 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
  - 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
  - Where one of the teams has its goal average, goal difference or total number of goals scored affected by cancellations, then the goals scored by and against defaulting team(s) shall be omitted from the calculations. For example, in the event that one team received 2 points for a cancelled fixture, then the goals scored by the other team against the offending team will not be included when its goal average or goal difference is calculated
  - 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 winning team
  - In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, the CEWG, shall determine the means of differentiation
- 4.5 **U14 + U16 Division One winners will be determined by a Play-off between the top 4 teams.** The top two teams from the Regional play-off finals shall progress to the National Finals.  
NSW Regional Playoffs –Div 1 (top 4 teams) **+ Div 2 (top 2 teams from North and South)**  
U16 Sunday 24 March 2019  
U14 Sunday 31 March 2019

#### **5. FIXTURE ARRANGEMENTS**

- 5.1 U14/U16 RL 1 fixtures are designated as 'double-headers', the costs of the venue are covered within the entry fee. There will be seven double header fixtures. The fixtures will be organised by the regional coordinator. Teams will play a maximum of two matches in one day with at least a 60 minute break in-between matches.  
U14 RL2 / U16 RL 2 Each home team will be responsible for booking and paying for venues of home fixtures.
- 5.2 The Junior CEWG will be responsible for producing the fixtures for the U14RL+U16RL
- 5.3 Matches shall be played on an indoor court with adequate surrounds and surface, and changing and showering facilities for both sexes, unless otherwise agreed by the CEWG

- 5.4 The facility must provide adequate run-off space and location for a Technical Officials table. There shall also be provision for the score to be displayed and an audible signal (e.g. hooter) to the umpires for the end of each quarter.
- 5.5 All league matches must be played on the dates specified which shall be Sundays. Whenever venue bookings allow, matches will start between 10.30 am and 14.30 pm, except on double header match days. To allow all matches to take place the time allocation will increase. Courts must be available for warm up a minimum of 30 minutes prior to match start time. Venue facilities must be available to travelling teams a minimum of 40 minutes before match start times. Where matches have been designated as 'double headers', each team's match must be separated by a rest period of 60 minutes.
- 5.6 Division 2 - The home team in Div 2 shall be responsible for booking the designated venue and shall bear the cost
- 5.7 Division 2 - Home team to contact away team asap – but at least 7 days' notice – along with clear travel directions and any notes re venue e.g. parking arrangements.
- 5.8 All clubs will be responsible for arranging their own travel and covering the costs of travel. Teams must allow sufficient travelling 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 15 minutes of the agreed start time. In the event that court bookings prevent the match being completed, the result and a report on the amount of time played should be submitted to the U14RL+U16RL Coordinator who 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 15 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 home team to explain their late arrival.
- 5.9 **No team may postpone or cancel a fixture.** Matches which are postponed due to extreme and unforeseen circumstances, e.g., flash flood, heavy snowfall, road traffic accident, will be rescheduled by the CEWG. The CEWG may allow the rearrangement of a fixture if two (2) or more of a team's squad are affected by a higher or one off Netball event, these may include but are not limited to the Regional round of National Schools, British Colleges Finals, BUCS Finals, and England performance Fixtures this does not apply to clashing league dates for higher leagues.
- 5.10 If a club fails to play a match:
- The non-offending club will be awarded five (5) league points for the match, and the team which cancels will have five (5) league points deducted from their total
  - The club that cancels may forfeit some or all of its deposit and may be liable to pay any costs that the non-offending team, match officials and CEWG have incurred, subject to the determination of the CEWG.
- 5.11 In the event that a match which is abandoned or not completed for any reason, e.g., because of serious injury, the outcome of that match will be determined by the CEWG having regard to the score at the time at which play was suspended.
- 5.12 In the event of a clash of kit colours, the away team **(at group venue this is the second named team)** will change their bib colour which must achieve significant difference (i.e. not a reversal of the same colours).
- 5.13 The home team is responsible for providing hospitality for both teams and all match officials in the form of suitable and substantial refreshments served in a timely fashion after the match. If a visiting team is not able to stay after the match for the tea they should notify the Home team 2 days prior to the match. There is no refreshments required for double header fixtures – unless otherwise notified to you.

## **6. MATCH REGULATIONS**

- 6.1 All games shall be played to the IFNA rules of the game currently in force in England at the time, except where specific regulations may apply.
- 6.2 All U14 Div1 matches shall be of 40 minutes duration (i.e., four (4) quarters of (10) minutes each, 3 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes at half time)  
**All U14 Div 2 matches shall be 60 mins duration (i.e., four (4) quarters of (15) minutes each, 3 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes at half time)**  
All U16 Div 1 + 2 matches shall be 60 mins duration (i.e., four (4) quarters of (15) minutes each, 3 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes at half time)



- 6.3 Each club must register its playing kit and bib colours with the U14RL / U16RL Coordinator prior to the commencement of the U14RL+U16RL. In the event of a clash of colours the team deemed to be the away team shall change colour. The final decision will rest with the umpires/match referee. Any change shall include the wearing of overhead bibs of a significant colour difference to differentiate the teams from one another.

## **7. MATCH OFFICIALS**

- 7.1 Each team shall be responsible for providing an umpire for each match whether the match is home or away. Umpires shall be affiliated to England Netball and their qualifications shall be:  
RL U14 + U16 Div 1 Umpires shall preferably hold a Netball Europe B award or above but may hold a C award - In this case they shall have been approved by their County Umpiring Secretary in the current season, have achieved the level 6.1 bleep test (with written evidence) in Sept 2018 and Jan 2019, and permission sought and granted in advance by the CEWG  
**Div 2 Umpires shall preferably hold a Netball Europe B award or above but may hold a C award - In this case they shall have been approved by their County Umpiring Secretary in the current season and permission sought and granted in advance by the CEWG (no bleep test requirement – but recommended)**
- Each team shall pay their Umpires' expenses. Teams are expected to provide an umpire for all matches including double headers, seeding tournaments and play-offs
- 7.2 In conjunction with England Netball, the CEWG shall have responsibility for procedures which ensure that umpires conform to a standard of physical fitness and competency which allows them to keep pace with the speed, variability and standard of the game(s). The CEWG reserves the right to refuse/withdraw permission for an umpire to officiate in the Regional League.
- 7.3 In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied:
- If another umpire of the appropriate standard is available then she/he will umpire the match providing that both teams agree to the replacement
  - Failing that, the next best-qualified umpire should be used providing that both teams agree to the replacement
  - The CEWG must be informed immediately after the match to determine the validity of the result of the game.
- 7.4 Scorers and timekeepers shall be required for all fixtures. Each team shall provide a non-participating (i.e. not a listed playing squad member) competent scorer and a timekeeper; all officials shall sit together in a location directed by the umpires. This will constitute the Match Officials Bench. They are responsible for keeping the correct score, and correct match time and injury times, not the umpires.

## **8. REGISTRATION OF RESULTS**

- 8.1 **Online Results Submission** - The result of each match must be entered by both teams on the relevant page of the NSW web site no later than 18.00 on the Monday after the fixture. Instructions for the on-line submission of results will be published separately. N.B Failure to register results by the deadline constitutes a breach of these rules and may incur sanctions.
- 8.2 The official result sheet must be checked and signed by the scorer(s), both captains and umpires and sent to the CEWG contact - as stated on the result sheet - to be received by the Wednesday following the match. The home team (**first named team at group venues**) will have responsibility for emailing photographic evidence of the completed result card in accordance with the instructions on the result sheet. **Players must be recorded via the number on the Team Registration Sheet – initially 1-15 then subsequently 15 onwards (to help track players)**

## **9. QUERIES, COMPLAINTS & APPEALS**

- 9.1 Any club or match official who intends to raise a query or complaint regarding the playing of a match and/or its result must inform their opponents and the umpires on the day of the match.
- 9.2 Any queries or complaints regarding the playing of a match and/or its result must be submitted by email to the CEWG U14RL+U16RL Coordinator within two (2) working days. The 'NSW Disputes Form' is to be used for such complaints (Annex B).
- 9.3 All queries, complaints and disputes regarding the playing of a match and/or its result will be determined in the first instance by a sub-committee convened by the CEWG, which will use best endeavours to determine the issue within 10 days of the fixture.
- 9.4 The CEWG will have the power to determine the penalty to be imposed on teams and players who are in breach of these rules and regulations regarding the playing of matches in the U14RL+U16RL. Such penalties will include

reprimands, the deduction of league points, fines, suspensions, and expulsion from the competition, except as specified below:

- The use of an unaffiliated player will result in a deduction of three (3) league points
- The use of an unregistered player or a player, who is under age will result in a deduction of two (2) league points
- Failure to play on more than one occasion may result in expulsion from the League. If a team cancels, the offending team will meet any costs incurred by the non-offending club. Deposits paid may also be forfeited.

**9.5** In the event that any club wishes to appeal against the decision of this sub-committee, it must notify the CEWG within two (2) working days of receipt of the decision. In this event, the matter will be considered under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations 10 and 12, which allows for an Appeals Panel to be convened. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding on all parties. The Appeals Panel will have the power to:

- Endorse the decision of the CEWG, and uphold any penalty imposed
- Endorse the decision of the CEWG, and increase or decrease any penalty imposed
- Overturn the decision of the CEWG, and increase, decrease or remove any penalty imposed

**9.6** Any club which wishes to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the U16RL by the CEWG, or against specific decisions made by it, must also observe the procedures laid out in the current England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations or Complaints Procedure (howsoever named)

**9.7** Any club which fails to observe the procedures laid out in the preceding clauses will invalidate their right to raise a query, complaint or appeal.

**9.8** No club may claim victory by default in any match without first submitting itself to the procedures laid out in these rules and regulations.

**9.9** Any complaint which does not concern the playing of a match and/or its result, but which is made in respect of a disciplinary offence, will be addressed in the first instance in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations or Complaints Procedure (howsoever named) of England Netball.

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISOS**

**10.1** All clubs will be held responsible for their players, officials and spectators.

**10.2** It is the responsibility of each club to provide adequate first aid cover for its players and officials, which shall also be made available to the match officials on request.

**10.3** Pregnant players, coaches and umpires may not take part in matches beyond the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) week of pregnancy.

**10.4** Integrity Clause Any team who knowingly and deliberately provides false information regarding the identity of players when registering or naming players on team sheets will forfeit their deposit and may be expelled from the competition and disciplinary action may be taken against the club.

**10.5** The England Netball Safeguarding guidelines require that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should register their details with the team managers/coaches present at the match before carrying out such photography.

**10.6** To help promote and evaluate Netball South West activities, there may be video filming and photography at some events which may be used in publicity materials e.g. leaflets, newsletters or on official websites. Following Sport England advice NSW will ensure that images are not accompanied by names or other details that could identify individual children or young people. The authorised representative for each club is to complete the 'photography permission' form included as part of the U14RL+U16RL entry form.

**10.7** Qualification for National Finals Tournament – see 4.5  
U14 National Playoffs - 25th / 26th May 2019 - University of Worcester Arena  
U16 National playoffs - 4th/5th May 2019 - Redbridge Leisure Centre



## ANNEX A – NSW CODE OF CONDUCT

### CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that the game of netball is played in a manner consistent with the ethos of fair play, integrity, sportsmanship and honesty, each club entering NSW leagues or competitions shall sign up to the following codes of conduct for their players, umpires and coaches.

#### PLAYERS

1. Know the rules of the game and play to them.
2. Play fairly, be competitive but not aggressive.
3. During play do not question a decision made by the Umpires either by gesture, look, verbally or by commenting to another player.
4. Keep yourself in control at all times and do not retaliate. Do not use obscene language or physical abuse at any time.
5. Do not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when playing.
6. Accept victory modestly and defeat graciously. Your club will be judged on your behaviour.
7. Thank the umpires for officiating your match.
8. Thank your opposition at the end of the match.
9. Shall not use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or the NGB

#### UMPIRES

1. Have a duty to exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game so as to ensure the safety of players.
2. At all times, umpire consistently, independently (an attitude of mind characterised by integrity) and with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the Rules which govern the game, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
3. Conform to a standard of mental and physical fitness which enables them to effectively and efficiently control the matches to which they are appointed.
4. Maintain a complete knowledge and up-to-date interpretation of the Official Rules of Netball and be fully conversant with the Rules, Regulations applicable to the event at which they are officiating.
5. Be smartly dressed and appear on court in clothing that will project an appropriate image.
6. Remember they are the controllers of the game and their decisions should not be influenced by spectators, Team officials or players.
7. Exercise self-control at all times and not commit to any action likely to bring the game into disrepute.
8. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when umpiring.
9. Shall not wager on or coach during any match at which they are officiating.
10. Shall not use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or the NGB

#### COACHES

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball and teach your players to do the same.
2. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with netball (including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators).
3. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
4. Show concern and understanding to sick and injured players. Follow medical advice as to when an injured player is ready to recommence training and competition.
5. Keep up to date with appropriate qualifications, knowledge of the rules of the game and coaching practice
6. Always adhere to the Child Protection Policy to ensure your role cannot be put into question.
7. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when coaching.
8. Abide by the decisions and be supportive of the Umpires and other Officials'
9. Shall not use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or the NGB

#### SPECTATORS AND PARENTS

- Spectators and parents associated with the club shall also follow the spirit of these codes of conducts. Individuals and clubs may be liable to Disciplinary Action if they have committed any breach of this Code of Conduct or have failed to comply with the league and other competition rules

<b>On Behalf of Netball Club – Name of Club</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Position in Club:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

<b>NETBALL SOUTH WEST DISPUTES REPORTING PROCEDURES</b>
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This form must be completed in accordance with the rules for completion provided below.

<b>COMPETITION</b>	
<b>NATURE OF DISPUTE</b>	
<b>CLUB NAME</b>	

<b>DETAILS OF DISPUTE</b>

<b>CLUB POINT OF CONTACT FOR DISPUTE</b>	
NAME	
ADDRESS Including postcode	
CONTACT NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
POSITION	

<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION TO OPPOSITION TEAM CAPTAIN/AUTHORISED TEAM REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
NAME OF OPPOSITION CAPTAIN	
SIGNATURE OF OPPOSITION CAPTAIN	

<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTIFICATION TO MATCH UMPIRES</b>	
NAME OF UMPIRE 1	
SIGNATURE OF UMPIRE 1	
NAME OF UMPIRE 2	
SIGNATURE OF UMPIRE 2	
<b>SIGNATURE OF REPORTING CAPTAIN/AUTHORISED TEAM REPRESENTATIVE</b>	

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