

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.
5. The team that fails to commence a game before fifteen minutes have elapsed, will be deducted 3 points from their league table. In addition to this: on the first occurrence, the defaulting team must pay the opposition £10 (a cheque must be sent to the league). On the second and subsequent occasions the defaulting team will pay an additional £14 fine to the league (a total of £24).
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 re-join 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) i.e. if 40 minutes of the game has been played, the result stands. In the event that a player is cut or bleeding, the game will be stopped and the player must be allowed time to cover the wound. All teams should ensure that **they have their first aid kit close-by**, as the clock will still be running. If a first aid kit isn't close-by, the game carries on 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.**
9. Team registration sheet to be handed to a committee member before the start of first game. Additional registrations to be made before commencement of the game.
10. Please ensure that the captain enters the AENA affiliation number on the team registration sheet by the end of October. These will be checked.
11. If games have to be re-arranged due to inclement weather, whenever possible, team captains will be notified by a committee member. Please note, the sports centre no longer run the league, they will not be able to confirm whether or not a game will take place. Should you have any queries whatsoever, please contact one of the committee members.
12. If a game has to be abandoned during play because of bad weather, the result stands if more than 40 minutes has been played, if not the game will be re-arranged. This will take place at a later date during the season. The team secretary will be informed of the new date.

13. Captains are responsible for their players/supporters behaviour on and off the court. AENA rules apply as regards to behaviour. (See additional rules).
14. Any complaints must be made in writing and sent to Shelly Williams, within 7 days of playing.
15. Umpires should be treated with respect at all times.
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** - if cycle shorts are to be worn, players can wear them under their regulation skirts or they must adopt them as uniform, in which case all the team must wear them. This means that if a team decides to wear skirts and cycle shorts then **all** members must wear them. If your uniform is skirts and tops, all players must wear the **same colour top**, all players 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. Team Officials **do not** have to inform opposition, of any substitutions/team changes. **(new player's nails must still be checked)**
27. If a player leaves the court for no valid reason (not to take a throw in or collect a ball or secure a better playing position) they **may not** re-enter the

court while play is in progress but, after notifying the umpire, may do so:

- (i) immediately after a goal has been scored;
- (ii) at a stoppage for injury or illness;
- (iii) immediately following an interval.

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.

Please note: - No dogs allowed on the courts or inside the playground.

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 for the game on your court, which either precedes or follows your game. The umpire must be qualified and affiliated. It is your responsibility to confirm your fixture with your umpire, at least one week prior to the game. (See rule 5)
2. The league will pay umpires.
3. They will be required to sign our register, giving their qualification. Proof may be asked for.
4. Umpire's 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 this happens on more than two occasions you will also be fined £14.00.**
6. Please remember to treat the umpires with respect. Several times this season, umpires have reported challenging attitudes from players. Umpiring is a difficult task and requires great concentration. If you wish to question any decision, please approach the umpires during an interval with a polite request. Unfair remarks during the game are unacceptable both on and off court. We would be much obliged if team captains could please ensure that their players/spectators all adhere to this policy.