KINGSTON & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE 2026/27
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GUIDELINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Please read these guidance notes carefully and together with the KDNL rules for 2026/27 season

1. Refreshments can be offered but are not compulsory. Please advise your opposition if you will not be able to do so, likewise if your team is not going to be able to stay after the match please also let the home team know so that they can cater accordingly.

2. Results information will depend on the way we collect them. To be advised before the season starts. Most likely results will be submitted via Engage. We will reissue the guidance notes and send detailed instructions before the season starts.

3. **Please take a picture of the scorecard in case this is needed in the future and both captains to ask both umpires for the EN affiliation number and qualification before the start of the match so that this can be completed on the form. Please check the scorecards match up (ie have the same score!). Any game management infractions to be recorded and umpires will be contacted by the league.**

4. List of all team members to be sent to kdnlresults@gmail.com by Friday 11th September. **THIS APPLIES TO ALL DIVISIONS and must be received by latest 5pm on the cut off date. NB this date might be different to SNL.** *Please ensure you have received an acknowledgement of receipt from KDNL.*

5. Players must be in the correct teams and linked and loaded onto Engage in advance and a screen shot sent to the league (an example is provided below with the information blacked out for GDPR). You MUST include the players EN affiliation status in the screen shot (you may need to toggle with screen width/zoom out). A minimum of 7 active players per team.

6. Clubs are asked to consider the start time of their games in the winter months to allow courts to be suitable for play.

7. Any new players must be registered to kdnlresults@gmail.com before they can play. This must then be confirmed in email. The club must also update Engage and confirm that this has been done. Do not just update Engage without telling the league.

8. If using an umpire who is not affiliated to your club then please get confirmation, in writing from that umpire that:

    - **They are EN affiliated for the 26/27 season**
    - **They meet the qualification requirement according to the division you are playing in**
    - **they are linked to KDNL on Engage**

    You only need to get this for the first time of using them in a season. Please check the KDNL rules for umpire eligibility and read the umpire regulation guidelines on the KDNL website: https://www.kdnl.co.uk/umpiring.html. If you are unsure please email the committee in advance and with enough warning (ie not just before the match is due to start).

9. Scorers/ timers are asked to stand together and check scores at regular intervals. They may be asked by the umpires for a C pass check if there is discrepancy. Timing must be done centrally. The main timer cannot be on an umpire's watch (although if needed this can be a backup timer). Both teams must be able to check the central timekeeping.

10. ***Before the start of the season all umpires, players and coaches should familiarise themselves with the current World Netball rules***. For example, be aware of things like:

    - Game management including advancement of penalties and changes to cautions (no longer used)
    - tactical changes
    - short pass
    - goal after whistle
    - throw in
    - foul play

    Details, examples and links to explainer videos can be found at https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/be-involved/officiating/rules-and-updates/

    Game management instances must be reported to the league (and the league must report these to SCNA). These include Warning, Suspensions & Ordering Off. Umpire contact details must be passed to the league for requesting reports.

11. When dealing with complaints (umpire, club, player, spectator etc) the following guidance should be used.
    - Clubs must email KDNL and copy the opposition with a detailed outline and explanation of the complaint.
    - In the case of umpire complaints cubs must provide the league with at least 3 specific examples where the umpire did not meet expectations.

- KDNL will ask each team captain and both umpires for the match to complete a report. The summary of the complaint will be shared with all parties.
- Complaints will be shared with the Surrey County Officiating lead and kept on file
- If KDNL receives 2 complaints about the same umpire in the season the umpire will likely be allocated a mentor to watch game and give feedback. They may be asked not to umpire in league or in certain divisions until they can demonstrate competence as per the issue/s raised.
- KDNL also reminds players and coaches to be fully informed on the CURRENT World Netball rules (2024 edition). **A captain may approach umpires during a break to seek clarification on a rule/ its application**
- Umpires work together as a team/unit to officiate the match.
- Umpires should also remember the division/ standard they are umpiring and adjust as necessary.
- Spectators/ team bench are bound by the World Netball Rules

12. **PLAYING UP GUIDELINES**

A player who plays up for a Club's higher teams on three occasions during either half of the season will automatically be re-registered with the Club's highest placed team/s. Please review these below as they are tweaked to streamline the process and explanation and be fair to all clubs. Ask us BEFORE you get stuck if you're unsure

Example 1

C team player	1st	Play up match for B team
	2nd	Play up match for A team
	3rd	Play up match for B team

Player automatically becomes a registered B team player and the rule on playing up continues with the games played in the A team counting towards the playing up tally. If that new B team player plays again 2 more times for the A team they will then be registered for that higher team.

Example 2

C team player	1st	Play up match for A team
	2nd	Play up match for B team
	3rd	Play up match for A team

Player automatically becomes a registered A team player.

Please note the timing of the matches are important – for example see below:.

Example 3

C team player

1st Play up match for B team
2nd Play up match for A team
3rd (i) Play for C team at 11am and play up for A or B team at 2pm - no breach of rule but is then registered into higher team.
(ii) Play for A or B team at 11am C team play at 2pm - ineligible for the C team and breach of rule.

Example 4

D team player

1st Play up match for A team
2nd Play up match for B team
3rd Play up match for C team

Player automatically becomes a registered C team player.

If that player then plays for the A team again they will then be moved up into the A team (having then had 2 matches in A team and 1 in B team = 3 play ups).

If they play in the B team again they will get moved up into the B team after that additional play up (2 matches in B team and 1 in A team = 3 play ups)

Please note these guidelines aim to explain the practice the results secretaries may apply when a player registered with a club's lower team plays up on 3 or more occasions during half a season. These guidelines are not intended to bind the results secretaries who will consider each case on its merits. Please ask in advance if you have any questions – it is aways better to check first!

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We do not allow people to advertise private businesses on KDNL Facebook and also will delete posts for teams/clubs outside of the KDNL league.

We will endeavour to post useful information and dates via the Facebook page for any members who want to see what's going on but might not be a club secretary etc.