

## 2021 Junior Match Regulations

The Junior matches being organized by TWCNA are primarily for recreational netball and to provide the opportunity for players to get back on court. **It is the responsibility of Team Managers, Coaches and Captains to ensure that all players and club officials are conversant with all the regulations and procedures around these matches. All clubs will be held responsible for the actions and behaviour of their players and officials.** The regulations are shown below and are very much pared down and purely in place to clarify the administration on the night.

### Eligibility

#### All those taking part MUST:

- ✓ be members of England Netball;
- ✓ adhere to all the Covid-19 playing regulations that the County issue;
- ✓ play to the modified rules of Netball as published by England Netball;
- ✓ play for only one club/team;
- ✓ as this is not a 'strict' league there will be no regulations around playing up, however we do expect each team to have a squad and to use those squad members for all their matches. On occasion if any team are short for a match they may use players from other teams in their club or from other clubs subject to the one game per day regulation – there will be no requirement to submit squad lists;
- ✓ all players must play in their age group unless they are filling in gaps in order for a match to go ahead – which will be allowed. The age of a player is calculated as at 31st August/1st September prior to the commencement of the matches;
- ✓ currently due to Covid restrictions any player who reaches the age of 18 is not eligible to continue playing in the matches.
- ✓ adhere to the one match on any one day ruling from England Netball;
- ✓ ensure that their Covid Officer holds their up to date contact information.

#### All Clubs taking part MUST:

- ✓ have a Covid Officer registered on Engage;
- ✓ have undertaken the appropriate communication with all their players so that they understand the risks of playing netball at this time;
- ✓ ensure that all players have voluntarily 'opted in' to take part;
- ✓ ensure they have a risk assessment and mitigation plan in place to deal with issues as they arise;
- ✓ have the appropriate safeguarding and personnel in place at all matches;

### Fixtures

- U17 Matches will consist of four x 10 minute quarters with intervals of 3 minutes.
- U14 matches will consist of four x 10 minute quarters with intervals of 3 minutes.
- If matches run to time there should be around 10 minutes in between the two rounds of matches. 5 minutes for the teams to vacate the court and the posts to be cleaned and 5 minutes for the new teams to take the court. It is important that teams vacate the courts promptly to avoid any mixing of participants from different matches.
- U12 and U11 matches will consist of four x 8 minute quarters with intervals of 2 minutes.
- Teams must provide at least one match ball and as many sets of bibs as they may require.
- Teams should take the court in similar kit and bibs
- There will be a limit of 5 people in the Bench Area – more detailed bench procedures are included in the Match Procedures.
- Please read all the Match Procedures very carefully and share with all participants. Teams who do not follow these procedures and do not respect the safety of everyone may be asked to leave the competition or in extreme circumstances may be subject to disciplinary action.

As this is not a strict league competition there will be no league table, etc.. However, the results of matches should be submitted and we will publish these on the Facebook page. **For Covid-19 purposes an attendance list MUST be submitted after each match detailing EVERYONE in attendance on the night associated with your team – this must include all those on court and all those in the bench area. This will be done electronically.** A link to the sheet along with guidance on how to complete the sheet will be posted on the website under the League Resources tab.

### Officials

Under 17 – Each team will be required to provide an umpire as per the published schedule. Umpires will be used neutrally as far as possible. Umpires should be qualified or virtually ready for their assessment. Trainees must be accompanied by a Mentor.

Under 14 & 12/11 - Teams will be required to provide an umpire for their own matches. Umpires should be qualified or training toward their C Award. If they are training they may be accompanied by a Mentor.

No refunds will be offered for cancelled matches so please try to fulfil all matches.

The decisions of the Tyne and Wear County Netball Association (TWCNA), or its nominee(s), in respect of these rules, regulations and match procedures or any other matter related to these matches not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal). A copy of the queries, complaints and appeals procedure is available on the TWCNA website under competition or on the England Netball website.

**Please now read the Match Procedures and share with all your participants.**