



Birmingham Intermediate Netball League

Rules 2024

- Rule 1. All matches shall be governed by the current rules of England Netball (EN). All players must be registered to the BINL and be EN affiliated at the time of play.
- Rule 2. Girls shall be in School Year 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10. This is girls aged 10 to 15. Girls who are held back to Year 10 from Year 11 are not eligible. However talented Yr5's will be permitted to play once an Age Banding form has been submitted to the League and authorised.
- Rule 3. Teams may be of mixed age. However, no Year 5 or 6 are permitted to play in the Higher Divisions and no Year 9 or Year 10 will be permitted to play in the Lower Divisions. The cut-off will be decided by the Committee at the start of the season.
- Rule 4. All players must be registered electronically to the team they are representing. Each team must register a minimum of seven players before the pre-season for the team that they will be representing in the league. No player may register for more than one club simultaneously or change clubs within a season unless there has been a change of address, which would warrant a change of club. Once they have played a match in the current season which includes the pre-season tournament they are officially registered to that club.
- Rule 5. League entry fees will cover a squad of 12 players, registration over 12 players will incur an additional fee of £2 per player.
- Rule 6. Clubs may add new registrations electronically throughout the season by midnight before the player takes the court. A team playing a non-registered player will incur a fine of £5 per player per occasion.
- Rule 7. Clubs with more than one team may play a player from a lower team up for no more than three occasions. On the fourth occasion that player must remain in the highest team they have played in, until the end of the season. An asterisk and 'PU' and an indication which division the player has come from should be placed alongside the name on the scorecard of any player who is playing up. A player may not play down. Any club presenting a card not marked correctly will incur a fine of £2 per card. On the fourth occasion of playing up, the card should be marked *PT (Permanent Transfer)
- Rule 8. The committee has the right to query any registered players.
- 8.1 Clubs must provide photo ID of players – those refusing cannot enter the league.



Rule 9. A player who is registered in a higher team and has played as a higher team member cannot be demoted unless the Committee give permission.

Rule 10. The game should start at the stated time provided 5 players per team and one umpire is present. Central timing shall operate. The hooter shall sound at the start and finish of each quarter. Play will start and finish on the umpires whistle. Umpires should time injury time according to EN rules and add this time to relevant quarter (i.e. deduct from interval time).

Rule 11. A team shall forfeit the points if they:-

- fail to turn up
- concedes
- arrive with less than 7 players and refuses to play

Game postponements will not be allowed. Where a team must concede a fixture as they are unable to field a team, it is their responsibility to inform the league secretary at least 72 hours prior to the fixture, in order for the opposition to be informed.

The team forfeiting the points will forfeit with a score of 15 - 0 against and will incur a fine to cover match expenses.

Rule 12. Players arriving after the game has started will only be allowed to join the game as covered by the EN rules

Rule 13. The league will provide all umpires. The League will continue to support umpires wishing to progress by working closely with the Birmingham County Umpiring Secretary.

Rule 14. An umpire starting a game should finish the game unless she has to be replaced due to injury or illness

Rule 15. Correctly completed match cards should be submitted electronically by no later than midnight on the match day. Incorrect or incomplete match cards will result in a £2.00 fine. Umpires scorecards should be taken to the desk after each game.

Rule 16. Any club with outstanding fines will be refused re-entry to the league unless paid in full by the due date given by the Committee.



Rule 17. Points for league games will be awarded as follows:

5 points for a win

3 points for a draw

2 points if up to and including 5 of the opponents score eg. 20-15 = 2 points

1 point for 50% or more of the opposition's goals

Rule 18. If, in the opinion of the umpire a player uses foul or abusive language, the umpire must first warn the player (and the manager / coach of the team). If the player fails to observe the warning, the umpire should act in accordance with the EN rules. The umpire should notify the League of any serious incidents.

Rule 19. Parents/spectators and officials should adhere to their Clubs code of conduct, the BINL's code of conduct and Constitution at all times. Failure to observe either will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the BINL committee.