

BURNLEY NETBALL LEAGUE

Rules and Information (Please read thoroughly)

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The League will follow the A.E.N.A. Rule Book and if still applicable, government/aena guidelines in relation to COVID RULES AND GUIDANCE. Some rules are accredited to Burnley Netball League only. All teams and players must register with the league one week before they play (this is flexible on the leagues approval). Any teams fielding unregistered players will lose 3 points and a fine of £15.00 will be charged. Teams are permitted to register up to 15 players throughout the season. ALL players must agree to sign a **DISCLAIMER TO TAKE PART IN THE LEAGUE**. **No team will be allowed to substitute players from other league teams or divisions unless the league has prior knowledge of this and approves the move as an exception only.** Any number of substitutions may be made, providing these players are named on the team sheet for that match. Players who have been substituted may return to the game at a later stage. Rolling substitutions are allowed, but only if play is not affected.

Teams must turn up in good time before the start of their game, toss for centre pass and inform the umpire. Any team not on court with a minimum of 5 players within two minutes of the whistle being blown will, at the discretion of the umpire, forfeit the game and pay all court costs (both teams subs). Late arrivals may join the game immediately after a goal is scored or at quarter time/half time with the umpire's permission. If a friendly is agreed to be played, both teams must pay the standard court costs of £21 per team.

Length of games will be advised prior to the new season commencing.

Abandoning games through injury can only be permitted if the team with the injured player has less than 5 players and the umpire agrees to this decision. If abandoned, points will be awarded to the opposing team and the team who abandons the game **pays the total subs for both teams**, unless otherwise agreed. **No additional time will be allowed for injury or illness.**

All teams must supply and wear their own strips and bibs. It is highly recommended that adequate trainers/AstroTurf trainers be worn (Burnley Netball League & Club do not accept any liability for injury or harm, whilst taking part or spectating at Broadfield Specialist School). **Only regulation leather size 5 netballs may be used. (No plastic training balls permitted).**

The umpires, at their discretion, will send off any player or team using foul or abusive language or any behaviour not in keeping with the spirit of the game. A fine of £25 will be imposed and 3 points deducted. The umpire's decision is final. Should you have reason to complain, all complaints must be made in writing to the league organiser.

In the interest of safety, team captains must ensure that all players' fingernails are regulation length, and all jewellery is removed including any piercing adornments (new or old). (One wedding type band may be taped). **Medical evidence must be provided where appropriate, should any adornment be worn for medical purposes.** Nail inspections will be made at the discretion of the umpire. Any player who has an injury, which results in loss of blood, must leave the court immediately and only return when the bleeding is under control and covered appropriately.

Teams must not obstruct any areas immediately around the court. Goal posts should be clear from any bags, balls, etc. All team members/coach must not pace the side-lines or shout at any player or official, inappropriately.

All teams must be responsible for their own insurance cover. Any players registered are agreeing to play on the surface/equipment provided and do so at their own risk. The league, umpire and venue facilitators will not take responsibility for personal injury, loss or damage to property whilst taking part in the league fixtures. **Players will play at their own risk and agree to complete and sign the leagues disclaimer (captains can complete on behalf of players).** In the event of an accident all players sustaining any injury must fill in an accident report and hand in to the league organizers/committee. **All teams must always have a basic medical kit, including ice packs.**

The league will endeavour to provide a qualified/competent umpire for every game. **The league reserves the right to change the fixtures as and when necessary.**

In the event of matches being cancelled and there is the opportunity to play the same team again within the standard league fixtures, every effort will be made to do so. However, it may be necessary to play the rematch for Double Points, or where necessary treat the game as a bye. The league organiser will confirm the outcome.

Registration is £35.00 per team payable prior to the start of each season. Fees for each game are £21.00 and payable on the night. **These payments must be presented in a sealed and labelled envelope at the time of your fixture, or bank transfer within 24 hours of playing.**

All teams (attending or not) are required to purchase 5 tickets (minimum) for the bi-annual presentation evenings at a cost of £5 per ticket in total £25.00 per team.

Any team unable to field 5 players, no matter what the reason will be charged the **full court costs of both teams' weekly subs** (£42.00) for every game missed. This must be paid in full by the following week. Any team not meeting this requirement will forfeit points weekly until the fee is paid. The non-offending team will be awarded 3 points plus 15 goals. **This decision will stand** even if all other games on that night are subsequently rescheduled. **Any team who cancels three or more league fixtures in a season or withdraws from the league once the fixtures have been finalised or, at any point throughout the season, they will pay a penalty of £75.00 plus all other relevant costs and expenses incurred, which includes fees for all previously cancelled games.**

If Burnley Netball League is made aware that a player is expecting a baby and known to be within the first 12 weeks, it is at the discretion of the league & umpire to decide if it is acceptable for the player to continue participating in competitive games. If the pregnancy is 12 weeks or more, players will not be allowed to continue to play in the interests of safety to all participants and the health & well-being of the expectant mother and her unborn child.

League organisers will collect fees, hand out and collect team sheets and time the matches. It is the responsibility of each teams nominated captain to hand in the team sheet and fees at the end of each game.

Points will be 3 for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 point if the team reaches half the opposition's score or more. At the end of the season if two or more teams have the same number of points then goal difference will decide the winners. If scores are still the same, goals scored will decide. The league's decision will be final on all matters.

In the case of extreme weather please telephone or message, after 5.15pm, Linda on 07909220617 for further information or refer to the club Facebook page, which will be updated as soon as possible should the fixtures be cancelled or delayed.