

## HARLINGTON NETBALL LEAGUE

1. The game to be played in accordance with AENA rules.
2. All teams to be affiliated to AENA.
3. Duration of game to be one hour made up of 4 quarters, with breaks of two minutes at first and third quarters, three minutes at half time.
4. Games must start on time. A whistle will be sounded giving a minute warning and then again to start the game. If a team has less than five players at start of game, the opposition will be given one goal a minute, up to fifteen minutes (umpires to start game with goals added on). Failure of team to start game before fifteen minutes have elapsed will result in opposition being awarded the game and receiving 3 points. The team that fails to commence a game before fifteen minutes have elapsed will be deducted 3 points from their league table. The score will be recorded as 15-0 to the non offending team. In addition to this: the defaulting team must pay the opposition £10. This rule penalty also applies to teams who forfeit the game with prior notice.
5. Teams wishing to cancel their game must do so by telephone/text to a committee member and **not by email**. The committee member will confirm receipt of a text. Rule 4 then applies.
6. If a team drops out of the league their fixtures will be offered to a team on the waiting list. The offending team will then be added to the waiting list for the following season, if they so request.
7. There will be no added on time for injury, in extreme cases where a game cannot be continued due to injury - the match will be re-arranged (subject to time played) ie if 40 mins have been played, rule 11 applies.. In the event that a player is cut or bleeding, the game will be stopped and the player will be allowed time to cover the wound. All teams should ensure that **they have their first aid kit close-by**, otherwise the game will continue whilst the injured person seeks first-aid help from the centre.
8. Players to register for one club only and cannot play up or down for any other team, except for :  
If a player has played for a team on **one occasion only** and is no longer required by that team/ or they decide not to play for that team; the **player** may appeal in writing to the Committee requesting a transfer to another team.
9. Team registration sheet to be handed to a committee member before the start of your first game. Additional registrations to be

- made before commencement of the game. **AENA affiliation number** must be entered on the team registration sheet by the end of October. These will be checked. Failure to affiliate by the end of October may result in teams losing points: 3 points for each game played until affiliations are paid.
10. If games have to be re-arranged due to inclement weather, whenever possible, team captains will be notified by a committee member.
  11. If a game has to be abandoned during play because of bad weather, the result stands if 40 minutes or more has been played. If not the game will be re-arranged.
- NB We will try and re-arrange games on your usual playing night but this cannot be guaranteed. A minimum of two weeks notice will be given for all re-arranged games.
12. Captains are responsible for their players/supporters behaviour on and off the court. AENA rules apply as regards to behaviour.
  13. Complaints about should be sent in writing to Shelly Williams ([harlington@harlingtonnetball.co.uk](mailto:harlington@harlingtonnetball.co.uk)) within 7 days of the match being played. Reports will be requested from both umpires and opposition and these should be returned within 7 days of receipt of request. The complaint will then be considered by the Committee. The parties will be informed of the Committee's decision within 7 days of the meeting.
  14. The Committee shall have the power to discipline in such a manner as it thinks fit. The power to discipline shall include the power to deduct points, to suspend or remove a member from the League.
  15. Umpires should be treated with respect at all times by both players and spectators. If you (the captain) wish to question a rule, please approach the umpire(s) during an interval with a **polite** request.
  16. **Only a taped** wedding ring can be worn.
  17. Players' nails must be cut short prior to the commencement of game.
  18. No sharp hair adornments can be worn.
  19. No hats/ear muffs can be worn.
  20. Gloves may only be worn accompanied by a doctor's certificate. Nails must still be cut short. These players are advised by AENA to have personal liability insurance. League will not accept responsibility.

21. Pregnant players and umpires may not take part in any AENA competitions beyond the 12th week of pregnancy.
- 22. Netball kit** – Teams must endeavour to have all their players with the same kit. Team players must wear the same colour top, and must wear a skirt of similar colour, or as near to team colours as possible or they will not be allowed to play.  
**Position bibs must be worn.**
23. An umpire may stand a player off for any specified time, once they have been warned. They will be designated an area by the umpire(s) of where they should stand.  
Warning, Suspension and Ordering OFF:  
For rough or dangerous play, persistent and /or deliberate breaking of the rules, misconduct or any other conduct which is considered inappropriate, the umpire may, in addition to any penalty awarded:-  
(i) warn a player and/or team official; or  
(ii) suspend a player (stand off the court) for specified time; or  
(iii) order a player to leave the court and take no further part in the game; or  
(iv) in extreme circumstances, stop the game and require the exclusion from the area of any team official whose inappropriate comments and/or behaviour continues after a warning.
24. Verbal abuse directed at umpire(s) or opposing players will not be tolerated at any time. Player(s) will be stood off or sent off, as the umpire sees fit.
25. Physical abuse directed at an umpire(s) or opposing players will result in that player being sent off for the rest of the game and being asked to leave the premises. A minimum 6-match ban will automatically apply.
26. ALL teams must provide a size 5 netball, which must be in a good playing condition. If neither team has a ball, the game will be void and both teams will lose 3 points.
27. PHOTOGRAPHY. You must get permission from your opposition before taking any photos or videos. Under 16's need parental consent. It is advised that teams with under 16's get parental consent in readiness.

Team Officials/bench players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour, including moving up and down the side lines or along the goal lines during play.

Notes to rules 23, 24, 25

Warnings/Standing Offs:

Umpires will record these on the back of the score card, stating:

- The player's name & position.
- The team's name.
- The offence/incident and any action taken.

These will be reviewed by the Committee and any repeat offenders will be disciplined. Rule 14 applies.

Sending Off

Written reports must be sent to Shelly Williams (harlington@harlingtonnetball.co.uk) by both teams and umpires within 7 days. Rules 13 and 14 applies.

**Please note: - Dogs are not allowed on the premises. This rule is laid down by the London Borough of Hillingdon.**

Team Captains are to ensure their teams are aware of all the above rules.

### **Additional Rules for teams playing in Premier to Division 3**

1. When you are playing in Premier to Division 3, you are required to supply an umpire and a **scorer** for the game on your court, which either precedes or follows your game. The umpire must be qualified and affiliated.

Prem Division and Division 1 umpires to be B Award umpires or C Award umpires who have attended the B Award Umpiring Course (within the last 2 years) and who are working towards their B Award.

**NB the old qualifications of Prelim and Intermediate are no longer recognised and are not allowed to umpire,**

It is your responsibility to confirm your fixture with your umpire, at least one week prior to the game. (See rule 5 below)

2. Umpires will be paid by the league.
3. They will be required to sign our register, giving their qualification. Proof may be asked for.

4. Score cards will be supplied and must be handed to the Committee Member on duty, immediately after the game.
5. If your nominated umpire fails to turn up late (lateness is deemed as failure to show), your team will be penalised by 3 points being deducted. If your nominated scorer fails to turn up, your team will be penalised by 1 point being deducted