



# Yorkshire Netball

## Regional Junior League 2023-24

### Rules & Regulations

<b>1</b>	<b>Overview</b>
1.1	<p>The Yorkshire Netball Under 14 League and Under 16 League is a regional competition. The competition is organised by Yorkshire Netball to enable clubs to compete against each other to determine a regional winner, whilst encouraging participation and development in netball through an open, fair, progressive, and transparent competition structure.</p> <p>The winner and runner up in the Under 14 League and Under 16 League will be the club/team that goes forward to the England Netball National Club Finals (Under 14 or Under 16).</p>
1.2	These regulations set out below the Rules and Regulations which govern the operation of the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Under 14 and Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Under 16.
1.3	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 Junior League.
1.4	<p>All clubs/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	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.
<b>2</b>	<b>Competition Structure</b>
2.1	The competition shall be known as the <b>Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition</b> .
2.2	<p>The Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition feeds through to the England Netball National Finals.</p>
2.3	<p>Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition shall comprise of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under 14 Junior League</li> <li>- Under 16 Junior League</li> </ul>


<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 Junior League (Under 14 and Under 16), as well as the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior 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 Regional Junior 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	<p>Prior to the start of the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League, Yorkshire Netball shall announce the following.</p> <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 Junior League Competition (Under 14 and Under 16). Yorkshire Netball may appoint a separate Competition Referee solely for the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior 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" data-bbox="236 1451 1426 2040"> <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 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> </tbody> </table>		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 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
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	<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>		
4.3	<p>The competition referee may call upon, or delegate to, additional persons to assist with the competition or consult with other persons prior to making any decision, However the final decision and accountability for the decision will rest with the competition referee.</p>		
4.4	<p>The competition referee will maintain and be responsible for a confidential competition referee logbook where appropriate.</p>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Pre-Competition Management &amp; Administration</b>		
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Team Entry and Eligibility</b>		
5.1.1	<p>Entry to the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League (Under 14 and Under 16) shall be open to any club which is a member of England Netball through a County Association, which has paid its subscription in this respect, and which is situated within the boundaries of a County Association which is a member of Yorkshire Netball – Unless otherwise agreed by Yorkshire Netball</p>		
5.1.2	<p>At the start of the season each of the four (4) County Associations (North Yorkshire, Humberside, South Yorkshire, and West Yorkshire) will be invited to nominate two (2) clubs in each age group to compete in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League.</p> <p>Each County Association may nominate two (2) further clubs to take part in the Regional Junior League Playoff's, where the clubs finishing first and second in each age group will go forward to compete in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League.</p> <p>The maximum number of clubs in each Age group (based on the above) is ten (10) who will compete in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition.</p> <p>At the end of the season, the league (both age groups) will be disbanded, and a new league formed the following season.</p>		
5.1.3	<p>Yorkshire Netball are entitled to charge an entry fee to complete in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior 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 match of the season.</p>		
5.1.4	<p>There may be only one (1) team per club in each age group</p>		


5.1.5	<p>By entering a team in the Regional League Junior 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	<p>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> <p>Individuals become an England Netball member via one of the following ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through membership to a Club</li> <li>• Through membership directly to England Netball</li> <li>• Through membership directly to a County Netball Association</li> </ul>
5.2.2	<p>Under 14's - All players must be over ten (10) years of age and under the age of fourteen (14) years old as at 11.59pm on the 31 August immediately prior to the commencement of the playing season.</p> <p>Anyone under the age of 11 is unable to complete in the competition.</p> <p>Under 16's – All players must be over thirteen (13) years of age and under the age of sixteen (16) years old as at 11:59pm on the 31 August immediately prior to the commencement of the playing season. Players under the age of fourteen (14) must have completed the Age Banding Consent Form and submitted this alongside the Squad Registration Sheet.</p> <p>Anyone under the age of 11 is unable to complete in the competition.</p> <p>For further information and forms - England Netball Age Banding Guidance – <a href="#">England Netball   Competition Governance</a></p>
5.2.3	All Team Managers must be over the age of eighteen (18) years old prior to the start of the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League.
5.2.4	During all matches of the Regional Junior League Competition, Team Managers must always carry proof of age for all players listed on the Squad Registration Sheet.
5.2.5	<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> </ul>
5.2.6	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.
5.2.7	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.

5.2.4	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.
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Registration of Squads</b>
5.3.1	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 Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League.
5.3.2	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.  This should be by completing the Additions to Squad Registration Sheet available via Dropbox
5.3.3	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)
5.3.4	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.
5.3.5	For clubs going through to National Club Finals, only players who have taken to the court during the course of the season (in the Yorkshire Regional Junior League Competition) will be eligible to compete for their registered team within the England Netball, National Club Finals.
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</b>	<b>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	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.
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.
6.1.2	<p>Clubs/teams are responsible for arranging their own travel to the central venue. Teams should allow sufficient travelling time to cover any unexpected delays.</p> <p>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 9.00 – 10.30am, the latest the match can commence is 9.30am</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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ A report on the amount of time played should be submitted to the Competition Referee within 24 hours of the match taking place.</li> <li>☒ The Competition Referee will decide if the result as far as played should stand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.1.3	All clubs will play each other once and the start time for each match is as detailed in the fixture schedule
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	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.
6.1.6	Matches that are postponed in these circumstances must be played on the next available reserve date (as shown on the fixture schedule), 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 and/or Yorkshire Netball 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, Superleague 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	<p>Umpires should ideally hold a minimum B award umpire qualification and have individual membership (full/junior membership) to England Netball for the 2023/24 season.</p> <p><b>C award umpires will be allowed to umpire</b> in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition (under 14 and 16) if they meet the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have been recommended by a current EN accredited B Assessor (please contact <a href="mailto:ynofficiating@gmail.com">ynofficiating@gmail.com</a>) if unsure who current assessors are.</li> <li>✓ Be involved in umpiring county leagues and/or county performance training programmes or regional junior tournaments.</li> </ul> <p>An email should be sent to <a href="mailto:YNOfficiating@gmail.com">YNOfficiating@gmail.com</a> by the EN accredited B Assessor recommending the umpiring and state the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Name of Umpire</li> <li>- County the umpire is a member of</li> <li>- Confirmation that the umpire is involved in umpiring county league and/or county performance training programmes or regional junior tournaments.</li> <li>- Confirm that they are supporting the umpires request to umpire in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition</li> </ul>
6.3.2	Yorkshire Netball may seek to use matches in the Yorkshire Regional Junior League for B Award Umpire 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>All umpires officiating in the Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior 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. Forms confirming completion (and level) of MSFT should 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>Umpires 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>



	 you can umpire two (2) games.
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	<p>Each team should provide a</p> <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	Team officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties. However, the Primary Care Person / First Aider must also not be a player and it is preferable that they do not hold any other role,
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 48 minutes duration (i.e., 4 quarters of 12 minutes)



6.6.2	All matches shall have an interval of four (4) minutes at half time, and intervals of two (2) minutes at quarter and three-quarter time.
6.6.3	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.
<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	Yorkshire Netball Regional Junior League Competition tables will be compiled based on the points awarded to each team. Where teams are level on points <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	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Under 14 Results 23/24      or</li> <li>- Regional Under 16 Results 23/24</li> </ul> <p>The Results Card should be submitted by no later than Tuesday following the match taking place.</p>
6.9.2	A copy of the official Results Card and/or Score card may be requested by Yorkshire Netball from either team if there are any issues relating to the match, so please ensure you do keep these until the end of the season.
6.9.3	<p>The <b><u>winning team must message</u></b> their match result via the WhatsApp group, using the following format.</p> <p> Date of match  Team named first and Score.  Opposing Team and Score  Name of Wining Team</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 Junior 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>a) Inform their opponents and the umpires of the complaint.</li> <li>b) Mark the scoresheet with the words 'under protest'</li> <li>c) Send the marked Scoresheet to the Competition Referee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the match.</li> <li>d) Attach a letter to the scoresheet to explain the issue in full to the Competition Referee</li> <li>e) 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/team's 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