



GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE - GDSNL

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Membership

All members of the league whether players, umpires, officials, coaches or committee members must be affiliated to England Netball and the league will run by their rules. All teams will have in their possession the latest edition of the Rules of Netball produced by the INF (International Netball Federation).

2. Players Registration

All players must be registered to teams before they take the court. Please contact the Memberships Secretary by 6:30pm on the date of the game (extenuating circumstances will be discussed by committee). In the event of non-registered or person who are EN Members playing a match the result will revert to 30-0 to the opposing team for 1-hour games and 20-0 for 40-minute games. The team Secretary must administer their player's Memberships on Engage (<https://engage.EnglandNetball.co.uk/>) before the start of the Winter Season and all players must complete the relevant data capture forms before competing in the Grimsby and District Senior Netball League. Any new alterations to membership which a team make to their Engage account must be informed to the Memberships Secretary. These forms must be held by the Team Secretary for 3 years. If any team guests a player, then that player can ONLY play 3 games in total (which can be for numerous teams) during the whole of that full netball year 1st September to 31st August before they must affiliate to England Netball. If a player has been made a member of EN Netball in the current year, they cannot guest but can register on engage to another team. It is the Team's responsibility to advise such guesting player that without EN Membership they are not covered by EN Insurance.

A team may only register/affiliate 25 players in any one full netball year, this includes second Memberships and guests. If an EN Member player becomes pregnant that person can be replaced by another after her 12th week of pregnancy she cannot be unregistered from ALL ENGLAND. The Memberships Secretary must be informed of this alteration. If a registered player receives a serious illness or injury a letter should be sent to the Chairperson to enquire if they can be replaced by another.

All teams wishing to undertake membership for a player must make sure this is done before they play within the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League.

A player may only move teams at the end of the first half of the winter season and at the end of the winter season/summer season - unless the Memberships Secretary receives written mutual consent from player and team she is leaving.

3. ALL ENGLAND Insurance

a) All EN Member teams/clubs who are members of EN Netball and registered participants benefit from the Civil Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance held by ALL ENGLAND. This includes umpires who are EN members through teams/clubs. In the event of a claim or an incident

that may give rise to a claim please contact ALL ENGLAND. Full terms and policy conditions are available on the above and a link is provided on the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League Website.

b) Please contact the Regional office on 01509 226753 or email eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk regarding any medical or physical conditions. If you are diagnosed with a condition which is new to you it may affect the insurance of yourself and other members of the league (please see members of the league definition in section 1). It is your responsibility to make the Chairperson of the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League aware in confidence. Before commencing any further activity within the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League you should have clear written instruction from East Midlands Regional Office on further involvement in the league.

4. League Meetings

Each individual team (not club representative) must be represented at league meetings. It is not acceptable as a result of the 1994 AGM (Annual General Meeting) for a representative from another team to attend for more than one team. Apologies for Absence are still accepted, but another representative must be present. Two points shall be deducted as a result of non-attendance at a League meeting if representative has not arrived within 15 minutes of the meeting start time. Only one vote per team at league meetings however each member of the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League has a vote in their own right at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). All EN Member GDSNL teams must send at least one member per team to represent them (no other team can represent on their behalf) at an AGM or EGM. 3 Points will be deducted for an AGM/EGM and 2 points will be deducted for League Meeting if after 15 minutes from the meeting start time the team representative has not arrived. Please inform the committee of your arrival if late.

League meetings shall usually be held on a Wednesday evening and the Annual General Meeting is held during the first week in September each year. The day, date and time shall be at the discretion of the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League Committee.

5. Registration Night

Registration night will be held before each winter and summer leagues commences. Registration evening is to ensure that all membership fees are paid and for each team to collect a "League Pack" which includes fixtures, rules and regulations, constitution, umpires lists, team secretaries lists, Committee List and score cards.

6. League Fees

League fees in September will be paid Membership to England Netball, this is completed directly by Club/Teams Secretaries/Individuals through Engage. Payments for the summer League are payable to GDSNL. These payments must be made before any team can participate in the League and a receipt must be sent as proof of payment to the Membership Secretary.

7. Court Fees

Fees will be £10.00 per team (subject to increases). Monies shall be paid by Bank Transfer per Club/Team to GDSNL and must be fully paid by the end of each playing season. Cheques payable to Grimsby & District Senior Netball League – Rules & Regulations

G.D.S.N.L. are acceptable. None and late payment shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee. A deduction of 2 points will be adhered to if non-payment at the end of the playing season.

8. Venues

All matches shall be played at the Oasis Wintringham Academy on Monday and Tuesday evenings between 7.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

9. Match Times

Games will be centrally timed by the umpires on Court One. Start times of games must start at the time stated on the fixtures. Games shall be played as quarters, 2 minutes at half time and 1 minute between quarters. Umpires on Court One must adhere to start times irrespective of **teams'** readiness to start. If Court One is not playing the responsibility falls to Court 2.

10. Injuries

No injury time allowed. Match results will be decided at the discretion of the Committee if the game cannot be recommenced.

11. Game Cancellation

Failure to notify the opposing team, both designated umpires and the fixtures Secretary shall result in 5 points being deducted from the league tables. You are still liable for your allocated umpiring slot. Game cancellation shall result in your team becoming liable to pay the opposing teams' court fees as well as your own. "30-0" or "20-0" will be awarded to the opposing team depending on the duration of the match – see rule 2. Please ensure that the Fixtures Secretary, Treasurer and Memberships Secretary (this may affect guests) are aware of cancellations along with the team you are due to play and the two teams who have the umpiring responsibility for that game.

12. Inclement Weather

7.00 p.m. games maybe subject to cancellation due to weather conditions unless the Oasis Wintringham has already cancelled for severe weather. If the whole nights play is cancelled teams will be texted as soon as possible, the cancellation will also go on the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League Facebook page. In this event all the evening's games will be replayed, and new dates will be set by the Fixtures Secretary.

If at any time during the evening the weather becomes inclement play may be suspended. If the first game has taken place and finished and then the rest of the night is cancelled due to bad weather unfinished games will be replayed later in the season as far as possible and the results of games already completed will stand. If you have played, court fees will be charged. If a team had cancelled their game that result would stand. If the game has to be abandoned providing at least two full quarters (half time if 40 minute match) have been played the game results will stand. This can be due to bad weather, injury where a player cannot be moved from court or for any other reason at the discretion of the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League Committee with guidance from England Netball.

If at any time during a game Lightning is experienced all teams must stop play and take shelter.

13. Umpiring & Scoring

- (a) Each team must provide an England Netball qualified umpire, or a person who is proven to be working towards an England Netball Officiating qualification or a Grimsby & District Senior Netball League beginner umpire (until 31st August 2023). A list of qualified umpires is available in your league pack who are willing to cover extra games (gratuities are at the discretion of individuals and the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League will not concern themselves or become involved with any outside monetary matters).
- (b) If you are unable to provide an umpire who is registered to your club, and you need to provide cover from an England Netball qualified umpire or a person who is proven to be working towards an England Netball Officiating qualification or a Grimsby & District Senior Netball League beginner umpire (until 31st August 2023) from another team, the umpiring secretary needs to be informed who the cover umpire is via WhatsApp/Text before 6.30pm on the night of the fixture. (Preferably arranged well in advance).
- (c) In line with England Netball Umpiring qualification process each team must provide a scorer. It is advised for scorers of each team to be stood together to ensure that correct tallying is consistent. The score should be called after a goal is scored.
- (d) All umpires must arrive before umpiring time commences and be ready on court with nails, jewellery and clothing checked and centre pass determined.
- (e) If an umpire and/or a scorer does not attend, 5 points in total will be deducted from the league tables from the team responsible for providing the umpire and/or scorer. The umpire's/scorer's team will be liable for the court fees of both teams due to play if the game does not go ahead. 'In extenuating circumstances the committee can consider whether points deduction will stand.
- (f) Umpires MUST NOT take over a game when another umpire has started to officiate unless of injury/illness.
- (g) England Netball's ruling on jewellery nails and accessories apply.
- (h) Matches with only one umpire cannot be played (England Netball Ruling) and will result in a draw unless sufficient time to replay during season at the discretion of the Committee. Please see section 13(b) for further information on games with only one umpire
- (i) EN Member umpires will not officiate games involving the team that they are members to. In extenuating circumstances this would have to be agreed by both teams involved in the match.
- (j) As a result of the Annual General Meeting dated 3rd September 2018, Individual umpires will not officiate on more than 2 matches per evening, unless there are extenuating circumstances which will need to be reported to the Committee. The penalty for Umpiring over the maximum will be discussed by the Committee.

14. Pregnancy

Players are prohibited to play netball beyond the 12th week of gestation. Umpires are prohibited to umpire beyond the 16th week of gestation. Please refer to englandnetball.com for confirmation.

15. New Teams

All Clubs/Teams entering the league shall start in the lowest tier. If more than one team enter from a Club and start in the lowest Division at the same time, players are not permitted to play up for the other team until the end of the round unless the Club tell the league which is ranked higher before the league starts. The Committee has the right to refuse entry to any team to the Grimsby and District Senior Netball League.

16. Clubs/Teams

Each team must have 5 players to commence play (no players may be borrowed) except for "Clubs" who can play a player from one of their other teams on two occasions but on the third occasion the player must transfer to the higher team this is per season. No player from a higher ranked team may play in a lower ranked team. A "Club" player may play only one game per match night. At the end of the Season or Transfer Window, the teams are set as A, B, C Clubs of where they have seeded at the end of the previous season or Transfer Window – this includes the Winter handicap tournament. If more than one team enter from a Club and start in the lowest Division at the same time, players are not permitted to play up for the other team.

If a team disbands and only has 3 original players they must start in the lowest division in the league if they reform. You must have a minimum of 4 original players as continuous paid membership to continue in the divisional standings at the end of the season.

By entering a team in the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League, clubs/teams agree that:

- They will abide by these rules and regulations
- They are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League including attendance at meetings and umpiring/scoring.
- They will participate in a sporting manner and play within the spirit of the game
- They are bound by all the rules, policies, regulations and by-laws of EN, including the EN Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations. This is extended to all current Covid Government and EN guidelines

17. Discipline

Any team or match official who intends to raise a query or complaint regarding the playing of a match must inform their opponents and the umpires within 2 working days of the match held.

Any queries or complaints regarding the playing of a match must be submitted in writing to the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League within 2 working days to the Chairperson and Secretary. It is advised that this be sent via email asking for confirmation of receipt. Advance notice of such query or dispute should also be provided by telephone within 2 working days.

All queries, complaints and disputes regarding the playing of a match and/or its result will be determined in the first instance by the Grimsby & District Senior Netball Committee which will use best endeavours to determine the course of action within 10 days of receiving the query, complaint or dispute

18. Match Results

Match results to be texted or e-mailed to The Fixtures Secretary by 10.00 a.m. on a Wednesday:

Grimsby & District Senior Netball League Points System:

5 points for a Win, 2 Points for losing by one goal, 3 points for a Draw and 1 point for gaining half the score.

19. Tournaments

Information will be distributed prior to tournament dates. Entry will be automatic unless the Fixtures Secretary is informed. Handicap Tournament teams must consist of club registered players (borrowing of players is prohibited). The team you play for at the end of the winter season is the team you play for in the Handicap Tournament. In all other tournaments teams can consist of any EN Member players. Guesting/Playing up rules apply to all tournaments; guesting is per player per tournament. Players must stay with the same team for the duration of the tournament. No playing up allowed for the handicapped tournament.

20. Age

School girls who are in Year 11 are able to participate in the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League, in addition each team may include a maximum of 2 year 10's to play on court at one time. When registering players from year 10 dates of birth must be given to both the League Secretary and League Safeguarding Officer. Clarification of Year 10 is School year beginning September (if you are going to reach 15 from term time 1st September to 31st August of said year). The England Netball Child Protection Policy Statement (See England Netball website) will be followed by the League.

21. League Structure

As a result of the Annual General Meeting dated 3rd September 2002 the Committee reserves the right, subject to the members approval, to alter the structure of the League to enable hour matches to be played. See also section 9.

22. Promotion/Demotion

Promotion: The top 2 teams from each division to be promoted (if one of these teams cancels their Membership then the next team will take that place). In the event of restructuring the league to incorporate more or less teams there may be the requirement to promote or demote further teams to or from corresponding divisions.

Demotion: The bottom 2 teams from each league will be demoted (if any teams cancel their Membership, then further teams will be promoted in accordance with their standing in the league). In the event of restructuring the league to incorporate more or less teams there may be the requirement to promote or demote further teams to or from corresponding divisions.

23. Late Arrivals – Players and Umpires

Each team must have at least five players to take the court, if due to the late arrival of a player(s) this cannot be done teams are allowed 5 minutes in which to do so. As soon as 5 players are available that team must take the court and any further late arrivals can then join the game after a goal has been scored in the vacant position(s).

Each umpire must arrive and adhere to the rulings of section 13 (b).

If either 5 players or a designated umpire are not on court by 5 minutes after central timing has started, then the game will not commence. Normal circumstances of liability of court fees and awarding game to opponents will come into effect re player/team unable to take court. Normal circumstances on points deduction from team of umpire along with court fees if game not able to go ahead due to non-attendance of umpire.

24. Social Networking Sites

Any member of the league found by the Committee of Grimsby & District Senior Netball League to be using social networking sites in a manner deemed as offensive towards another member will be permanently excluded from the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League.

25. Accident Reporting

An England Netball Accident form must be completed for all accidents and sent to the League Secretary. A copy of the Accident form and the results sheet will be sent England Netball where they will be stored for insurance purposes.

If an accident occurs at a Netball match where a player, coach, spectator or staff member is injured, the accident reporting procedure should be followed as detailed below: This procedure should be followed for ALL injuries and accidents, regardless of whether or not medical treatment is given.

A team official - i.e., coach, team manager or other team representative - should complete the Accident Report Form, making sure to include as much information as possible. This may include a diagram or further explanation which may be completed on a separate piece of paper or on the back of the form. Additional pages should be stapled or clipped securely to the original form.

The names, addresses and contact details of any witness present should be recorded. It may also be necessary, in some circumstances, to obtain an Umpires Report as evidence. This is essential for any follow up queries England Netball, or its insurers may have.

The form should be sent to the League Secretary within 3 (three) days of the incident taking place who will retain a copy and forward to England Netball. A copy should be kept by each team and filed for future reference. All participants acknowledge that participating in the sport of netball involves a risk of personal injury and by taking part in the Grimsby & District Senior Netball League whether as a player, team member, team official, other official or spectator, each participant does so at their own risk.