

**North East Junior Regional League
2023 – 2024
Handbook**



NORTH EAST

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Child Protection

England Netball and the North East Region are fully committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all young people to play netball. It accepts its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people and protect them from poor practice, abuse and bullying. With this in mind, England Netball has developed a new Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Netball Policy, Procedures and Guidelines that will apply to all individuals involved, paid or in a voluntary capacity in Netball and will be phased in over time. You can find further information and policies at <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/governance/safeguarding/>

England Netball recognises that everyone has a responsibility to safeguard and protect all young people. For more information on Safeguarding and Protecting Children please visit the following websites or contact the Regional Office on 0191 261 4116.

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

www.thecpsu.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

Codes of Conduct

North East Netball and the Regional Management Board have adopted England Netball's codes of conduct and expect all individuals involved in the North East Regional League to adhere to them. Please find up to date Codes of Conduct at <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/governance/safeguarding/codes-of-conduct/>

Any individual deemed to be not adhering to the codes of conduct could be subject to disciplinary procedures as set out by England Netball.

Junior Regional League Structure

The structure for the 2023/2024 season will be one (1) division of eight (8) teams for U14s and U16s with each team playing each other once. The divisions will be created through an open entry tournament.

Club Contacts

U14

	Team Name	Club Colours	Contact	Phone	E-Mail
1	Cleveland Classics	Blue/Yellow	Katie Lunn		clevelandclassicsnc@gmail.com
2	Darlington Headlanders	Black/Sky Blue	Rebecca Eldrington	07718 313500	rebecca_eldrington@hotmail.com
3	DPNC	Purple/White/Black	Marie Ewing	07968 329057	tdpalatinatesnetballclub@gmail.com
4	Grangetown	Black/Orange	Faye Johnston	07837 547921	faye.johnston.netball@hotmail.com
5	Great Park	Royal Blue/Black/White	Sarah-Jane Cross	07974 721313	sarah-jane.cross@hotmail.com
6	Oaksway	Navy/White	Bev Linighan	07949 037924	oakswaynetball@gmail.com
7	Riverside	Pink/Navy	Emma Larsen	07746 999083	m.larsen@virgin.net
8	Seatonians	Navy/Pale Blue	Suzanne Claassen	07840 788820	juniorseatonians@gmail.com

U16

	Team Name	Club Colours	Contact	Phone	E-Mail
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2	DPNC	Purple/White/Black	Marie Ewing	07968 329057	tdpalatinatesnetballclub@gmail.com
3	Grangetown	Orange/Black	Vickie Eason	07950 021797	victoria.eason@googlemail.com
4	Great Park	Royal Blue/Black/White	Sarah-Jane Cross	07974 721313	sarah-jane.cross@hotmail.com
5	Oaksway	Navy/White	Bev Linighan	07949 037924	oakswaynetball@gmail.com
6	Riverside	Pink/Navy	Emma Larsen	07746 999083	m.larsen@virgin.net
7	Seatonians	Navy/Pale Blue	Nikki Benson	07772 400028	nikkib-x@live.co.uk
8	Shooting Stars		Sarah Leighton		sarahleighton@live.co.uk

Junior Regional League Fixtures 2023-2024

Week	Date	Time	Court 1		Court 2			
GS	18 Nov	2:05pm	Riverside	v	Grangetown	Shooting Stars	v	Seatonians
		3pm	Oaksway	v	DPNC	Seatonians	v	Riverside
U16		4pm	Headlanders	v	Great Park	DPNC	v	Oaksway
U14		5pm	Great Park	v	Grangetown	Cleveland Classics	v	Headlanders
JS	25 Nov	11:40am	Seatonians	v	Headlanders			
		12:45pm	Oaksway	v	Riverside			
U16		1:50pm	DPNC	v	Grangetown			
		2:55pm	Great Park	v	Shooting Stars			
GS	2 Dec	12:30pm	Headlanders	v	Oaksway	Cleveland Classics	v	DPNC
U14		1:30pm	Riverside	v	Great Park	Grangetown	v	Seatonians
SC	16 Dec	2:05pm	Grangetown	v	Headlanders	Seatonians	v	Cleveland Classics
		3pm	Great Park	v	Oaksway	Shooting Stars	v	DPNC
U14		4pm	Oaksway	v	Riverside	Great Park	v	DPNC
U16		5pm	Riverside	v	Seatonians	Headlanders	v	Grangetown

Week	Date	Time	Court 1		Court 2			
SC	6 Jan	2:05pm	Headlanders	v	Great Park	Cleveland Classics	v	Riverside
		3pm	Oaksway	v	Headlanders	DPNC	v	Seatonians
U14		4pm	Oaksway	v	Seatonians	DPNC	v	Grangetown
U16		5pm	Riverside	v	Shooting Stars	Grangetown	v	Great Park

GS	13 Jan	12:30pm	Great Park	v	Oaksway	Cleveland Classics	v	Grangetown
U14		1:30pm	Riverside	v	DPNC	Headlanders	v	Seatonians

GS	20 Jan	2:10pm	Headlanders	v	Riverside	DPNC	v	Great Park
U16		3:20pm	Seatonians	v	Grangetown	Oaksway	v	Shooting Stars

SC	27 Jan	2:05pm	Great Park	v	Seatonians	Grangetown	v	Oaksway
		3:05pm	Grangetown	v	Riverside	DPNC	v	Headlanders
U16		4pm	Shooting Stars	v	Headlanders	Riverside	v	DPNC
U14		5:05pm	Seatonians	v	Great Park	Oaksway	v	Cleveland Classics

SC	9 Mar	2:05pm	Great Park	v	Cleveland Classics	DPNC	v	Seatonians
		3pm	Headlanders	v	DPNC	Grangetown	v	Shooting Stars
U14		4pm	Grangetown	v	Oaksway	Riverside	v	Headlanders
U16		5pm	Great Park	v	Riverside	Seatonians	v	Oaksway

NORTH EAST JUNIOR REGIONAL LEAGUE 2023–24

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Overview

- 1.1 The National U14 Clubs & U16 Clubs Finals (“the National Finals”) are national competitions organised by England Netball to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a national winner, whilst encouraging participation and development in netball through an open, fair, progressive and transparent competition structure. The North East Region send two representatives to this national competition and identify these representatives via the Junior North East Regional League & Qualifying Tournament.
- 1.2 These regulations set out below outline the Rules and Regulations (“the Regulations”) upon which the North East Regional Qualifying Competition (the North East Junior Regional League) for the National Finals should be run (Regional Qualifying only) hereinafter referred to as “the Competition”.
- 1.3 The Regulations must be followed by all teams, players, officials, spectators and administrators involved in the management, administration and operation of the Competition.
- 1.4 It is the responsibility of the club, not the NE RMB, to ensure that all players and relevant parties connected to the team are fully conversant with these regulations.

2. Competition Structure

2.1 The Competition shall comprise of the following:

- U14 League
- U16 League

Progression into the Regional League will be open entry.

2.2 The top two (2) teams from the U14 and U16 Regional League shall progress to the National Finals, providing they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 5. Eligibility shall be assessed by England Netball before the commencement of the National Finals. If a winner or runner up is ineligible, the next placed eligible team will progress to the National Finals.

2.3 The Regional League is the sole responsibility of the North East Regional Management Board (hereinafter referred to as NE-RMB) and is an autonomous organisations independent of England Netball. England Netball shall not be responsible or liable for any claim in respect of this competition.

2.4 The Competitions are known as the Under 14 North East Regional League (U14 NERL) and the Under 16 North East Regional League (U16 NERL).

2.5 The matches will take place over a series of weekend dates from November 2023 to March 2024.

3. Competition Organisation

3.1 The Competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled and managed by the NR-RMB.

3.2 Prior to the start of Competition, the NE-RMB shall announce the following:

3.2.1 the Competition Referee; and

3.2.2 the person appointed to receive appeals of the decisions of the Competition Referee, as outlined in Section 8.

4. Competition Referee

4.1 As set out above, a Competition Referee will be appointed by the NE-RMB for the Competition. The Competition Referee will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on all matters arising throughout the competition including, but not limited to:

4.1.1 altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary;

4.1.2 determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction (including disqualification of any individual, Player or Team).

Breach	Financial Penalty	Points Penalty
Failure to register squad by due date	£5	Nil
Failure to submit results sheet/not completed correctly on more than two occasions	£5	
Use of a Competent Table Official (CTO) not in membership of England Netball	£10	Nil
The use of a player without an active England Netball Membership, unregistered, underage, or ineligible in a fixture.	Nil	Offending Team - Deduction of three (3) league points, but the result will still stand
Failure to attend a match or cancelling a match.	£40	Non offending team – will be designated winners of the match receiving the 5 points and a 10-0 result. More than one cancellation/forfeited match will be reviewed by the RMB.

4.1.3 Identifying and adjudicating instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute, including but not limited to instances of Teams predetermining, or attempting to predetermine, the outcome of a Match and/or the Competition;

4.1.4 determining the result and score should any Match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance;

4.1.5 altering the length of the Matches as set out in 6.6.1 and 6.6.2

4.1.6 determining any matter not covered specifically within these Regulations.

4.2 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 for the decision will rest with the Competition Referee.

4.3 All sanctions will be recorded as per INF rules and reviewed by Competition Referee.

4.4 If a Player is suspended from a Match, or ordered to leave the court and take no further part in the Match, an automatic one match ban will be imposed for the following game. The Competition Referee will review the incident, with reference to any relevant parties, and decide if any further action should be taken.

5. Pre Competition Management and Administration

5.1 Team Entry and Eligibility

5.1.1 Entry to the U14 & U16 NEJRL shall be open for any club or team situated within the boundaries of the North East Regional Netball Association, Club/teams and players must pay the North East Regional fee on their membership and on the following conditions:

- a) All the Players and the Team Officials are members of England Netball, having paid the full membership fee due and received confirmation of their membership in advance of submitting the Registration Form for the competition.
- b) The NE-RMB will be entitled to charge an entry fee to the competition and these must be paid in full within the permitted timescales for a team to compete.
 - i. U14 teams - **£155** must be received **by Friday 10th November 2023** (use reference U14JRL2324)
 - ii. U16 teams - **£170** must be received **by Friday 10th November 2023** (use reference U16JRL2324)
 - iii. The NE-RMB shall be entitled to impose further financial penalties on teams who fail to meet the payment deadlines stated above, or for significant delays or multiple offences, may expel the team from the league.
- d) The Club provides a suitably qualified Primary Care Person and provide proof of the suitable qualification alongside the Squad Registration Form.

5.1.2 Failure to meet the requirements set out in 5.1.1 will result in a team not being permitted to participate in the competition.

5.1.3 By entering a team in the competition clubs/teams agree that:

- a) they are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the Competition;
- b) they will fulfil their obligations and responsibilities set out in the Regulations;
- c) they are bound by the Competition Regulations; and
- d) they are bound by all of the rules, policies, regulations and by-laws of England Netball, including the England Netball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations, as may from time to time be in force

5.1.4 A club may field a maximum of one (1) team for the U14 NERL & one (1) team for the U16 NERL.

5.1.5 Entry into the NERL is at the discretion of the NE-RMB and any club which has participated in more than one feeder competition into National Clubs may not be eligible to represent the NE at the National Clubs Finals.

5.2 Player/Team Official Eligibility

5.2.1 All players and Team Officials are England Netball members, having paid the full adult/junior membership fee due and received confirmation of their membership in advance of submitting the Squad Registration Sheet for the competition. Individuals become an England Netball member via one of the following routes:

- a) Through membership to a Club
- b) Through membership directly to England Netball
- c) Through membership directly to County Netball Association

5.2.2 **Under 14 Regional League:** All Players must be over eleven (11) years of age and under the age of fourteen (14) years old as at 11.59pm on 31st August prior to the commencement of the playing season in which the National Finals take place. Anyone under the age of 11 are unable to compete in the competition.

Under 16 Regional League: All Players must be over thirteen (13) years of age and under the age of sixteen (16) years old as at 11.59pm on 31st August prior to the commencement of the playing season in which the National Finals take place, unless they have completed the Age Banding Consent Form and submitted this alongside the Squad Registration Sheet for the National Finals. Players under the age of fourteen (14) must have completed the Age Banding Consent form and submitted this alongside the Squad Registration Sheet. Anyone under the age of 11 are unable to compete in the competition.

5.2.3 All Team Managers must be over the age of eighteen (18) years old prior to the first competition day.

5.2.4 During the Competition, Team Managers must at all times carry proof of age for all Players and a copy of Age Banding Consent Forms applicable to Players listed on the Squad Registration Sheet.

5.2.5 Proof of age comprises of one or more of the following:

- a) Copy of birth certificate;

- b) Copy of passport;
- c) Copy of medical card;

- 5.2.6 The Competitions are for female participants. Only female participants can be included on the team registration sheet as a player.
- 5.2.7 Should a team play an ineligible player, and this is identified before the end of the current stage, the games where the ineligible player took to the court will be conceded and awarded to the opposition with a score of 10-0. The offending team will also be deducted 6 points.
- 5.2.8 Should an ineligible player be identified retrospectively after the competition, all the results of the offending team may be expunged from the competition.
- 5.2.9 An ineligible player is defined as
- 5.2.9.1 A player who does not hold a Full England Netball Membership
 - 5.2.9.2 A player who is not included on the squad registration sheet.
 - 5.2.9.3 A player who has previously played for another team in the competition at any stage (Entry tournament or Regional). This includes within other regions without permission from the NE-RMB
- 5.2.10 A player can only participate in one regional competition (across England) within an age group.
- 5.2.11 England Netball recommends that individuals (Player, Team Officials & Match Officials) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by itself.

5.3 Registration of Squads

- 5.3.1 There is no limit to the amount of players named on the squad list for the U14 and U16 NERL leagues.
- 5.3.2 Teams may only use those players whose names appear on their squad registration sheet held by the Competition Referee (see section 4 for the penalty for breach of this).
- 5.3.3 Only players who have been named on the Squad Registration by 1700 hours on the Thursday prior to the last round of fixtures (for the relevant age group) will be eligible to play in the National Finals.
- 5.3.4 Any additions to the Squad must be emailed to the Competition Referee by **1700 hours on the Thursday** before the relevant fixture weekend. Teams must provide the full name of the player as it appears on ENgage, their ENA ID and age banding forms, if appropriate.
- 5.3.5 Once a player has been registered to a Squad, she cannot transfer to another NEJRL team during the course of the current playing season. It is the responsibility of coaches and team managers to ensure this detail is shared with all nominated players at the start of the season.
NB - A season includes all rounds of the competition from entry tournament until National Finals.
- 5.3.6 Each team may name up to twelve (12) players prior to the start of each match on their U14 & U16 NERL Results Card. This must be done prior to the stated start time for the match. All players who take part must be named **alphabetically (full names as they appear on ENgage)** on the NERL Results Card.

Responsibility for ensuring that players taking the court meet the eligibility criteria specified in Section 5.2 and 5.3 rests solely and wholly with the relevant Club. All eligibility checking by the Competition Referee will be undertaken by reviewing submitted team sheets after matches have taken place.

5.4 Competition Venues

- 5.4.1 Matches will be played wherever possible on a court with adequate surrounds and playing surface and with ancillary facilities for participants, including changing and showering facilities for Teams and Officials, unless otherwise agreed by the competition referee. Where any such facilities are not available, this will be communicated to all officials and Teams before the competition day. The venue will be published in the NEJRL handbook prior to the start of the season.

5.4.2 The NE-RMB will hire the venue from a third party and conduct a full risk assessment. The NE-RMB will not be liable to a person for any direct or indirect loss or injury resulting from the venue.

5.5 Competition Scheduling

5.5.1 Clubs will receive a Handbook for the Regional League confirming dates, fixtures, regulations and contact information for all clubs, no later than seven (7) days prior to the start date of the competition.

5.5.2 All matches must be played in accordance with the schedule published by Netball North East and take place on the date and at the time stated, unless otherwise agreed by the Competition Referee. Re-arrangement of a fixture will only be considered if there is a clash with an England Netball official event at regional performance level or above.

5.5.3 Clubs will be responsible for arranging their own travel and the costs of this. All teams should allow sufficient travelling time to cover any unexpected delays. The games will not be reorganised to accommodate any delays in the teams arriving and, in this event clause 6.6.4 will take effect.

5.5.4 If a fixture is postponed or cancelled for any reason, it is the responsibility of the Competition Referee to ensure that the teams and umpires are informed immediately the postponement or cancellation is known.

6. Playing and Competition

6.1 Match rules and format

6.1.1 All matches shall be played to the World Netball Federation Rules of the Game and England Netballs Domestic Guidance currently in force in England at the time, except where specifically stated in the Regulations.

6.1.2 The Competition shall be played in a format set out within these regulation as decided by the Competition TSG on behalf of the NE-RMB.

6.2 Match Officials (Umpires)

6.2.1 Umpires who actively hold a Netball Europe at 'B' Award or above, will be eligible to officiate in the NERL. Umpires who actively hold a Netball Europe 'C' award, who are committed to progressing towards a 'B' award and who have been identified by an appropriate body (i.e. England Netball, County Umpiring Secretaries) will also be offered the opportunity to officiate selected matches as identified by the Officiating TSG. To aid their progression from C to B these umpires will be mentored during each match until they pass the B award practical assessment.

6.2.2 Umpires will be allocated to matches by an appointed coordinator, based on their indication of availability. Responsibility to fulfil their commitments or to organise an appropriate substitute in conjunction with the coordinator will rest with the allocated umpire.

6.2.3 Teams will contribute to the umpires' expenses, via a payment of £15 per team, per match, which shall be paid in cash to the umpires **before** the start of the match.

6.2.4 In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied:

- a) If another umpire of the appropriate standard is available then they will umpire the Match;
- b) Failing that, the next best-qualified Umpire should be used.
- c) If no umpire is available then the NERL Results card should be marked accordingly and handed in.
- d) 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.

Note: that when an umpire steps in to cover and the match takes place there will be no opportunity for appeal in respect of the umpire from those clubs involved.

6.3 Technical Officials

- 6.3.1 The Technical Officials are: Scorers and Timekeepers. The scorer(s) and the timekeeper(s) shall constitute the Technical Bench.
- 6.3.2 Each team must provide a competent scorer/Timekeeper, either an Umpire, Qualified Technical Official or someone who has a working knowledge of scoring/timekeeping. Scorers/Timekeepers will be required for all fixtures. This official must have working knowledge of the World Netball Rules currently in force.
- 6.3.3 The CTO's should agree between themselves who acts as scorer and timekeeper. They should ensure they are equipped with the relevant equipment to fulfil their duties, i.e.: stop watches, pencils, etc., as the only equipment provided at the venue is a scoreboard. Failure to provide a CTO for any portion of a match will incur a penalty as outlined in Section 4. In addition, the process below should be followed in the event that a team fails to provide a CTO for their match.
- 6.3.4 In the event that only one team provides a CTO then the other teams CTO will take the lead in officiating the match. The offending team will be required to find someone who can work alongside the CTO to officiate the match. If there is no one available to fill this gap then the offending team will be required to fill this gap with one of the players from their match squad who must remain in this role for the full duration of the match.
- 6.3.5 In the event that neither team provides a CTO then both teams will be required to drop a player from their squad for the duration of the match. These players will be paired with CTO's from other matches taking place at the same time. As above these players will remain in this role for the full duration of the match.
- 6.3.6 Scorers are required to utilise the official NERL Results Card.

6.4 Team Officials

- 6.4.1 A team may have up to five (5) Team Officials. These will include a coach and at least one primary care person who is qualified to diagnose and treat injury and/or illness (for example a doctor, physiotherapist) with a minimum of a first aid qualification.
- 6.4.2 Team Officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties. However, Primary Care Person must not also be Players and it is preferable that they do not hold any other role.
- 6.4.3 The Team Officials and up to five (5) Players, not on court shall constitute the Team Bench.

6.5 Kit and equipment

- 6.5.1 Teams must carry an alternative set of bibs for use where a clash of colours occurs. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to identify any potential clash. Where a clash of colours is identified, Team captains shall arrange to toss a coin to decide who shall wear their alternative bibs.
- 6.5.2 Spare kit must be provided by each team and be readily available during a Match, for example, to replace blood-stained clothing.
- 6.5.3 Each team must provide a size five (5) netball, which must be clearly marked for identification purposes.

6.6 Match Timings

- 6.6.1 U14 matches shall be forty (40) minutes in duration (four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each), with a two (2) minute half time period, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ intervals of two (2) minutes.
- U16 matches shall be forty eight (48) minutes in duration (four (4) quarters of twelve (12) minutes each), with a two (2) minute half time period, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ intervals of two (2) minutes.
- 6.6.2 Matches will start and finish on the Umpires whistle.
- 6.6.2.1 The Timer will commence timing when the Match is started by the Umpire.
- 6.6.2.2 The Timer will signal the end of each quarter to the Umpire whose whistle shall end each quarter.

- 6.6.2.3 Play will be stopped when instructed by the Umpire who shall blow the whistle to stop play. To restart play the Umpire shall signal and blow the whistle for play to be resumed.
- 6.6.2.4 The Umpire will indicate the beginning and end of an interval.
- 6.6.2.5 A warning will be given before play is due to commence two (2) minutes prior to the start of each match and then thirty (30) seconds for the teams to take court before the start of each quarter.

6.6.3 Umpires must ensure that:

- a) Before the start of each Match the Captains have tossed for centre pass and informed the Umpires and Match Bench Officials of the result;
- b) All Teams are on court, in position and ready to play, at the scheduled time in accordance with the playing schedule;
- c) No Team starts a Match with less than five (5) Players on court.

6.6.4 Any Team not on court as detailed in accordance with 6.6.4 a) to c) above will concede the Match. Zero (0) points will be awarded to the Team conceding the Match and match points for a win (5) will be awarded to the Team on court, in position and ready to play at the correct time.

The Umpires must record on the Result Sheet the name and arrival time of the Team which arrived late.

6.7 Substitutes and Team Changes

- 6.7.1 During the $\frac{1}{4}$, half time and $\frac{3}{4}$ intervals, substitutions/Team changes may be made by both teams providing they take place within the allotted time.
- 6.7.2 Injury time shall be played in accordance with the stoppages rule in the International Netball Federation Rules of the Game (2020).

6.8 Injuries and Accidents

- 6.8.1 Play may be stopped if the umpire deems it necessary due to the injury or illness of a player.
- 6.8.2 Team Officials are required to take great care in moving an injured player or ill player from the court.
- 6.8.3 All participants acknowledge that participating in the sport of netball involves a risk of personal injury and by taking part in NEJRL whether as a player, team member, team official, other official or spectator, each participant does so at their own risk.
- 6.8.4 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.
- 6.8.5 If an accident occurs in 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 <http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/competitions>.
- 6.8.6 This procedure should be followed for ALL injuries and accidents, regardless of whether or not medical treatment is given.
- 6.8.7 In the event that a Match is abandoned for any reason, for example because of serious injury, the result of that Match will be determined by the Competition Referee, having regard to the score at the time at which play was suspended.

6.9 Scoring

- 6.9.1 The League tables for the Competition will be compiled on the basis of the points awarded to each team.
- 6.9.2 Teams will be awarded league points as follows:
 - a) Five (5) points for a win;
 - b) Three (3) points for a draw;

- c) One (1) point for a loss in which the Team scores more than 50% of the winning Team's score;
- d) Zero (0) points for a loss in which the Team scores 50% or less of the winning Team's score.

6.9.3 Where teams are level on points:

- 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 competition stage 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 result of the group match(es) between the Teams will be the decider, based on the points awarded
- d) In the event that the group match result does not differentiate between the Teams, then the Team with the greatest number of goals scored shall take precedence
- e) In the event that neither Goal Average nor Goal Difference nor the group match result nor goals scored can differentiate between the Teams, the winner will be decided by a playoff game(s), the format of which shall be determined by the Competition Referee.

Note - Where one of the teams has its goal average, goal difference or total number of goals scored affected by conceded fixtures, then all goals scored by and against conceding team(s) in all fixtures shall be omitted from the calculations of teams level on points. Except where one of the teams level on points is the conceding team, at which point they assume a goal average of 0 and will be the lowest ranked team of those level on points.

6.10 Registration of Results

6.10.1 For all Regional League matches the official NERL Results Card must be used and completed fully including signatures from both scorers, captains and umpires if necessary. It is the responsibility of the **HOME** team to scan/photo message the fully completed results card to the Competition Referee (nejrlcompetitionreferee@gmail.com) on the day of the match. Failure to submit a correctly completed NEJRL Results Card will incur a penalty as outlined in Section 4.

NB - The home team is the team that is named first on the fixtures.

6.10.2 Any dispute or disagreement over scores or quarters played should be resolved on the day of the match through discussion between the captains and officials.

6.10.3 For any dispute which cannot be resolved on the day, proceed as outlined at Section 7.

7. Competition Complaints Procedure

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

7.1.1 For NERL League Matches, 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 NERL Results Card with the words "Under Protest";
- c) Attach a letter to the Results Card to explain the issue in full.
- d) Send the marked Results Card and letter to the Competition Referee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the match.
- e) The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken.

7.1.2 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 7.1.1 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint have the right to appeal the decision under Section 8 below.

7.2 Where a Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by the NE-RMB, such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure of the North East Regional Association.

7.3 Where the Complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual Player or Team participating, volunteering or individual 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.

7.4 Complaints cannot be made in relation to a decision made by an umpire in line with the INF rules of netball.

8. Appeal of the Competition Referees Decision

8.1 The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with sections 7.1.1 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:

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

8.1.2 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.

8.2 An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the Team Manager of the appealing Team to the Competition Referee within seventy two (72) hours of receiving the decision, who will refer it to the NE-RMB.

8.3 The appeal shall be accompanied by a payment of £100 via bank transfer 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 payment being returned.

8.4 The NE-RMB 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.

8.5 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 seventy two (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.

8.6 All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The Chair of CAC will have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal.

8.7 The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within seventy two (72) hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.

8.8 The CAC will notify all the parties that made submissions and presented evidence of its decision and any penalties and sanctions imposed within twenty four (24) hours of it reaching its determination. The CAC shall have the discretion to publish the decision through whatever means it considers appropriate.

8.9 The CAC shall have the delegated power of NE-RMB 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. There is no further right of appeal on this decision.

8.10 The procedures set out 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.

8.11 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.

8.12 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 8 shall be English Law.

8.13 If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for 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 seventy two (72) hours stated in this Section 8. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties.

9. Miscellaneous

- 9.1 The NE-RMB 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 the NE-RMB's liability for any personal loss or injury caused by the NE-RMB own negligence, the negligence of its employees, or for fraud.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 These Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.
- 9.4 Any questions regarding these Regulations can be addressed in the first instance to the Competition Referee.
- 9.5 The NE-RMB reserves the right to amend these Regulations each year in advance of the Competition and such amendments will take effect from the first date of publication of the completed amended procedure on the Region's website.

Definitions

Some definitions within these Rules and Regulations are set out in the England Netball Membership Regulations and International Netball Federation's Rules of the Games, supplementary to these, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

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Competition Appeals Committee (CAC) means a body of up to three (3) individuals who are independent of and not connected to the Competition that will hear a or a group of appeal(s) on the Competition Referee's decision as set out in section 8.

Competition Day means the specific day or days on which the Competition takes place.

Competition Referee means the individual appointed by the NE-RMB or its delegate with all necessary authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising during the Competition Days as set out in 4.2.

Competition Referee Log Book means a record of any incidents, disciplinary matters, changes to schedule or complaints that arise on the Competition Day and are passed onto the LOC, templates for these documents are available at <http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/competitions>

Complete Results sheet - A fully completed results sheet includes the date, both team names, age group circled, players names (as they appear on Engage) and quarters played along with positions, quarter scores, final score, match winner, player infringements signed by the umpire, and the names and signatures of both teams' captains and table officials (CTO).

England Netball Accident Report Form means a form that is accessible from <http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/competitions> that must be used to detail any accidents that occur during a competition

Goal Average means goals for divided by goals against

Goal Difference means the difference between the goals scored and the goals conceded

Match means an individual game of Netball played, in accordance to 6.1, forming part of the Junior Regional Leagues.

Player means an individual listed on the Squad Registration Sheet who may from time to time participate in a Match.

NERL Results Card means the official card issued by Netball North East, used for each Match, by each the home team, to record the players on court, quarters played and quarter and final scores, and signed by captains, umpires and scorers. See Appendix 2.

Squad means Players listed on the NEJRL Squad Registration from which a Team may be selected on a match day.

Teams means up to seven (7) Players actively participating in a Match at a given moment.

Team Officials mean the individuals that are listed on the Squad Registration Sheet and include the Coach, Team Manager and up to three (3) other personnel, at least one (1) of whom must be a primary care person and one (1) must hold an appropriate first aid qualification

NORTH EAST REGIONAL LEAGUE RESULT CARD

Date:					Venue:				
Team 1 (Home):					Team 2 (Away):				
Umpire 1:					Umpire 2:				
Team 1 Officials (everyone present MUST be recorded)					Team 2 Officials (everyone present MUST be recorded)				
Team 1 Players	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	Team 2 Players	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q
QUARTER SCORES:					QUARTER SCORES:				
FINAL SCORE:					MATCH WINNER:				

Discipline: In the table below please record all cautions, warnings, suspensions and sending offs awarded by the Umpires: If necessary, please use the reverse of this sheet. This must also be photographed and emailed to the competition referee.

Player Name	Qtr	Infringement (eg. Caution - Persistent Obstruction)	Umpire Name	Umpire Signature

Sign below to certify that the information above is correct:

	Print Full Name	Signature
Team 1 Captain		
Team 2 Captain		
Team 1 Scorer		
Team 2 Scorer		

Should there be any dispute relating to the match, the Captains and Scorers should try to resolve this before signing the Score Sheet. If the dispute cannot be resolved the Sheet should be marked as Under Protest and the procedure in Section 7 of the Regulations followed.

Instructions for completion of the Result Card

Pre-match

1. Insert the Date and venue.
2. Insert the name of both teams, Team 1 is the home team and Team 2 is the away team.
3. Print the full name of the umpires in the Umpire 1 and 2 boxes.
4. Print the full names (as found in Engage) of all team officials.
5. In the two columns marked Players Names under the relevant team name print the full names (as found in Engage) of all the players named by both teams in alphabetical order (by surname).

During the match

6. In the columns headed 1st Q, 2nd Q, etc., for each team, write the position that the player played in the quarter that they took to the court. Players who do not take the court in any quarter should have a cross entered in the box at the end of the relevant quarter.
7. If a player is replaced mid quarter add the position to the quarter box for that player and the player who replaces them to show that there was a substitution.
8. On the row titled quarter scores enter the number of goals scored in that quarter by each team, not the running total.

Discipline

9. Enter any disciplinary offences in the Discipline Table as follows.
 - a. Disciplinary offences to record are cautions, warnings, suspensions or ordering off.
 - b. Table Officials should check with the Umpires at the quarter time to ensure that the information entered is correct.
 - c. Information Required:
 - i. player name – if there are two players with the same name enter the team too
 - ii. the quarter when the disciplinary action was actioned
 - iii. infringement (dissent, persistent obstruction, etc..) and any relevant description
 - iv. the umpires signature

Post-match

10. In the box marked Final Score enter the overall final score for the match – this should equal the total of the quarter scores.
11. In the box marked Match Winner enter the name of the team which won the match.
12. Finally both Captains and Scorers should print and sign their names (as appear in Engage) in the relevant team number box after checking the sheet.
13. Score cards should be sent to the Competition Referee as indicated in the rules.

Note: Scorers and Captains are signing the sheet to verify that:

- The score sheet is **fully completed** - all relevant lines and boxes are filled with the appropriate information.
- The score and winning team are correct
- The players names and quarters played are correct

Penalties will be applied for submitting incomplete or incorrect scores