RULES AND REGULATIONSOFKINGSTON & DISTRICT NETBALLLEAGUE2026-27

These are rules and regulation for the Kingston & District Netball League (the League) and shall apply to all the League's matches and the Knockout Cup.
The International Netball Federation Rules shall be the rules of play with some minor amendments appropriate for grassroots netball.

1. COMMITEE:

1.1. The League's Committee (the Committee) shall consist of six elected officers:
Chair,
Vice Chair,
Secretary,
Senior Results Secretary (Div 1-6)
Junior Results Secretary (Div 7-12)
Treasurer
and the representatives from the winners of each division.

In the event of duplication of clubs, divisional runners-up followed by Knockout Cup and rally winners will be selected to form a Committee of a minimum of ten. A minimum of 6 Committee members shall be needed to form a quorum at each full committee meeting.

1.2. All disciplinary issues will be discussed by the Committee and referred to The Surrey County Netball Association (SCNA) if deemed necessary. The League also reserves the right to take the disciplinary action it deems appropriate. ***The Committee's decisions/ruling on any matter referred to it will be accepted as final.***

1.3. In the event that a member of the Executive Committee needs to be replaced mid-season then a meeting of the full committee (which includes the representatives from the winners of each division) will be called for that position to be voted/agreed upon.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2.1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the six elected members: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Senior and Junior Results Secretaries and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall be elected at the AGM by the club representatives at the meeting. No club can be represented on the executive committee by more than one person. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee as and when required; 5 members present shall form a quorum. The terms of reference are to decide on any matters. A majority vote by the executive committee will be binding. An appeal to the Executive committee decision can be made which will be discussed at a Full Committee meeting.

3. GENERALMEETINGS

3.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held once every calendar year on a suitable Monday in June. Notice of the AGM and a copy of the agenda shall be sent to every Club not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

3.2. Business to be transacted: i) To receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. ii) To elect the Executive Committee. iii) To consider any proposals received from member Clubs; iv) to recognise division winners. All clubs who wish to be considered for membership for the following season MUST be represented

3.3. No Rule or Regulation shall be amended, and no resolution passed at a previous General Meeting shall be rescinded, unless notice to this effect is given on the agenda.

3.4. Items for the agenda must be sent to the Secretary not less than 35 days prior to the AGM date.

3.5. All Clubs playing in the KDNL must be represented at the AGM by one of their Club members.

3.6. If required, the Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. Twenty members present shall form a quorum and are entitled to vote.

3.7. Voting Procedure: All matters at a General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote. Persons eligible to vote at General Meetings: 1. Each Club: one vote. 2. Each Honorary Officer: one vote. The Chair shall have a second and casting vote in the case of tied vote.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE

When applying for membership to the League, Clubs must state the location of the home ground and the name, telephone number and email address of the Club Secretary. If any of this information subsequently changes, the League Secretary must be informed of those changes in writing by email.

4.1. Application for membership of the League shall be considered each year by the Executive Committee.

4.2. All current Clubs must apply online by 5pm on 30th April (or a date set by the league). Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the League for the coming season.

4.3. All Clubs must have their home ground within the defined KDNL boundaries unless approved by the Executive Committee.

The area of the League shall be roughly bounded by:

M25, J6 to J15 including Therfield School Dilston Road Leatherhead KT22 7NZ;
M4, J4 to J11; and
A22 (Purley) to M25 (J6)
All to be known as the KDNL area. A map can be provided on request. If in doubt please check with the League.

The area above does not apply to existing cubs playing at the following venues and for the avoidance of doubt these venues mentioned below for the purposes of these rules will form part of the KDNL area:

Actonian's Sports Ground Gunnersbury Drive Ealing W5 4LL
Howard of Effingham School/ Effingham Community Sport Centre Lower Road Effingham KT24 5JR

Any club wishing to change their current home ground must seek approval from the committee prior to any change to ensure it complies with the KDNL boundaries.

4.4. Should a Club/team persistently fail to comply with a KDNL rule/rules the Executive Committee, at their discretion, may apply an additional penalty and/or exclude the Club/team from the League.

4.5. New clubs may apply in writing by email to the League at any time and may be accommodated in the League at any time during the season subject to vacancy.

4.6. If a club of known proven ability applies to enter the League they may be considered for entry at a higher level, subject to vacancies.

4.7. Any club entering the League shall usually enter in the bottom division.

4.8. Applications to the League will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

4.9. Any team relegated from the 'County league' may return to the League in a division deemed appropriate by the Committee.

4.10. If a team proves itself outstanding it may be promoted more than one division, subject to vacancy.

4.11. Any team withdrawing from the League during the season shall not be permitted to re-enter the League until one complete season has passed.

5. PLAYERS

5.1. AFFILIATIONS – MEMBERSHIP

5.1.1. To participate in the League, a player must have a membership with England Netball and SCNA. All players must have their membership lodged with EN head office and it must be paid prior to participation in the KDNL. Failure to do so will result in any points gained for any match(es) plus an additional penalty of 5 points, will be deducted. Player(s) will be excluded from further participation until they have a membership and provided proof to the League.

5.1.2. All players must be linked to their relevant club and team on Engage prior to their match. As with rule 5.2.6 an email must also be sent to the committee to notify the committee of a new player registration. Failure to do so will result in any points gained for any match(es) plus an additional penalty of 5 points, will be deducted. Player(s) will be excluded from further participation until they have a membership and provided proof to the League.

5.2. REGISTRATION

5.2.1. At the beginning of the season, all players must be linked to their correct team on Engage. A full list of all players and teams must be emailed to the League by the 17.00, on a date agreed by the committee. A screen shot of Engage showing the players, in their correct teams AND their affiliation status will suffice (an example is shown in the Guidance Notes). Teams may also do an excel export

from Engage for each team. They must include EN ID, First name, Last name, Gender and EN member status fields.

A Club must complete separate Engage team lists and email the screenshot/excel to KDNL for each team they have in the KDNL, with each player registered to one team only i.e. team A, B, C, etc. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team being penalised any points gained for the match(es) concerned being deducted; together with the additional penalty of one-point deduction.

5.2.2. No player registered to a Super league team may play in the KDNL. Players who play in NPL, Premier, London Polytechnic, County/and or Regional teams or ex Super League players must be registered in a Club's highest placed KDNL team, but may not normally play for a team lower than Division 4, except under rule 5.2.2.1 below). KDNL recognises that some clubs may have a player/s who may be a 'substitute' or 'occasional player' in these higher leagues and might not be a listed player in a club's highest placed league team. Where relevant clubs are asked to email the league with the names of any exceptions and subject to the league's agreement, may continue playing in their usual team unless they become a regular member of this higher team (eg a regular county/ regional player). Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team being penalised any points gained in the match(es) concerned being deducted, together with the additional penalty of one-point deduction.

5.2.2.1. Where a player is returning from injury or there is reason to believe that individual is no longer at a high/er standard they can request permission in writing to play in a lower division to the KDNL committee stating the reason. The committee's decision is final.

5.2.3. Where a club has more than one team, if a registered player has not played in one of three consecutive matches for the team they are registered to, this must be explained to the league Secretary and divisional rep. Failure to do so will result in a 1-point deduction per player. For clubs that have multiple teams, this rule does not apply to their lowest placed team.

5.2.4. Any team who knowingly and deliberately provides false information regarding identity of players when registering or naming players on result sheets may be subject to disciplinary action and may be expelled from the KDNL. Disciplinary action may be taken against the Club. Clubs will incur a penalty of one-point deduction for each offence. Disciplinary action may be taken against the Club. Clubs will incur a penalty of five points (-5) deduction for each offence. The game will be awarded to the non-offended team and a score of 30-0 will be recorded.

5.2.5. Clubs must re-register their players after the last match of the first half of the season and before the commencement of the second half. Teams must be adjusted on Engage and a screenshot or excel download must be emailed to the League. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team being penalised any points gained for the match(es) concerned being deducted together with the additional penalty of a one-point deduction.

5.2.5 Additional players can be registered at any time during the season before the player participates in any match. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team forfeiting the match and the non-offending team being awarded 5 points for the match. A score of 30-0 will be recorded to the non offending team with the additional penalty of one-point deduction. Clubs must email KDNL with the screen shot of the player name as listed on Engage in the correct team

5.2.6. No club may use a player registered to play with a higher team(s) in its lower team(s). If, in extenuating circumstances, a player is required by its club to play permanently for a lower team, an email must be sent to the Committee for its consideration and appraisal and that player must not play for the lower team until permission has been granted by the League. (In the case of long-term injury, the Committee will give sympathetic consideration). That player must not play down until permission has been granted. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team forfeiting the match and the non-offending team being awarded 5 points for the match. A score of 30-0 will be recorded to the non offending team.

5.2.7. A club may use a player registered to play in a lower team(s) in its higher team(s) on no more than two (2) occasions. If a club uses a player registered to play in a lower team(s) in its higher team(s) on three occasions or more that player will be deemed to be registered with the higher team they have played up for on most occasions (or if three different teams the lowest placed team by division). See Guidelines. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team being penalised any points gained for the match(es) concerned being deducted together with the additional penalty of a one-point deduction. The score will be recorded as 30-0 to the non-offending team.

5.2.8. A player may not play for more than one KDNL Club in the League during the season. If a player wishes to transfer, the new Club must notify the League before the player plays for her new Club. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team forfeiting the match and the non-offending team being awarded 5 points for the match. A score of 30-0 will be recorded to the non offending team with the additional penalty of one-point deduction Clubs must email KDNL with the screen shot of the player name as listed on Engage in the correct team

5.2.9. All payers must be 14 years old or over.

5.2.10. Pregnant players: In line with the EN advice and guidance there should be no barriers to pregnant women playing. Under EN rules the following should be taken into consideration by clubs when choosing players who are pregnant. EN recommends that pregnant individuals (player, coach, umpire) should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with guidelines issued by England Netball. In selecting players for the League, clubs and individuals to be aware that EN insurance does not cover pregnant players

5.2.11. The KDNL competition is in the female category as per the EN Gender Eligibility & Participation Policy. Only individuals who meet the eligibility criteria be included on the team registration sheet as a player. For information on eligibility based on gender, please review the England Netball Gender Eligibility & Participation Policy. Any player who takes to court without meeting the eligibility criteria will be defined as an ineligible player and the club will be sanctioned in line with regulation. It is the responsibility of the individual and club to ensure that all players in the team sheet are eligible to play before entering them into the competition.

5.2.12. All players, coaches and spectators aligned to a club registered to the KDNL are understood to have read and agree to abide by the England Netball and League's code of conduct.

5.2.13. If any match is postponed from the first half of the season and is re-scheduled to be played in the second half, the registrations for the first half shall be used. Failure to comply with this rule will result

in the offending team forfeiting the match and the non-offending team being awarded 5 points for the match. A score of 30-0 will be recorded to the non offending team with the additional penalty of one-point deduction.

6. FIXTURES

6.1. The home team must confirm the fixture, including details of the venue to the away team in writing at least 28 days before the fixture date. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the offending team being penalised by the deduction of one point. Teams must use all means at their disposal to ensure the opposition has received such notification and that confirmation is received. Two emergency emails and telephone numbers should be supplied by Clubs; any difficulty in communication should be reported to the League as soon as possible. If a team faces extraordinary circumstances affecting the game on or close to the match day, they must use every means available to them to contact the opposition and the League must be advised. Please note that it is not sufficient just to send an email or text, confirmation from the opposition must be received. Failing to do so may incur a 1-point penalty deduction.

6.2. All matches must be played on the scheduled date and must start within 15 minutes of the appointed time. Matches must normally commence between the hours of 09.30 and 14.30 (14.45 to allow for the 15 minutes). If needed, and by mutual agreement matches may start at 9am, however unless indoors, this earlier start time is discouraged in the core winter months for court/player safety reasons. All matches should be 4x15minutes. If for any reason the match is stopped before the end of the third quarter, the match will be required to be replayed. If the match is stopped in the last quarter the committee will decide if the result stands or needs to be replayed based on the circumstances.

6.3. A match may only be postponed prior to the fixture date when team players are in national or regional organised events. Such postponements require the prior consent of the Executive Committee. The request should be made through the Divisional Rep at least 28 days prior to the fixture date. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the offending team being deducted one point. Once the Executive Committee's agreement to the postponement has been obtained, it is the responsibility of the team requesting the postponement to contact the opposing Club Secretary at least 21 days prior to the fixture date for the teams to agree the date on which to play the match. The rearranged fixture must take place before the end of the half season in which the postponed fixture was scheduled unless agreed by the Executive Committee

6.4. Matches may be postponed on the day if the ground is unexpectedly unplayable and by agreement between a representative from each Club and/or the umpires. It is the responsibility of all Clubs to ensure that their courts are in a safe condition and are fit for play. In the event of a disagreement as to the condition of the court the decision of the umpires will be final and binding. It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the opposing Club Secretary within 7 days of the postponed fixture to propose a date(s) to play the match and within 14 days the teams should agree a rearranged date. In the event of clubs being unable to agree a mutually acceptable date the Committee will stipulate a date. The rearranged fixture must take place before the end of the half season in which the postponed fixture was scheduled. The League must be advised of this date. In extreme weather conditions that would make travelling hazardous and/or a ground unplayable the

home team must contact the opposition and the League discuss whether to postpone the match. Failure to comply with above may result in one point being deducted by the Executive Committee.

6.5. Should a Club be unable to field a team on the fixture date a point (-1) will be deducted from that team's total score for the season and 5 points awarded to the other team for the match. The score will be recorded as 30-0 to the opposition (ie for the avoidance of doubt: the team that did not cancel will received 30 goals and the cancelling team will receive 0 goals). The cancelling team must let the opposition know by 5pm on Friday before the match if they are cancelling the match the next day.

6.6. Should a team be unable to provide a qualified umpire that holds a current membership on the fixture date a point (-1) will be deducted from that team's total score for the season and 5 points awarded to the other team for the match. The score will be recorded as 30-0 to the non-offending team. The cancelling team must let the opposition know by 5pm on Friday before the match if they are cancelling the match the next day.

6.7. All KDNL matches must comply with the Official Netball Rules of England Netball. Each team should have in their possession a copy of the current EN Rules and a copy of the KDNL Rules and Regulations.

6.8. All teams must provide a competent scorer the duration of each match; the scorer may be changed if necessary, during the course of the match. For the avoidance of doubt the scorer may be a player in the match and subbed off while scoring. In the event that either team does not provide a scorer the match must still be played to a conclusion and an agreement reached between both teams about scoring the match. Failure to provide a scorer will result in the team without a scorer being deducted one point (-1).

6.9. All League fixtures must be completed by the last fixture date for the season or they will be declared void, unless there is a directive from the Executive Committee.

6.10. Should a team cancel more than 3 of their games in any one half of the season that team may not be accepted into the KDNL the following year.

6.11. The League is not responsible for any injuries incurred during any League match.

6.12. It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid for its players and officials.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE

7.1. All Divisions will normally comprise 8 teams. Variations are at the Executive Committee's Discretion.

7.2. The 2 teams finishing at the bottom of all divisions, other than the bottom Division, will normally be relegated to the next lower Division.

7.3. The 2 teams finishing at the top of all Divisions (with the exception of Division One) will normally be promoted to the next highest Division.

7.4. When a vacancy arises in any Division, the Executive Committee may invite teams to play in the Division most appropriate to their standard. (See also Rule 4.5)

7.5. The committees decision on formation of the divisions will be accepted as final.

8. UMPIRES

8.1. No game in Divisions 1-7 shall be counted as a League match unless a (minimum 'C'), qualified umpire, that holds a current membership, is provided by both teams. With the permission of the Executive Committee, in advance, some of these matches may occasionally be used to test umpires.

8.2. In divisions 8-12 those can umpire if:
8.2.1. They are EN affiliated umpires who have attained the EN 'C' Award or higher; or
8.2.2. They hold an EN membership and have attended the England Netball 'C' Award course in the last 2 years and are actively working towards attaining the C Award qualification. They must have passed the online written assessment (this proof must be emailed to the Executive committee) and have at least started receiving mentoring from a county endorsed assessor/mentor.

8.3. All umpires must hold a current season membership to EN and be linked to KDNL on Engage. Failure to provide an umpire will result in a point being deducted from that team's total score for the season and 5 points awarded to the other team with a score of 30-0 being recorded.

8.4. All teams must provide a competent scorer for all league matches. The scorer may be a player.

8.5. If an umpire umpires a match but does not fulfil the criteria required above, the team whose umpire it is will be penalised any points gained for the match(es) concerned being deducted together with the additional penalty of one-point deduction.

8.6. The umpires who start the match must complete the match unless an umpire is injured when they may be replaced by an umpire who is qualified for that division.

8.7. Play-offs will have 2 neutral, qualified umpires who will be appointed by the League

8.8. If the league receives more than 2 complaints regarding an umpire within a season, a league or county appointed assessor/mentor will observe them during a match and advise on further actions. In exceptional circumstances umpire may be withdrawn/banned from umpiring in the League.

9. DURATION OF MATCHES

9.1. In all divisions, the duration of the game shall be 4 (periods) of 15 minutes each except by exceptional circumstances affecting the final quarter (rule 6.2)

10. RESULTS

10.1. Each team must send a fully completed results sheet to the fixtures secretary and their opposition by the Tuesday at 5pm immediately following the match, listing all the players names ~~in PRINT~~. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the loss of one point for the match in question.

10.2. Umpire details must be recorded ~~in PRINT their club~~ with EN ID number and qualification held. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the loss of one point for the match in question.

10.3. If a match is conceded ~~the non-offending team must submit a claim for points in writing to their League by the first Tuesday following the match. This will normally be done via email.~~ A score of 30-0 will be recorded to the non-conceding team.

10.4. Teams will be awarded points as follows:

5 points WIN
3 points DRAW
2 points for a score within 5 goals of the winning
1 point for scoring more than 50% of the winning score

10.5. Where teams have equal points, the following process will be used:

Goal difference shall be used to determine their relative positions, i.e. the team with the higher difference score over the course of the season shall take precedence.
In the event that goal difference does not differentiate between the teams, then goal average shall be applied. Goal average will be calculated by dividing goals scored by goals against.
In the event that goal average does not differentiate between the teams, then the team with the greatest number of goals scored shall take precedence.
Where one of the teams has its goal difference, goal average or total number of goals scored affected by cancellations, then the goals scored by and against defaulting team(s) shall be omitted from the calculations. For example, in the event that one team received 5 points for a cancelled fixture, then the goals scored by the other team against the offending team will not be included when its goal average or goal difference is calculated.
In the event that neither goal average, nor goal difference, nor goals scored can differentiate between the teams, the aggregate score in the match or matches played between them over the course of the season shall be calculated and precedence given to the winning team.
In the event that none of the above differentiates between the teams, the KDNL Committee shall determine the means of differentiation.

11. DISCIPLINARY & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

11.1. All Clubs and players have a duty to respect umpires and a duty to behave responsibly towards other players and teams. They have a duty to play within the KDNL Rules and within the spirit of the game of netball. It is in the nature of competitive sport that players often disagree with the decisions of match officials. However, they must respect and abide by those decisions. In the event of a complaint against an umpire, or about a player or team, the following procedures must be followed:

All complaints about an umpire must be sent to the League within 7 days of the incident in question. You must include an outline of the complaint; the name of the umpire who is the subject of the complaint; a report from your Captain including his/her full name and their contact details; the name of the other umpire and his/her contact details. Umpiring complaints will be sent to SCNA officiating.

The Executive Committee will request reports from the other parties involved and these must be received within 14 days of this request. The executive Committee will send all the details of the complaint so the individual/s can fully respond. The complaint will be fully investigated in accordance with the League's Disciplinary Procedures and following receipt of all the required information you will be informed in writing of the Executive Committee's decision within 28 days. The Executive Committee's decision, together with all the reports will be forwarded to SCNA for their records.

Complaints about Players or a Team. All complaints must be in writing and sent to the committee within 7 days of the match in question. You must include an outline of the complaint and, if appropriate, the name of the player or team who is the subject of the complaint; a report from your Captain including her full name and contact details; the names and contact details of both umpires.

Matters relating to complaints about players or a team will be fully investigated in accordance with the League's Disciplinary Procedures and following receipt of all the required information you will be informed in writing of the Executive Committee's decision within 28 days.

11.2. The KDNL Committee will have the power to determine the penalty to be imposed on clubs, teams, umpires and players who are in breach of these rules and regulations regarding the playing of matches in the KDNL. Such penalties will include reprimands, the deduction of league points, the deduction of goals scored, fines, suspensions, and expulsion from the league.

11.3. In the event that any team wishes to appeal against the decision of this sub-committee, it must notify the KDNL Committee within five (5) working days of receipt of the decision. In this event, the matter will be considered under England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations which allows for an Appeals Panel to be convened. The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding on all parties. The Appeals Panel will have the power to:

Endorse the decision of the KDNL Committee, and uphold any penalty imposed
Endorse the decision of the KDNL Committee, and impose increase or decrease any penalty
Overturn the decision of the KDNL Committee, and increase, decrease or remove any penalty imposed

11.4. Any team which wishes to appeal more generally against the governance and management of the KDNL or against specific decisions made by it must also observe the procedures laid out in England Netball's Disciplinary Regulations.

11.5. Any teams which fail to observe the procedures laid out in the preceding clauses may invalidate their right to raise a query, complaint or appeal.

11.6. No team may claim victory by default in any match without first submitting itself to the procedures laid out in these rules and regulations.

11.7. Any complaint which does not concern the playing of a match and/or its result, but which is made in respect of a disciplinary offence or an umpire player or spectator, will be addressed respectively in accordance with the rules above.

11.8. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE' S DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.

THE LATEST EN RULES SHALL APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY KDNL.

END OF KDNL RULES. PLEASE READ THESE WITH THE GUIDANCE NOTES