

Rules of Southampton Leagues

All teams entering any league run by Southampton Netball Association (SNA) agree to adhere to the following:

- **INF Netball Rules**
- **SNA Codes of Conduct**
- **Rules of SNA**

All teams will be responsible for the conduct of all members and spectators whether directly or indirectly associated to the club.

Penalty for non compliance (See Section Five).

SNA reserves the right to refuse entry for any member, club or team

All competitions and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled and managed by SNA, which may delegate its powers and authority in this respect to a sub-committee

Section One - Conditions of Entry

All Teams must:

1. Complete fully the entry form and player registration forms and adhere to the deadline date for entry into the relevant league.
2. All players must be affiliated to either England Netball (EN) or insured through Southampton Netball Association (SNA) insurance scheme.
3. All fees and any outstanding fines must be paid in full prior to entry being granted.
4. Clubs will not be accepted into any leagues run by SNA unless they have provided the name of a safeguarding officer who has attended a recognised course
5. **PREGNANCY**
SNA recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by itself. The England Netball and SNA Personal Accident Insurance cover 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.

Section Two - General League Rules

1. All SNA matches will be played in accordance with The International Netball Federation (INF) 2016 rules.
2. Where posts are sunken they will be part of the court and free standing posts will not be part of the court
3. All teams must provide an umpire, who will be assessed, by an SNA representative as to the level of game they will umpire using the traffic light system.

Penalty for non compliance (See Section Five)

<i>League</i>	<i>Minimum Level</i>	<i>Teams to provide Scorer?</i>
Winter/FCSL Premier	Green	YES
Winter division 1	Amber	YES
Winter division 2 and below	Red	YES
FCSL divisions 1 and 2	Amber	YES
FCSL divisions 3 and below	Red	YES
Margaret Whittaker Upper	Amber	YES
Margaret Whittaker Lower	Red	YES

Newly formed teams joining the lowest division in the Winter and Freddie Cook Sunlit League or Margaret Whittaker Lower Division will have one year's grace in order to get a qualified umpire, but must still fulfill their umpiring commitments with the correct level of umpire.

4. Matches will be designated throughout the leagues for the purpose of assessing and mentoring of Umpires
5. All teams must provide a scorer, score sheet and stop watch for their match. It is not the responsibility of the umpire
6. All teams must provide a competent scorer who will score the match which is allocated before or after they play. Penalty for non compliance (See Section Five).
7. SNA league matches will comprise of four quarters, unless extenuating circumstances. The half time interval will be 5 minutes in all leagues.
8. Matches must start at the designated time
9. Fixture lists will be strictly adhered too excepting occasions such as:
 - Inclement weather or unplayable conditions as determined by the League

Administrator or designated deputy;

- Where a whole day's or a whole round's fixtures is lost the matches will be rescheduled by or in agreement with the League Administrator;
 - Where a match is abandoned during the first, second and third quarter this will be replayed after consultation with the League Administrator;
 - Where a match is abandoned during or after the $\frac{3}{4}$ break the result will stand. The Score Sheet should reflect the situation;
 - Where a team has two or more members involved in a National/Regional calendar event, they may ask permission from the league administrator to re-arrange the fixture. 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;
 - Where a match has to be conceded BOTH teams must notify the umpires AND the League Administrator.
10. Score sheets must be completed prior to the start of the match with details of the fixture and the correct names and signatures of participating players. The sheet must then be checked by one of the umpires and retained by the team to complete scores and changes during the match
11. Failure to complete any of the following four sections will be penalized.
- Penalty for non compliance (See Section Five).

Section	Why it is important
Players' Names & Signatures	Enables League Administrator to ensure that only registered & genuine players are involved in the match
Results	Enables the result to be logged: affects league positions
Best and Fairest Players Player (As per score sheet)	To nominate each Division's 'Best & Fairest' player at the end of the season. We are a competitive but sporting league; it is important that we recognise and reward fair play
Umpire Rating (As per score sheet)	Used in conjunction with "Forums" and Umpire Assessments to maintain and develop our umpires

12. The SNA League Administrator or Designated Deputies reserve the right to carry out spot checks on Score Sheets: sample signatures will be requested in order to make comparisons. Discrepancies will be investigated. (See Section Five).
13. At the end of the match each umpire will fully complete the **Results Section** and return them to the relevant team.
14. As per score sheet a team official must complete the **Nomination Section** for "Best and Fairest" Players Player from the Opposing Team. ***It is not acceptable to leave this space blank.*** If a team prefers not to nominate any member of the opposition, then NONE CHOSEN must be entered appropriately. If a team opts for NONE CHOSEN on more than 3 occasions, then any nominations received for players from that team will be discarded at the end of the League when the 'Best & Fairest' Award is made.
15. As per score sheet a team official must complete the **Umpire Rating Section**. ***It is not acceptable to leave this blank.***
16. Before leaving the venue each team is responsible for ensuring that the FULLY COMPLETED Score Sheet is placed in the 'mailbox'.
17. The WINNING team must add the CORRECT score to the score board. Penalty for non compliance (See Section Five).
18. Where a match is played on a different date to that on the Fixture List (see Section Two), both Teams must notify the League Administrator of the result within 24 hours.
19. Where a match is conceded, BOTH teams must notify the League Administrator.
20. League match points will be awarded as follow:

Five (5) for a win

Three (3) for a draw

One (1) for losing team scoring more than 50% of the winning goals

Section Three – Player Registration and Transfers

1. Players must register with one Club and can only play for this Club in the Winter League, unless a transfer has been carried out, only one transfer per season as per transfer form.
2. Players must register with one Club and can only play for this Club in the FCSL League, unless a transfer has been carried out, only one transfer per season as per transfer form.
3. Additional players may be registered up to 16.00 hours on the day prior to the first fixture they are to play in. Signatures will be accepted by email or in agreement with League Administrator.
4. Players must register with one Club and can only play for this Club in the Margaret Whittaker league, no transfer applies
5. **Player Restrictions for all Leagues run by SNA:**
 - Players playing in any League higher than a Regional League CANNOT play in any Leagues or tournaments run by SNA without prior consent from the SNA Committee.
 - Open Regional and Open Hampshire League players can only play in the Premier Division of the Winter League.
 - Open Hampshire League players can only play in the Premier Division or Division One (1) of the FCSL
 - Open Regional and Open Hampshire League players can only play in the Upper Section of the MWL
 - Players playing in Division One (1) or higher of the Winter League and Division Two (2) of the FCSL League can only play in the Upper Section of the MWL
6. For Clubs with more than one team in the Winter/FCSL Leagues:
 - All Club players must be registered to a specific team 14 Days prior to the first league fixture. Players may be added at a later date and prior to the deadline as per item 7
 - A lower team player may play for a higher team on two occasions. On the third occasion a player plays for a higher team she will be automatically transferred to the **highest** team she has played for on the date of the third occasion.
 - 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. Once officially transferred, 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.

- No player can play for more than one team at any level on the same day in any League run by SNA.
7. The final deadline for transfers or for the registration of new players is 16.00 hours four (4) weeks before the day prior to the final scheduled fixture of the Winter/FCSL Leagues. A minimum of seven days' notice is required within Winter/FCSL Leagues.
 8. Players must play under their own name.
 9. 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 and monetary fine for fielding ineligible or unregistered players

Section Four –League Entry Promotion and Relegation

- Promotion and relegation in the SNA Winter/FCSL Leagues will be finalised after the completion of the Leagues and any relevant play off matches. The team in the highest of the relegation positions for any given division may go into a play off with new teams wishing to enter the league. The date reserved for the play off will be published at the start of the league. Any team which fails to be available to play on the play off date will forfeit their right to challenge.

<i>Winter League</i>	<i>Promotion</i>	<i>Relegation</i>
Premier	N/A	ONE team down to Division 1
1	ONE team up to Premier	TWO teams down to Division 2
2	TWO teams up to Division 1	TWO teams down to Division 3
3	TWO teams up to Division 2	THREE teams down to Division 4
4	THREE teams up to Division 3	No promotion and relegation
Freddie Cook Sunlit League	Promotion	Relegation
Premier	N/A	ONE team down to Division 1
1	ONE team up to Premier	TWO teams down to Division 2
2	TWO teams up to Division 1	TWO teams down to Division 3
3	TWO teams up to Division 2	TWO teams down to Division 4
4	TWO teams up to Division 3	TWO teams down to Division 5
5	TWO teams up to Division 4	NO RELEGATION
BTN	PROMOTION TO DIVISION 5 ONCE IN THE BTN FOR 2 SEASONS AND WINNERS OF THE DIVISIONS	NO RELEGATION

- 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'
- Teams requesting entry to the Winter or FCSL will be evaluated and ranked by the SNA Committee and will be invited to a play-off, if they meet the entry criteria.
- The SNA Committee reserve the right to adjust the numbers of teams per division.

Section Five - Infringements and Penalties

<i>Infringement</i>	<i>Penalty on each occasion</i>
Failure to control the conduct of all affiliated members and spectators	1 st Instance –Warning 2 nd Occurrence - THREE (3) points deducted 3 rd Occurrence - FIVE (5) points deducted 4 th Occurrence - £100.00 fine and suspension from all Leagues for a fixed term to be advised by SNA
Failure to wear (registered) uniform/colour	THREE (3) points deducted
Failure to provide an umpire or one who has not been assessed for the level of game .	FIVE (5) points deducted
Failure to provide an umpire of the correct level without permission	FIVE (5) points deducted
Failure to provide a scorer	FIVE (5) points deducted
Playing an ineligible or unregistered player or knowingly fielding a fraudulent player	TEN (10) points deduction AND FIVE (5) points + 30 goals awarded to opposition unless this puts the non-offending team at a disadvantage AND see below for points accumulation
Failure to complete ALL sections of the Score Sheet	THREE (3) points deducted
Conceding a match	FIVE (5) points deduction and FIVE (5) points + 30 goals awarded to opposition in the Winter/FCSL Leagues FIVE (5) points deduction and FIVE (5) points + 20 goals awarded to opposition in Margaret Whittaker League
Accumulation of NINE penalty points	£25.00 fine
Accumulation of TEN penalty points	£50.00 fine
Accumulation of FIFTEEN penalty points	£100.00 fine and suspension from all Leagues for a fixed term to be advised by SNA: all the match results will become void

Section Six – Game Management

1. All club members and spectators of the club are governed by the same rule of being asked to leave the court for the remainder of the game in the event of any disciplinary occurrence by the members or spectators which warrants this action
2. When a team takes the court with 5 players and a player has to leave the court due to injury or blood the game will be held for 2 minutes or longer at the umpires discretion to allow for the team to be able to continue with the game
3. When a team takes the court with 5 players and a player has to leave the court due to discipline the game will finish and be awarded to the opposition.