

## CCNA - Junior Development Group (JDG) U12, U14 & U16 Netball League

### Rules 2017/2018 Season

**These rules are only applicable to teams playing in the JDG U12, U14 & U16 Netball Leagues and are played in conjunction with England Netball Official Rules.**

#### **1. Structure & Management of the League**

- 1.1 Construction of the League shall be decided by the JDG at the start of each season.
- 1.2 League positions: Points will be awarded as follows:
  - 6 points for a win
  - 4 points for a draw
  - 3 points if within 5 goals of opponent's score
  - 2 points if within 50% of more of opponent's score
  - 1 point for less than 50% of opponent's score
- 1.3 Any team conceding a match should be deducted 2 points.
- 1.4 Start times: All matches must start within 5 minutes of the agreed time. U12 matches will be 4 x 10 minutes. U14 and U16 matches will be 4 x 15 minutes. Umpires will time interval and injury time. Time allowed between quarter and half time as follows:
  - Quarter time 3 minutes
  - Half time 5 minutesStoppages for injury shall be as laid down in the England Netball rules.
- 1.5 Clubs must pay the specified entry fee of £80 per team to the appropriate League official before the first match of the season.
- 1.6 Scorecards will be given out to the clubs for all fixtures at or before their first match of the season.
- 1.7 Appointment of umpires: The JDG Umpiring Secretary will arrange umpires for most matches for this year's League. Clubs are required to have a qualified umpire within their club to help sustain suitable personnel to assist with umpiring should there be a need.
- 1.8 Fees for Umpires: A Divisions will have umpires of C award or above. All other divisions Beginner level and above. Umpires will be required to score as well as umpire.  
  
Teams will be responsible for paying umpire expenses. For 2017-2018 season umpire expenses will be:

£15 per match for each umpire: 60-minute duration and £10 per match for each umpire: 40-minute duration.

#### 1.9 Procedure for cancelled matches:

If weather conditions render the courts unsuitable to play on, teams should contact the 'Snow Phone', no sooner than 11am on the fixture day. Number: 0773 2180031.

In the event of such a cancellation by the JDG league, the fixture shall be rearranged on a date agreeable to the teams concerned. The League committee must be notified in writing (email is acceptable) within 7 days of the original fixture to advise when the match is to be replayed. It is preferable for a rearranged match to be played before the next fixture date if possible. If this is not possible, it is left to team's discretion to rearrange the match before the end of each half season.

In the event of a late cancellation the team are required to inform the JDG Committee; Umpiring Secretary; the opposition and receive confirmation. This sometime requires a telephone call and more than a single email.

#### 1.10 Rearranging and Conceding matches:

Matches cannot be rearranged without permission from the JDG Committee. Any team wishing to rearrange a match must request permission from the JDG Committee citing the reason they are unable to play the match on the given day. If permission is given to rearrange, the match should be played before the next fixture date if possible and within 2 weeks of the original fixture. The team rearranging must inform the Committee of the date of the rearranged fixture. Conceding of games should be notified to the Umpiring Secretary on: [juniorleagueumpires@gmail.com](mailto:juniorleagueumpires@gmail.com) no later than 5PM ON THE FRIDAY before the fixture. Any team conceding after that time will be required to pay umpires.

#### 1.11 Abandoned matches:

Matches may be abandoned only by mutual agreement of the umpires. The scores at the time of abandonment will stand, if the time played exceeds 5 minutes into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the match. Where a match is abandoned earlier than 5 minutes into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the match, the fixture shall be rearranged as per League rules.

#### 1.12 Promotion and Relegation

Two teams will be relegated from Division 1 and two/three teams at the discretion of the committee will be promoted from Division 2 for ages groups with more than one division.

#### 1.13 Selection for Regional Clubs Tournament

This will be decided by a 'Play Off' day and all teams in Division 1 of U16's & U14's will be invited to a tournament before Christmas. Only the winner and runners up will be put forward and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will be entered into a 'wild card' system by the regional tournament organiser should any teams drop out. U16's & U14's playing adult netball to

advance their development prospects can be entered in the 'Play Off' day but are advised not to play in the JDG league.

#### 1.14 Discipline

It will be the responsibility of the JDG Committee to apply disciplinary action, if deemed necessary for actions that may bring the County, League or the game of Netball into disrepute. The JDG committee shall follow the procedures set out in the England Netball Disciplinary regulations dated 2 February 2015 and as amended from time to time.

### **2. Player & team rules**

- 2.1 All teams playing in the JDG League must be first claim affiliated to Cambridgeshire.
- 2.2 All players must be affiliated to England Netball before playing. "Affiliation" is defined at Section 3.04 of CCNA Constitution.
- 2.3 All players must be named to a team and registered with the League committee before playing. Changes to named teams must be advised to the Results Secretary before the appropriate game.
- 2.4 A named player may play down in the team immediately below, within their age group, 1 time per season but may not return to her former team for the following 2 League matches.
- 2.5 If a player plays up for 2 full consecutive league games, she will be deemed to be a player of the particular team played for last. Note – consecutive games relate to the player and not the team.
- 2.6 Age ranges:  
  
U12: School year 6 and 7. All players must be over 10 years of age and under 12 years of age at midnight on 31 August/1 September prior to the first match of the season.  
  
U14: School year 8 and 9. All players must be over 11 years of age and under 14 years of age at midnight on 31 August/1 September prior to the first match of the season.  
  
U16: School year 10 and 11. All players must be over 14 years of age and under 16 years of age at midnight on 31 August/1 September prior to the first match of the season.
- 2.7 A player who is not affiliated may play as a guest player once in a season. This must be recorded on the score card as 'GP'.
- 2.8 All players must be listed on the back of the scorecards on match day. There is no need to sign, but all players that played any part of the match must be listed on the scorecards.
- 2.9 Teams are responsible for ensuring that the scorecards are filled in correctly:  
  
All participating players are listed on the card, including substitutes, players playing up or down and guest players, indicating portion of game played ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ). Coaches to ensure umpire initials against quarters played.

All umpires have signed scorecard, stating qualification.

Scorecard is placed in box provided on match day or forwarded to the appropriate League official within 7 days of the fixture.

#### 2.10 Venues

Impington: Supporters must spectate from outside the courts. Only coaches and substitutes are allowed court side.

All venues: Please stand to the right-hand side of the shooting post to allow umpires sufficient room to officiate.

Please note the toilets at Milton may not be open on every fixture date.