



## Corby Netball League Rules – 2011-2012

### Team Captains should ensure that all players have read and understood the rules.

#### 1.0 Affiliation

1.1 All players must be affiliated to England Netball.

1.2 Players can only play for 1 team. If a player (s) wish to transfer teams this can only be done at the end of the Handicap League or League Proper.

1.3 All Teams are requested to complete a Team Registration sheet which will be submitted to the affiliation secretary with affiliation monies by the deadline notified by the league. Any additions / amendments must be submitted by email.

1.4 Any new player(s) can play 3 matches which must be declared on the match team sheet. A new player is anyone who has not been '*affiliated*' or '*affiliated and not played*' in the previous season.

#### 2.0 Matches

2.1 All matches will be played at Lodge Park Sports Centre. However, occasionally if matches need to be relocated to another venue, teams will be notified as soon as possible and all rules apply regardless of the venue.

2.2 Play will be in accordance with the current England Netball and Corby Netball League rules.

2.3 Match times will be controlled by the duty team. When the Duty team are playing, scorers will take control of the timing.

2.4 Matches must start on time. If a team has not shown up or has less than 5 players, 1 goal per minute will be awarded to the opposing team, up until 15 minutes. Failure of a team to start a game after this time will result in the opposition receiving 3 points and will be awarded 30 goals.

2.5 A team cannot take the court with less than 5 players.

2.6 Duration of the game is 4 x 12 minutes. This will be played in quarters. Breaks will be 2 minutes after the first and third quarters and 4 minutes at half time. Please note break times maybe shortened due to matches over running to which the duty team MUST notify the teams playing.

2.7 In the case of poor weather conditions, matches will be cancelled in the safety of all members travelling to and from the venue. Team Captains will be notified as soon as possible and matches will be rescheduled.

2.8 No matches will be re-arranged. All teams are given the opportunity to contact the Fixtures and Results Secretary with a request for a date (s) to be allocated a 'bye' where possible, this cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be put in writing to the Fixtures Secretary : Deadlines 31st July – Handicap League, 30th November - League Proper.

2.9 If a match has to be stopped due to injury then 2 minutes injury time will be given. Where possible the injured person must be moved off the court for the match to resume play. If matches are running behind schedule, it is the responsibility of the Duty team to inform teams that breaks will be reduced.

2.10 All matches will be played with the league match ball.

2.11 Match fees are £21 per team. Each team will receive an invoice twice per season. Fees must be paid by cheque made payable to 'Corby Netball League'. No cash will be accepted.

2.12 All teams must provide an umpire or scorer. If teams cannot find a cover umpire they must notify the umpiring secretary immediately this is known. Anyone using a cover umpire must pay them a fee of £10. No provision of umpires or scorers will incur fines as stated in rule 3.2.



2.13 Scorers must sit together on the scoring bench opposite the duty team bench. Only 1 person from each team should be scoring at any one time except if players are learning to score they can shadow their team scorer, with a maximum of 2 players per team.



### 3.0 Match Cancellation by a Team

3.1 If a team cannot field 5 or more players they should inform:

- Fixtures and Results Secretary
- Opposing team
- Duty Team
- Umpires who were due to officiate the cancelled match

3.2 Teams cancelling matches will still need to provide an Umpire and Scorer. Failure to provide umpire / scorer will incur fines: £10 scorer / £30 umpire

3.3 The opposition will receive the points for a win and also 30 goals.

3.4 The team will also be required to pay their full match fees and the opposing teams fees.

### 4.0 League Positions / Results

4.1 **3 points** will be awarded for a win.

4.2 **2 points** will be awarded for a draw.

4.3 **1 point** will be awarded to a team that loose but score 50% or more of the oppositions goals.

4.4 New teams entering the league will be placed in the 2nd Division.

4.5 Promotion and relegation will be as follows, the team finishing 1st place of the 2nd Division will be promoted to the 1st Division. The team finishing in last place of the 1st Division will be relegated to the 2nd Division.

4.6 If a team being relegated / promoted disbands then no other team will take their place.

4.7 Point deductions – League tables will be amended and teams will be notified within 14 days of points being deducted by the Fixtures and Results Secretary.

### 5.0 Health and Safety Rules

5.1 The minimum age to play in the league is 14 years. Players must be aged 14 either before or on the day of the match. Teams who play underage players will be deducted 3 points.

5.2 The league would prefer that pregnant women do not play or umpire.

5.3 All jewellery must be removed before taking to the court. Wedding rings may be worn but must be covered by tape/plaster to the satisfaction of the umpire.

5.4 Hats, gloves, hairclips, hair combs and friendship bracelets are not allowed to be worn during play.

5.5 Nails should be cut short and be smooth, this will be checked by umpires before each match.

5.6 Netball Attire – Must consist either of netball skirt/ dress, vest top / t-shirt. Combat trousers / kick pants / track suit bottoms / leggings are forbidden. Shorts are allowed to be worn under skirts and also for players filling in who do not have the correct attire. Umpires can refuse players to play, if the inappropriate clothing is worn due to health and safety reasons.

5.7 The chewing of any substance, e.g. gum, by any player is forbidden during play.

5.8 If a player is cut or grazed during play the following must be adhered to:

5.8.1 The umpire must advise the player to leave the court or a player must advise the umpire so they can leave the court.

5.8.2 The wound must be cleaned and adequately covered to the satisfaction of the umpire.

5.8.3 Blood stained clothing must be cleaned or replaced.

5.8.4 The ball and court must be cleaned if necessary.

5.8.5 A player can only return to a game if the above has been actioned, please note no time will be added for injury. Matches will only be stopped in the event of a serious injury.

5.9 First Aid kit and Ice Packs are provided in the Duty Box. Please notify the committee by writing on the Duty Checklist if any items need replacing.

5.10 All accidents should be reported to Duty Staff at Lodge Park Sports Centre, where first aid assistance is available if required. If you have an accident and it is not recorded this will impact on any affiliation claims made.



Children (under Secondary School age) are not allowed in the sports hall at anytime. This includes during breaks, before and after matches. Where possible, benches will be provided in the entrance to the sports hall for children under Secondary School age. It is the responsibility of the child's parents / relative or friend to supervise them.

5.12 The league would prefer players not to wear glasses whilst playing netball. If any player chooses to wear glasses, they do so at their own risk. Any accident involving glasses will not be covered from the Affiliation Insurance. Corby Netball League does not accept any responsibility for players who choose to wear glasses.

## **6.0 Disciplinary Rules**

6.1 Players should respect and accept the umpire's decision at all times. Unfair remarks both on and off the court are not acceptable at any time. Team captains need to ensure that all players, supporters adhere to this policy. **The umpire's job can be very difficult and without them there would be no match.**

6.2 Any verbal abuse directed at the umpires, players or committee members will result in one of the following at the umpire's discretion:

6.2.1 Warn a player and / or team official or

6.2.2 Suspend a player for 10 minutes or

6.2.3 Order a player to leave the court and take no further part in the game, the player cannot be replaced

6.2.4 Further action may be taken by the committee if a team has been disciplined under rule 7 more than once or if the committee feels that other action is required immediately.

Any other disciplinary matter not covered in Rule 6, will be discussed by the committee and appropriate action will be taken.

6.3 Any Complaints should be made in writing to the Committee within **7 days** of the match being played. Reports will then be requested from both umpires and the opposing team. The complaint will then be considered by the committee and the parties involved will be informed of the decision within **7 days** of that consideration.

## **7.0 Clarification for deduction of points**

### **3 Points deduction will occur for the following:**

7.1 For a team fielding a non-affiliated player or a player affiliated to another team in accordance with rule 1.4.

7.2 For non-attendance at League meetings and AGM. Team representatives, who maybe late / unable to attend must ask another member of their **own** team to attend. Players/volunteers from other teams cannot represent other teams.

7.3 Each team must fulfil duty. Failure to do duty will incur a 3 point deduction. See rule 8 for Appeals / Complaints procedure.

7.4 Playing players under the age of 14 years. Players aged 14-16 years that have not been authorised by Bev Burnham.

7.5 Point deductions will be notified within **14 days** of the rule break

## **8.0 Appeal / Complaints**

Must be put in writing to the League Chair person within **7 days** of the incident occurring. The Committee will respond within 14 days. If the outcome of the appeal / complaint is not to your satisfaction, you can then proceed to take your appeal / complaint in writing to Northants County Netball Association.

## **9.0 General**

9.1 Corby Netball League will not be held responsible for any injury or loss of personal possessions.

9.2 Each team must provide a minimum of one representative for the AGM and League meetings. Any team who fails to have a representative from **their team**, will have 3 points deducted.

9.3 All fines must be paid within **21 days**. Any team who has not paid their fines will not be allowed to fulfil their fixtures until fines have been paid. Fines will be applied for matches not completed.

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9.4 If any team or player does not abide by the rules of the league, the League Committee will review the situation and take action where appropriate.