**METROPOLITAN NETBALL LEAGUE**

# RULES & REGULATIONS 2019-2020

1. **The Honorary Officers shall be The Chairman, The Secretary and The Treasurer. The AGM of the League shall be held during the summer.**
2. **The Committee shall consist of one representative for each Division to be elected annually. Four committee members, plus Officers, shall form a Quorum.**
3. **The latest ENGLAND NETBALL (EN) rules shall apply.**
4. **All players and officials** **participating in any Metropolitan League Netball Match must be an affiliated member of EN. All clubs participating in any Metropolitan League Netball Match must be a member club of EN.**
5. **Games of 1 HOUR duration will be played in all Divisions and must start within 15minutes of the agreed time.**
6. **Both teams MUST provide an umpire (preferably qualified) for ALL GAMES. For Divisions 1, 2 and 3 only, umpires *must be qualified.* (Level C or above). See Guideline 11 regarding the use of unqualified umpires.**
7. **Matches to be played on the dates given. A match can only be postponed in extenuating circumstances with the leagues consent or due to weather conditions. It is the responsibility of BOTH TEAMS to inform the relevant Divisional Representative *IMMEDIATELY* and any request to postpone will be considered by the Div. Rep and league Chairman whose decision will be final. If a postponement is granted the match must be replayed WITHIN 5 WEEKS OF THE ORIGINAL DATE** **or before the 30th April, whichever is the shortest period. Failure to comply will result in the match in question being declared null and void. Both teams must submit a result slip confirming the postponement and the new date if known at that stage or notified to their Divisional Rep as soon as it is known.**
8. **If matches are cancelled after the TUESDAY of the week of the game, 1 point will be deducted from the offending team’s score at the end of the season for EACH such cancellation. Matches postponed due to bad weather or with the leagues consent in extenuating circumstances will not carry any penalty.**
9. **Cancellation of any match due to a fixture in another league on a Met League date is not permitted.**

**Unless previously postponed by mutual agreement, in the event of both teams being present at the HOME ground, one team willing to play and the other unwilling, the umpires will decide whether the match should be played or not.**

1. **Any team failing to arrive and fulfill arrangements for a league match, without prior notice, may be penalized and excluded from the League. Any team not fulfilling at least 12 of the 14 fixtures may not be invited to re-join the League in the forthcoming season or may be penalised by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.**
2. **A team should consist of a minimum of FIVE players. In the event of a team having less than five players, the opposing team may claim the points. Any player, over 14 years of age is eligible to play in the Metropolitan Netball League.**
3. **Results *MUST* be forwarded to the relevant DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVE by *BOTH* teams on the slips provided. In the event of a game not being played, THE RESULT SLIP MUST STILL BE FORWARDED STATING THE REASON. In both cases Results Slips should reach the Divisional Representative within 7 days of the match date. Result slips may be sent electronically if agreed by the relevant divisional rep but should only be sent in PDF format, anything else will be treated as not having been received.**

**In the event that either the incorrect slip is used, is not correctly completed or the slip is received after 7 days of the match date the Divisional Rep will impose a penalty by way of a one-point deduction on the offending team.**

1. **Points are FIVE FOR A WIN, THREE FOR A DRAW, TWO IF SCORING WITHIN 5 GOALS and ONE FOR MORE THAN 50% OF the opposition’s score. Where teams have equal points at the end of the season positioning will be decided by Goal Average – calculated by Goals For divided by Goals Against.**
2. **No player shall play in more than one Metropolitan League team on the same day. No player shall play for more than one Metropolitan League Club during the season unless *officially transferred* to another club. No more than 2 players may play down in any match. Players playing down must drop to the next highest team for that club.**
3. **HOME team to contact the opposition 14 days before a game, IN WRITING giving venue, time and detailed directions (preferably a map or postcode).**
4. **The annual subscription for membership of the Metropolitan Netball League shall be decided by the Committee prior to the AGM.**
5. **The formation of the league divisions shall be at the discretion of the committee.**
6. **All clubs must sign the Code of Conduct issued by the League.**
7. **Any problems will be dealt with by the appropriate Divisional Representative and, if necessary, referred to the Committee by the Divisional Representative. IN THE EVENT OF ANY QUERIES, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE’S DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.**