

# SOUTHAMPTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION

## RULES OF SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE - 2011

### 1. THE LEAGUE

- 1.1. All teams entering the League accept these Rules & will adhere to them
- 1.2. To assist the smooth running of the League the SNA Organising Committee reserve the right to refuse an entry and also to amend the Rules if considered necessary
- 1.3. The League will run throughout the winter months, normally September through to April. For 1010/2011 the league will commence on 16th October
- 1.4. To maintain a Division place, a team must have a minimum of five (5) Club players from the previous season. Failure to comply will result in the team being considered as 'new' and entry will be as per Rule 1.5
- 1.5. New teams requesting entry to the League:
  - a. Established teams will be invited to a play off on 18th September 2010: Division 1 will play team in first place, Division 2 and 3 will play the team finishing as runners up and Division 4 will play the team finishing third . The SNA Committee will rank teams requesting entry
  - b. Non established teams will be invited to entry at the discretion of the SNA Committee
- 1.6. Teams must register a playing uniform and colours, which must then be worn for all League matches. Failure to comply will result in a deduction of points from the defaulting team.
- 1.7. All teams must provide a neutral umpire of the correct level for allocated games (see 3.2). Failure to provide (a) an umpire and (b) an umpire of the correct level will be penalised as per Section 5. New teams joining the league will have one years grace in order to get a qualified umpire, but must still fulfil their umpiring commitment with the correct level of umpire. A list of umpires and their qualification will be provided to all Clubs before the start of the league.
- 1.8. All teams must provide a competent scorer for each match
- 1.9. Score Sheets will be provided before the start of the League. It is important that Score Sheets are completed correctly. Failure to complete any of the following four sections will be penalised as per Section 5.

SECTION	REASON IT IS IMPORTANT
Players Names and Signature	Enables the League Secretary to ensure that registered players are involved in the match
Results	Enables the result to be logged which affects league positions
Best and Fairest Player	Used to nominate each Division's 'Best & Fairest@' player at the end of the season. We are a competitive but sporting league and it is important that we recognise and reward fair play
Umpire Rating Record	This is used in conjunction with "Forums" and Umpire Assessments to maintain and develop our umpires.

- 1.9.1. PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MATCH the **Team Sheet** section must be filled in legibly with the details of the fixture (actual date of match, division, team names) and a list of genuine names with genuine signatures of all the players who will be involved in the match. The Team Sheet must then be handed to the umpire to keep for the duration of the match
  - 1.9.1.1. The SNA Committee reserve the right to carry out spot checks on Team Sheets. If necessary sample signatures may be requested in order to make comparisons.
- 1.9.2. At the end of the match the umpire will complete the **Results Slip** and then legibly write his/her name & qualification in the appropriate place before adding his/her signature and returning the Score Sheet to the relevant team.



- 2.7.1.2. Where a match is abandoned during the first, second and third quarter, this will be replayed after consultation with the League Administrator
- 2.7.1.3. Where a match is abandoned during or after the ¾ break, the result will stand. The results slip should reflect the situation
- 2.7.2. Where a team has two or more members involved in a National/Regional calendar event
  - 2.7.2.1. The team with involvement in the National/Regional event will notify their opposition and BOTH umpires and will make suitable arrangements with their opposition who will give two dates to reschedule the affected fixture and will inform the League Administrator of all arrangements.
- 2.7.3. Where a match has to be conceded BOTH teams must notify the umpires AND the League Administrator

### 3. UMPIRES & SCORERS

- 3.1. All teams must provide a neutral umpire of the correct level for allocated games (see 3.2). Failure to provide (a) an umpire and (b) an umpire of the correct level will be penalised as per Section 5
  - 3.1.1. It will be necessary to designate certain matches throughout the League for the purpose of testing Umpires. Affected Teams will be notified in advance.
- 3.2. Correct Levels of Umpires

<i>Division</i>	<i>Correct Level of Umpire (minimum)</i>	<i>Teams to provide Scorer?</i>
Premier	B or above	YES
1 and 2	C or above	YES
3, 4	Beginner	YES

- 3.3 All teams must provide a competent scorer for the match they are playing

### 4. PLAYER REGISTRATION & TRANSFERS

- 4.1. Players must register with one Club and can only play for this Club in the Winter League or other competition organised by the SNA during the Winter League.
- 4.2 Players registered to play at Open Regional League standard and above can only register with Premier Division in the Southampton Winter League.
- 4.3 Players may transfer between Clubs only once per season and may only play for their new Club once written permission is received from League Administrator
- 4.4 For Clubs with more than one team in the League, movement by players between Teams in the same Club is permissible under the following conditions:
  - 4.4.1. By 17th September all Club players must be registered to a specific Team if they are to play in the Southampton League and the appropriate affiliation fee is paid to the SNA. Players may be added at a later date provided the appropriate affiliation fee is paid and the transfer deadline has not passed.
  - 4.4.2. A lower team player may 'play' for a higher team on two occasions. On the third occasion the player is named for a higher Team (than original registration) she will be automatically transferred to the **highest** team she has played for so far
  - 4.4.3. No Higher Team player can be named on the Score Sheet for a Lower Team unless a formal transfer has taken place on or before the last transfer date. This player may not then play again for a higher ranked Team until the following season. This rule applies to a maximum of 2 players per team per season.
  - 4.4.4. No player can play for more than one Team at any level on the same day in the Southampton League
- 4.5 The final deadline for transfers or for the registration of new players is 5th March, 2011
  - 4.5.1 A minimum of seven days notice is required for transfers
    - 4.5.1.1. Of players between Clubs
    - 4.5.1.2. Where a higher team player is to be transferred to a lower ranked team within the same Club
  - 4.5.2. Where a Lower Team player is automatically transferred (refer to 4.4.2.2) the transfer is deemed to have taken place on the date of the 'third occasion'
- 4.6 Failure to comply with Rule 4 will result in the match being awarded to the opposition, i.e. 5 points and 30 goals

4.7 The SNA will not accept responsibility for notifying Clubs of the current status of any individual player. It is strongly advised that Clubs maintain their own records to ensure compliance and thereby avoid a deduction of points for fielding ineligible or unregistered players

## 5. INFRINGEMENTS & PENALTIES

Infringement	Penalty on each occasion	Refer to Rule No.
Failure to wear correct (registered) uniform/colour	THREE points deducted	1.6
Failure to provide an umpire at all	FIVE points deducted and a fine of £25:00	3.1
Failure to provide an umpire of the correct level without permission	THREE points deducted	3.2
Playing an ineligible or unregistered player or knowingly fielding a fraudulent player	5 points deduction and 5 points + 30 goals awarded to opposition unless this puts the non offending team at a disadvantage	4
Failure to add match score to the board before leaving the venue or failure to put score sheet in the box provided	THREE points deducted	1.9.6
Failure to complete ALL sections of the Score Sheet	THREE points deducted	1.9
Conceding a match	£25.00 fine and 5 points + 30 goals awarded to opposition	1.12
Failure to provide a competent scorer	The umpire has the right to stand off player to act as scorer	1.8
Accumulation of NINE penalty points for failure to provide an umpire of the correct level	£25.00 fine	
Accumulation of TEN penalty points for conceding a game	£50.00 fine	
Accumulation of FIFTEEN penalty points for conceding a game	£100 fine and suspension from the League – all match results will become void	Teams wishing to play in the following season will have to apply in writing to the SNA