



# Yorkshire Netball

## Regional League 2023-24

### Rules & Regulations

<b>1</b>	<b>Overview</b>
1.1	<p>The Yorkshire Netball Premier League and League One is a regional competition. The competition is organised by Yorkshire Netball to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a regional winner. The purpose of regional competition is to provide the highest level of regional competition at an amateur level, whilst encouraging participation and development in netball through an open, fair, progressive, and transparent league structure.</p> <p>The winner of the Yorkshire Premier League will be the club/team that goes forward to the England Netball Premier League Playoff's (unless they already have a team in competing in the league). If that club is already represented in the England Netball Premier League, the next highest team in the Yorkshire Premier League who is not represented will go forward to the playoffs.</p> <p>Should a club decline going forward to the England Netball Premier League Playoff's then their inclusion in the following season may be reviewed.</p>
1.2	<p>These regulations set out below outline the Rules and Regulations which govern the operation of the Yorkshire Netball Premier League and League One.</p>
1.3	<p>These regulations must be followed by all teams, players, officials, spectators, and administrators involved in the management, administration, and operation of the Yorkshire Netball Regional League.</p>
1.4	<p>All teams will be held responsible for the behaviour, demeanour and actions of their Players, Team Officials, and spectators.</p> <p><a href="https://d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net/Codes-of-conduct.pdf">Codes-of-conduct.pdf (d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net)</a></p>
1.5	<p>It is the responsibility of all Team Officials, not Yorkshire Netball to ensure that all players and relevant parties within the team are fully conversant with these regulations.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Competition Structure</b>
2.1	<p>The competition shall be known as the <b>Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition</b>.</p>
2.2	<p>There are two distinct elements to the Competition. The league structures (Yorkshire Premier League and Yorkshire League One) and the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Playoff's. These Competition Regulations cover all matters relating to the League structures, and the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Playoffs have a separate set of Competition Regulations that are solely specific to that Competition.</p>
2.3	<p>Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition shall comprise of the following divisions, each comprising of ten (10) teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Yorkshire Premier League</li><li>- Yorkshire League One</li></ul>

2.4	The team which finishes top of the Yorkshire Premier League at the end of the season will be the Yorkshire Premier League champions. The teams which finish in 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> position in the Yorkshire Premier league will be relegated to Yorkshire League One.
2.5	The team which finishes top of Yorkshire League One at the end of the season will be the Yorkshire League One champions and will be promoted directly to the Yorkshire Premier League. The team which finishes second in the Yorkshire League One will also be promoted to Yorkshire Premier League.
2.6	Should the team representing Yorkshire at the Premier League Playoff's be successful in gaining a place in England Netball Premier League 3, they will be promoted and relinquish their place in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition.  Should the Team representing Yorkshire at the Premier League Playoff's be unsuccessful in gaining a place in the England Netball Premier League 3, they will retain their place in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition.
2.7	At the end of the season the teams placed 6 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> position in Yorkshire League One will be invited to play in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Playoffs.
2.8	The Yorkshire Netball Regional League Playoff's will be an open tournament, Teams who enter along with the relevant teams relegated from Yorkshire League One will compete in the Playoff's.  The top five (5) teams from the playoffs will join the Yorkshire League One for the following season.
<b>3</b>	<b>Competition Organisation</b>
3.1	The competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled, and managed by Yorkshire Netball, which may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to any sub-committee or individual(s) i.e., Working Group.
3.2	Yorkshire Netball is responsible for the organisation and management of the Yorkshire Netball Regional League (Yorkshire Premier League and Yorkshire League One), as well as the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Playoff's.
3.3	The decisions of Yorkshire Netball, in respect of these rules and regulations and on any other matter related to the Reginal League, which is not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal which is specifically provided for under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations).
3.3.1	Prior to the start of the Yorkshire Regional League, Yorkshire Netball shall announce the following.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Competition Referee and</li> <li>- The person appointed to receive appeals of the decisions of the Competition Referee, as outlined in Section 8</li> </ul>
3.4	Yorkshire Netball may alter the named Competition Referee during the Competition. If a change is made, Yorkshire Netball through its best endeavours will notify all teams.
<b>4</b>	<b>Competition Referee</b>
4.1	The Competition Referee will be appointed by Yorkshire Netball for the Regional League Competition (Yorkshire Regional League and Yorkshire League One). Yorkshire Netball may

	appoint a separate Competition Referee solely for the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Playoff's.															
4.2	<p>The Competition Referee who will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on all matters arising throughout the Competition including, but not limited to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary</li> <li>• Determining if there has been a breach of the Regulations and imposing an appropriate sanction, including but not limited to:</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Breach</th> <th>Financial Penalty</th> <th>Points Penalty</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The use of a player without an active England Netball Membership in a fixture or fixtures.</td> <td>N/a</td> <td>deduction of two (2) league points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The use of an unregistered player or a player who is underage without written permission from the Competition Referee.</td> <td>N/a</td> <td>deduction of two (2) league points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In the event that a team concedes a fixture (see Section 6.1)</td> <td>Any court costs incurred by the Home Team (or Yorkshire Netball) as well as any umpire costs incurred.</td> <td>the non-offending team will be awarded five (5) points for the match.  the conceding team will have three (3) points deducted from their total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The use of an umpire who is not a B award as a minimum. And from January 1, 2024, undertaken and submitted the MSFT form, achieving a minimum of 6.1</td> <td>N/a</td> <td>deduction of three (3) league points</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disqualification of any individual Player or Team.</li> <li>• Adjudicating instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute including but not limited to instances of teams predetermining or attempting to predetermine the outcome of a match and/or the competition.</li> <li>• Determining the result and score should any match not be concluded due to any unforeseen circumstance.</li> <li>• Determining any matter not covered specifically within the regulations</li> </ul>	Breach	Financial Penalty	Points Penalty	The use of a player without an active England Netball Membership in a fixture or fixtures.	N/a	deduction of two (2) league points	The use of an unregistered player or a player who is underage without written permission from the Competition Referee.	N/a	deduction of two (2) league points	In the event that a team concedes a fixture (see Section 6.1)	Any court costs incurred by the Home Team (or Yorkshire Netball) as well as any umpire costs incurred.	the non-offending team will be awarded five (5) points for the match.  the conceding team will have three (3) points deducted from their total	The use of an umpire who is not a B award as a minimum. And from January 1, 2024, undertaken and submitted the MSFT form, achieving a minimum of 6.1	N/a	deduction of three (3) league points
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4.4	The competition referee will maintain and be responsible for a confidential competition referee logbook where appropriate.															

<b>5</b>	<b>Pre-Competition Management &amp; Administration</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Team Entry and Eligibility</b>
5.1.1	Entry into the Regional League Competition shall be open to clubs/teams which is an active club registered on the England Netball Membership System (ENgage), through a county Association, which has paid its membership fees in this respect, and is situated within the boundaries of a County Association which is a member of the Regional Association.
5.1.2	<p>By entering the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition clubs/teams agree that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A minimum of Level 2 Coach present on match day (this may be a player coach)</li> <li>▪ A primary carer / first aider presents on match day (this may be a player)</li> <li>▪ Safeguarding Officer (this cannot be the coach) present on match day where an under 18 is listed in the squad.</li> <li>▪ CAPS or equivalent accreditation in place or actively working towards – where working towards – This element is currently on hold pending an update from England Netball. Once England Netball have confirmed what this looks like the region will put steps in place to introduce and for clubs/teams to achieve. Further information and discussions once this is known.</li> <li>▪ Able to identify a (minimum) B award umpire to umpire allocated fixtures during the season.</li> </ul> <p>As noted in 6.5.3: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Primary Care Person and Coach must not be the same person.</li> <li>○ The Coach and Safeguarding Officer must not be the same person.</li> </ul>
5.1.3	<p>Yorkshire Netball are entitled to charge an entry fee to complete in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition and this must be fully paid in full within the permitted the scales for a team to participate.</p> <p>For the 2023/24 season this fee is £55.00 per team, payable before the first game of the season.</p>
5.1.4	A club may have upto a maximum of three (3) teams in the Competition, but no more than two (2) teams in anyone division.
5.1.5	<p>By entering a team in the Regional League Competition, clubs/teams agree that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitment of participation in the Regional League Competition.</li> <li>• they will fulfil their obligations and responsibilities as set out in these regulations.</li> <li>• they are bound by the competition regulations and</li> <li>• they are bound by all the rules, policies, regulations, and by-laws of Yorkshire Netball, including the England Netball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations</li> </ul>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Player/Team Official Eligibility</b>
5.2.1	In order to participate in the Regional League Competition all Players and Team Officials (see 6.5 for details of Team officials) must be a member of England Netball as a personal adult/junior member participant, having paid the full membership fee due and received confirmation of their membership in advance of submitting the Squad Registration Sheet.

	<p>Individuals may register on the England Netball Membership System via one of the following routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through membership to a club</li> <li>• Through membership directly to England Netball</li> </ul>
5.2.2	<p>All players must be over 14 years old as at 11.59pm on the 31 August immediately prior to the commencement of the playing season in which the Regional League Entry Tournament takes place, unless they have completed an Age Banding Consent Form and submitted it with the Squad Registration Sheet.</p> <p>England Netball Age Banding Guidance – <a href="#">England Netball   Competition Governance</a></p>
5.2.3	<p>During all matches of the Regional League Competition, Team Managers must always carry proof of age for all players under the age of eighteen and a copy of all Age Banding Consent Forms applicable to players listed on the Squad Registration Sheet.</p>
5.2.4	<p>Proof of age comprises of one or more of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of birth certificate</li> <li>• Copy of Passport</li> <li>• Copy of medical card</li> <li>• Copy of a driver’s license</li> </ul>
5.2.5	<p>The Regional League Competition is a competition for female players. Only biological female participants can be included on the squad registration sheet as a player.</p>
5.2.6	<p>Yorkshire Netball recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidance issued by itself.</p>
5.2.7	<p>The England Netball personal accident insurance excludes any loss or expense due to pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage, or any consequence thereof. If, for example a member who is pregnant is involved in an accident not related to the pregnancy, subject to the conditions of the policy, the relevant benefits would be payable. However, if any situation (such as hospitalisation) was prolonged as a direct result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications or even early childbirth, then this portion of any claim is not covered.</p>
5.2.8	<p>A player may not play in two (2) Geographically different Regional Leagues (e.g., Yorkshire Regional League and Northeast Regional League) during the same season.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Registration of Squads</b>
5.3.1	<p>Participating clubs/teams must complete a squad registration sheet fully listing each player and their membership numbers. This needs to be lodged with the competition organiser one (1) week prior to the commencement of the Regional League Competition.</p> <p>Squads entering the Regional qualifying tournament who were successful in obtaining a place in either the Yorkshire Premier League or Yorkshire Division 1 remain with that squad for the remainder of the season and as such must be included on the team registration sheet.</p>
5.3.2	<p>Teams may only use those Players whose names appear on their Squad Registration Sheets held by Yorkshire Netball (see Section 4.2 for the penalty breach for this)</p>
5.3.3	<p>Any additions to the Squad Registration Sheet, must be lodged with the competition working group (<a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a>) by 12.00noon on the Saturday prior to the match taking place.</p>



	Additional registrations of Players will not be accepted after 12:00noon on the Saturday prior to the Regional League Competition Round 15.
5.3.4	<p>A player may seek to transfer to another club/team after the start of the Yorkshire Netball Regional Competition if both teams are in agreement. Transfer requests must be made in writing by email to <a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a> with both clubs copied into correspondence. The request must clearly outline why the request is being made.</p> <p>Players will not be allowed to request to transfer to another club/team after 12noon on Saturday 27 January 2024.</p>
5.3.5	Each team may declare up to twelve (12) Players prior to the start of each match by completing the Yorkshire Netball Results Sheet and submitting it to the Officials Bench.
5.3.6	Only Players who have taken to the court (played at least one (1) quarter (or part quarters thereof) in Rounds 1 – 18 during the course of the season will be eligible to compete for their registered team within the Yorkshire Netball League Playoff's for that season.
5.3.7	<p>Clubs who have more than one team in the Regional League Competition must register their squads as detailed, and the following shall apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where clubs have two (2) or three (3) teams in the competition, the League One nominated players may 'play up' for the Premier League Team (where a club has more than one team in the Premier League then the player is only able to play up for one team) for a maximum of 16 quarters (or part quarters thereof), thereafter they will be tied to the higher level and identified as a permanent member of that squad and will no longer be able to play down. (this includes in any Regional League Playoff's).</li> <li>• A player that is 'playing up' may only play for one (1) team per match day.</li> </ul>
5.3.8	Clubs whose players are registered for a Regional League Team may 'play up' for 16 quarters (or part thereof) for their Premier League Team (where part of the England Netball Premier League Competition). On the 17 <sup>th</sup> occasion those players will become ineligible to play again in the Regional Team in the Regional League or Regional League Playoff's.
5.3.9	No player who has played in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition can within the same season play for any other club/team in any Regional League, or England Netball Premier League (Including England Netball Playoff's) e.g., a player playing for Chevrons in Yorkshire Premier League could not play for Grangetown in the Northeast Regional League and/or England Netball Premier League.
5.3.10	For clubs/teams looking to enter the Yorkshire Regional League Competition via the playoff's, they cannot use any players who have competed in any regional competition that season for the playoffs. E.g., a player who has played for a club in the Northwest regional League would not be eligible to play for a team from West Yorkshire at the regional playoffs.
5.3.11	<p>Players who participate in the England Netball Premier League can play in Yorkshire Premier League. No players who play in the England Netball Premier League are permitted to play in Yorkshire League One.</p> <p>The rules around squad registration as outlined in 5.3.7 / 5.3.8 / 5.3.9 will also apply.</p>

5.3.12	No player, once registered with a Super League Team, may play in the Regional League. An NSL training partner is allowed to play in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League in the Yorkshire Premier League only and only until they are promoted to a registered Super League Player.
5.3.13	Overseas players or an International Sportsperson Visa are NOT permitted to play in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition.  Individuals who have indefinite leave to remain or are seeking asylum are permitted to play in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition.
Responsibility for ensuring that players taking the court meet the eligibility criteria specified rests solely with the relevant club/team. All eligibility checking by the Competition Working Group / Competition Referee will be undertaken by reviewing submitted results cards and squad registration sheets after matches have taken place.	
<b>5.4 Competition Venues</b>	
5.4.1	Matches must be played on an indoor court. The court should be made of an adequate playing surface (preferably wooden sprung) and preferably with adequate surrounds. If not sunken posts, the posts should be securely fixed to the floor with post protectors as standard.
5.4.2	All venues should have ancillary facilities, including changing facilities.
5.4.3	Venue Arrangement and Costs  <u>For Yorkshire Premier League</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the home team is responsible for arranging the venue, and for the costs of this.</li> <li>- it is the responsibility of the home team to conduct a risk assessment prior to each match. Umpires will undertake pre-match checks to ensure the match is safe to play. It is within their jurisdiction not to allow a match to go ahead if not deemed safe to do so. In instances where risks have been identified, a copy of the risk assessment should be sent to Yorkshire Netball.</li> <li>- for all 'incidents' on or off the court at a Match an England Netball Accident Report form must be completed, and a copy sent to the Yorkshire Netball Competition Working Group, which will be stored for insurance purposes.</li> </ul> <u>For Yorkshire League One</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yorkshire Netball are responsible for arranging the venue, teams will pay a match fee, which for the 2023/24 season is £30.00 per team per match. Fees can either be paid per fixture (in the week leading up to the fixture taking place) or in advance at the start of the season.</li> <li>- Umpires will undertake pre-match checks to ensure the match is safe to play. It is within their jurisdiction not to allow a match to go ahead if not deemed safe to do so. In instances where risks have been identified, an email should be sent to <a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a> outlining the reason(s) why the match was not able to go ahead.</li> <li>- for all 'incidents' on or off the court at a Match an England Netball Accident Report form must be completed, and a copy sent to the Yorkshire Netball Competition Working Group, which will be stored for insurance purposes.</li> </ul>

5.4.4	Each court will have a home and away designated benches where coaches, team officials and substitutes must sit. An official table area should also be provided where the scorers and timekeepers of both teams must be situated throughout the match.
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Accidents</b>
5.5.1	<p>If an accident occurs at any match where a Player, Coach, Match or Technical Official, Spectator or staff member is injured the accident reporting procedure should be followed as detailed on <a href="#">2.16-Accident-Report-Form.docx (live.com)</a></p> <p>Completed forms should be sent to <a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a> where it will be retained on file in line with EN guidance.</p>
5.5.2	This procedure must be followed for ALL injuries and accidents, regardless of whether or not medical treatment is given.
<b>6</b>	<b>Playing &amp; Competition</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Competition Scheduling</b>
6.1.1	All matches must be played as per the fixture schedule published by Yorkshire Netball and take place on a Sunday, unless otherwise agreed by the Competition Referee.
6.1.2	<p>Each team in the Regional League Competition (Yorkshire Premier League and Yorkshire League One) will play other teams in their division twice in a season.</p> <p><b>Yorkshire Premier League</b> – home and away. The home team must provide their opponents with confirmation of the match, time access to the court is permitted and the match start time i.e., the first centre pass ten (10) days prior to the date of the match taking place.</p> <p>The start time for each match will not normally be earlier than 9.30am for the first centre pass. Any dispute over start times will be determined by the Competition referee at their absolute discretion.</p> <p><b>Yorkshire League One</b> – twice at a central venue. The start time for each match is as detailed in the fixture schedule.</p>
6.1.3	<p><b>Yorkshire Premier League</b> – The away team is responsible for arranging its own travel and the costs of this. The away team should allow sufficient travelling time to cover any unexpected delays. If a team is delayed in arriving for a match, the following protocol must be observed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inform the opposing team and umpires as soon as they are aware of a delay.</li> <li>- Any team who fails to arrive on time must take the court and be ready to play as soon as possible and in any event within thirty (30) minutes of the agreed start time. So, if your allocated match is 9.30 – 11.00am, the latest the match can commence is 10.00am</li> <li>- Teams should be given a minimum of five (5) minutes for players to warm up to prevent injuries and this should be started as soon as there are five (5) players.</li> <li>- Any team taking to court more than thirty minutes (30) after the agreed start time will concede the match.</li> <li>- In the event that the court booking prevents the match being completed</li> </ul>




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6.1.4	No team may play a match with less than five (5) players, any team with less than five (5) players will automatically concede the game.
6.1.5	<p>No team may postpone or rearrange a match without the agreement of the Competition Referee. In the event of extreme or unforeseen circumstances (e.g., flash flood, heavy snow falls etc) the team effected by the circumstances must inform Yorkshire Netball, their opponents, and the umpires of the situation. Yorkshire Netball should be contacted by email to <a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a> for all these issues. Failure to notify Yorkshire Netball, will result in the affected team conceding the match.</p> <p>The primary responsibility for rescheduling such matches shall reside with the home team (for Yorkshire Premier League) and the Competition Working Group (for Yorkshire League One), and any dispute over rescheduling shall be determined by the Competition Referee.</p>
6.1.6	Matches that are postponed in these circumstances must be played on the next available reserve date, unless otherwise agreed by Competition Referee.
6.1.7	If a match is abandoned for any reason (e.g., serious injury, severe weather), the result of that match will be determined by the Competition Referee, having regard to the score and the time at which play was suspended.
6.1.8	The team which conceded may be liable for any costs which the non-offending team has incurred, subject to the determination by the Yorkshire Netball Competition Organiser.
6.1.9	Injuries, illness (including covid-19), pregnancy, England Camps, NPL county play days, school fixtures, non-affiliated netball competitions do not qualify as unforeseen circumstances.

<b>6.2</b>	<b>Match rules and format</b>
6.2.1	All matches shall be played in accordance with the World Netball Rules of the Game currently in force at the time of the relevant match, except where specifically stated in these regulations.
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Match Officials</b>
6.3.1	Umpires should hold a minimum B award umpire qualification and have individual membership (full/junior membership) to England Netball for the 2023/24 season.
6.3.2	Yorkshire Netball may seek to use matches in the Yorkshire League One for B Award Umpire Testing and Assessments.
6.3.3	<p>Umpires are expected to conform to a standard of physical fitness, which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game.</p> <p>From 1 January 2024, all umpires officiating in the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition must have taken a Multi-Stage Fitness Test (MSFT) and reached level 6.1 as a minimum prior to the first match umpired. Written evidence of the MSFT shall be sent to the Yorkshire Netball Officiating email <a href="mailto:ynofficiating@gmail.com">ynofficiating@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Multi-Stage Fitness form - <a href="#">Umpire-Fitness-Submission-2022.docx (live.com)</a></p>
6.3.4	<p>You cannot be involved in more than two (2) Yorkshire Netball Regional (Senior and Junior) League matches in one day.</p> <p> you can play one (1) and umpire one (1)</p> <p>Or</p> <p> you can umpire two (2) games.</p>
6.3.5	<p>In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If another umpire of the appropriate standard is available, then they will umpire the match.</li> <li>• Failing that, the next best qualified umpire should be used.</li> <li>• The competition working group MUST be informed immediately after the match and will determine the validity of the result of the game – email <a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:ynofficiating@gmail.com">ynofficiating@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p>If the original umpire arrives late and the game has already commenced, the umpire that started the game will continue for the entire duration of the match.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Technical Officials</b>
6.4.1	<p>The Technical Officials are the Scorers and Timekeepers, the scorer(s) and the timekeeper(s) shall constitute the Technical Officials Bench.</p> <p>Scorers/timekeepers are required for all fixtures. Technical Officials should have a working knowledge of the World Netball Rules currently in force.</p>
6.4.2	Each team should provide a

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• competent scorer who is either an umpire, qualified technical official or someone who has a working knowledge of scoring/timekeeping.</li> <li>• timekeeper who should have a working knowledge of scoring/timekeeping, where a team doesn't have a timekeeper, the scorer will take responsibility for the timing of the match.</li> </ul>
<b>6.5</b>	<b>Team Officials</b>
6.5.1	Each team may have upto five (5) Team Officials. These will include a Coach, Team Manager and at least one Primary Care Person / First Aider
6.5.2	<p>A Primary Care Person / First Aider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must be qualified to diagnose and treat injury or illness with first aid as a minimum qualification – evidence of this qualification must be submitted to Yorkshire Netball</li> <li>○ Is permitted on court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a player or blood issues.</li> <li>○ Must advise the umpires if a player is too ill/injured to be removed from the court within the 30 seconds and/or if assistance is required.</li> </ul>
6.5.3	<p>Team officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coach (UKCC Level 2) may be a player.</li> <li>○ Primary Care Person / First Aider may be a player.</li> <li>○ Safeguarding Officer – to be present on the team bench where a team has a player(s) under the age of 18 years of age listed on the squad registration sheet.</li> </ul> <p>Please note: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Primary Care Person and Coach must not be the same person.</li> <li>○ The Coach and Safeguarding Officer must not be the same person.</li> </ul>
6.5.4	The Team Officials and upto five (5) players not on court shall constitute the Team Bench.
<b>6.6</b>	<b>Match Timings</b>
6.6.1	All matches shall be one hour's duration (four quarters of fifteen (15) minutes each).
6.6.2	All matches shall have an interval of six (6) minutes at half time, and intervals of three (3) minutes at quarter and three-quarter time.
6.6.3	<p><b>Yorkshire Premier League</b> – as per times communicated by the Home Team. The home team should state the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🗑 time access to the court is permitted and therefore the time warm up can commence.</li> <li>🗑 match start time (first centre pass)</li> </ul> <p><b>Yorkshire League One</b> - All matches should commence 15 minutes after the allocated start time (as detailed on the fixture schedule). So, if your allocated time is 10.30 – 12.00noon, the first centre pass will be at 10.45am, with the time between 10.30 – 10.45am allocated to team warmups.</p>
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Kit and Equipment</b>
6.7.1	Teams must carry an alternative set of playing bibs for use where a clash of colours occurs. It is the Team Managers responsibility to identify any potential clash. Where a clash of

	colours is identified, team captains shall arrange to toss a coin to decide who shall wear their alternative bibs.
6.7.2	Both teams are responsible for providing a suitable match ball which should be given to the Technical Officials before the start of the match. The umpires will decide which ball will be used for the duration of the match
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
6.8.1	For all matches, teams will be awarded league points as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five (5) points for a win</li> <li>• Three (3) points for a draw</li> <li>• Two (2) points for a loss within 5 goals of the winners score – e.g., 50:46 = 2 points, 50:45 = 1 point</li> <li>• One (1) point for a loss with more than 50% of the winner’s score</li> <li>• Zero (0) points for a loss</li> </ul>
6.8.2	<p>Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition tables will be compiled based on the points awarded to each team. Where teams are level on points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goal Average</b> shall be used to determine their relative positions.</li> <li>• In the event that Goal Average does not differentiate between the teams, then <b>Goal Difference</b> shall be applied.</li> <li>• In the event that Goal Difference does not differentiate between the teams, then the team will the <b>greatest number of goals scored</b> shall take precedence.</li> <li>• In the event that neither Goal Average, Goal Difference or goals scored can differentiate between the teams, <b>the score in the last match played between the teams</b> shall determine the standings, with the winning team taking precedence.</li> </ul> <p>In the event that none of the above differentiate between the teams, the Competition Referee shall determine the means of differentiation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where one of the teams has its Goal Average, Goal Difference or total number of goals scored affected by conceded fixtures, then all goals scored by and against conceding team(s) in all fixtures shall be omitted from the calculation of both team’s level on points. Except where one of the teams level on points is the conceding team, at which point they assume a goal average of zero and will be ranked the lowest ranked team of those level on points.</li> </ul>
<b>6.9</b>	<b>Registration of Results</b>
6.9.1	For all Regional League Competition matches the Results Card and Running Score Sheet must be used and completed fully. <p>The Results Card should be checked by Scorers and signed by Scores, Umpires and Captains.</p>
6.9.2	Submission of the Results Card is as follows.

	<p><b>Yorkshire Premier League</b> – The HOME team is responsible for sending in a photo of the fully completed Results Card to the WhatsApp Group – Regional Premier League Results 22/23</p> <p><b>Yorkshire League One</b> – The team named first on the fixtures schedule is responsible for sending in a photo of the fully completed Results Card to the WhatsApp Group – Regional League One Results 22/23</p> <p>The Results Card should be submitted by no later than Tuesday following the match taking place.</p>
6.9.3	A copy of the official Results Card and/or Running Score Sheet may be requested by Yorkshire Netball from either the Home or Away team if there are any issues with the copy send to Yorkshire Netball.
6.9.4	<p>The winning team must message their match result via WhatsApp, using the following format.</p> <p> Date of Fixture Home Team (or team named first on fixtures) and Score. Away Team and Score Name of Wining Team Your name</p> <p>Please ensure you message the WhatsApp group by no later than 9.00pm on the day of the fixture.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Competition Complaints Procedure</b>
7.1	All queries and complaints should be directed to the Competition Referee in the first instance, which will be dealt with as follows
7.1.1	<p>During the Yorkshire Netball Regional League Competition stage, where the Complaint relates to the playing of a match, the scoring and/or results, the relevant team member or Team Official must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform their opponents and the umpires of the complaint.</li> <li>Mark the scoresheet with the words 'under protest'</li> <li>Send the marked Scoresheet to the Competition Referee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the match.</li> <li>Attach a letter to the scoresheet to explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee</li> <li>The Competition Referee will decide what action should be taken</li> </ol>
7.1.2	The Competition Referee will acknowledge receipt of the query or complaint and make a decision on the matter within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of the query or complaint. The Competition Referee's decision in relation to decisions taken under clause 7.1.1 is binding apart from where parties to the complaint 'have the right' to appeal the decision under section 8 below.
7.2	Where a Complaint relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by the Competition Referee, such complaint will be dealt with under the complaint's procedure of Yorkshire Netball.
7.3	Where a Complaint relates to the behaviours of an individual player or team, volunteer of individual attending the competition which could be considered as a disciplinary offence under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations, such complaint will be dealt with in

	accordance with the procedures set out in England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations and should be referred to the Disciplinary Secretary of the appropriate authority.
<b>8</b>	<b>Appeal of the Competition Referees Decision</b>
8.1	The decision of the Competition Referee in relation to a complaint submitted in accordance with sections 7.1 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:
8.1.1	if the decision of the Competition Referee has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of a competition, AND
8.1.2	if there has been a failure by the Competition Referee to follow or act in accordance with these regulations and/or the Competition Referee has reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact.
These are the only grounds of appeal, and any appeal must be submitted in accordance with the appeals process set out below	
8.2	An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the Team Manager of the appealing team to the Competition Organiser within seventy-two (72) hours of the match.
8.3	The appeal shall be accompanied by a cheque for £100 which shall be returned if the appeal is upheld or if there are any extenuating circumstances. The Competition Appeals Committee (CAC) will decide whether the extenuating circumstances warrant the cheque being returned.
8.4	The Competition Organiser will establish a CAC which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected to the competition. One of those individuals will be appointed as the chair.
8.5	The chair of the CAC will send the appeal to the opposing team and any other team the CAC believe could be affected by the outcome of the appeal. These teams will be permitted seventy-two (72) hours, from the date that appeal notice is sent from the CAC to submit any evidence or submission that they wish the CAC to consider.
8.6	All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The chair of the CAC will have the secretion to determine the process, procedure, and direction of the appeal.
8.7	The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
8.8	The CAC will notify all the parties that made submissions and presented evidence of its decision and any penalties and sanctions imposed within twenty-four (24) hours of it reaching its determination. The CAC shall have discretion to publish the decision through whatever means it considers appropriate.
8.9	The CAC shall have the delegated power of Yorkshire Netball to make all decisions and impose and enforce any penalties and sanctions (but not limited to, reprimands, the deduction of points, fines, suspensions, and exclusion from the competition) relating to the appeal. There is no further right of appeal on the decision.
8.10	The procedures set out in this section shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 (the act) and amount to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of section 6 of the Act.
8.11	The parties also waive irrevocably their right to any form of appeal, review or recourse to any court or other judicial authority, or under England Netball's Disciplinary Procedures Manual or otherwise, as far as such waiver may be validly made.

8.12	The seat of arbitration shall be England, the language shall be English and the governing law of the regulation and these proceedings under Section 8 shall be English Law.
8.13	If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for by this section 8, and all parties to the appeal consent, the timetable within which an appeal is raised, submissions made, and the decision taken can be shorter than seventy-two (72) hours stated in this section. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties
8.14	In order to adhere to the timescales, set out in this Section 8, all communications will take place via electronic mail to the contact held on Yorkshire Netball's administration for the Competition (as detailed on the Entry Form). It is the participating clubs/teams responsibility to ensure that these contact details are kept upto date.
<b>9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
9.1	Yorkshire Netball will not be liable to any person, whether in contract tort (including negligence) or otherwise for any direct or indirect loss or injury of any nature, howsoever caused and howsoever arising from the matters covered by these regulations, provided that nothing in these regulations excludes or restricts Yorkshire Netball's liability for any personal loss or injury caused by Yorkshire Netball's own negligence, or for fraud.
9.2	If any of these regulations are held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the regulations shall not be affected thereby.
9.3	These regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English Law.
9.4	Any questions regarding these regulations can be addressed to Competition Organiser <a href="mailto:yncompetition@gmail.com">yncompetition@gmail.com</a>
9.5	Yorkshire Netball reserves the right to amend these regulations each year in advance of the competition and such amendments will take effect from the first date of publication of the completed amended procedure.

<b>Definitions</b>	
Competition Appeals Committee (CAC)	Means a body of upto three (3) individuals who are independent of and not connected to the Competition that will hear an appeal or groups of appeals on the Competition Referee's decision as set out in Section 8
Competition Referee	Means the individual appointed by Yorkshire Netball with all necessary authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising during the competition as set out in 4.2
Competition Organiser	Person/group responsible for the competition
Goal Average	Means goals for divided by goals against, to two decimal points

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Summary of Changes made through season.

Date	Summary of what has changed and why	Who updated