

## Summer League Rules – 2024

The purpose of the Summer League is to provide competitive but friendly netball to fill the gap between the end of the season and the start of the next, consequently the rules are few and flexible. It is acknowledged that the summer holiday period can throw up difficulties for player availability which is why the rules that follow aren't strict rules but aim to ensure as fair a competition as possible. Please try to stick to them if you can. Exceptions should be in order to fulfil fixtures rather than cancel matches. Ideally we don't want any matches cancelled.

### Fixtures & Matches

Matches should be played as per the fixture schedule, if you are struggling to fulfil a fixture please try to find 7 players and take the court. Please **AVOID cancelling** fixtures if you can. Use the Facebook page to find players if you are short or play with 6.

Most teams will have a duty night where they will do the timing either from 6.30 to 8, or 8 to 9.30. Your duty will coincide with when you are playing a match. All teams must provide a Scorer for all their matches and the team named first on the fixture sheet will be the Home team, bench at the bar end of the court and take the first centre pass.

There are no team sheets to submit, but we will record the scores so please submit these on the T&W County League facebook page and we will pick them up from there.

### Players

Ideally players will only **play for one team in the league** however we know there will be exceptions to this but please try to avoid players playing multiple games every week or playing for A and B teams every week. **ALL PLAYERS MUST be members of England Netball.** Group 1 teams please note that some of you have a match in early September which means your current EN membership will have expired so please ensure you renew before the matches in September.

### Umpires

The rules on Umpires are relaxed slightly for the Summer League. **All Umpires must be current members of England Netball** and should umpire according to their qualification as shown below. Whilst mentors are optional for C to B's in Group 1 it is recommended that they seek some feedback on the matches they officiate, either from a Mentor, a suitably qualified umpire, or the Captains of the teams on court.

Award	A	B	C to B's	C	Trainee C's
Group 1	✓	✓	✓ <i>(Mentor optional)</i>		
Group 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Group 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ <i>(Mentor Required)</i>
Group 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

As in the County League umpires should be neutral to the teams on court unless this can't be avoided (for example an umpire who steps in on the night to cover a gap).

Any other queries please don't hesitate to ask. However, as it is holiday time, we may not be as responsive as usual so ask in enough time for them to get back to you.