Domestic Rules Guidance

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The Rules of the Game (2024 edition) are set by World Netball (WN).

The England Netball (EN) Netball Super League (NSL) will be played to WN Rules with the inclusion of a 'Super Shot' and Tactical Time Outs. Please note that these additions to the World Netball Rules are for sole use in the NSL and are not permitted for use in any other recognised and authorised netball activity.

EN has produced this Domestic Rules Guidance to provide acceptable adaptations of the WN Rules for domestic leagues / competitions, which takes account of our legal responsibilities, our duty of care and our objective to establish an inclusive, safe, fair, and inspiring sporting environment that contributes to a high-quality participant experience at all times. Any other variation outside of those listed in **Rule 21 – Variations for other levels of play,** are not permitted and will not meet the conditions required to be classed as recognised and authorised netball activity as outlined in both England Netball's membership and insurance regulations.

Both England Netball and Europe Netball Umpire Assessments are only permitted on recognised and authorised netball activity.

This guidance is provided for all involved in netball in England including players, coaches, match, and technical officials. Everyone involved in a match has a collective responsibility to apply and adhere to the rules of the game. The guidance has considered a range of cultural needs and medical conditions.

The most current version of the Domestic Rules Guidance is published through the EN website (www.englandnetball.co.uk) In the event of queries or complaints about the interpretation of the rules, reference will be made to the WN Rules and EN Domestic Rules Guidance.

Please direct any questions regarding the WN Rules or England Netball Domestic Rules Guidance to officiating@englandnetball.co.uk

Rule Number	WN Rules Reference as per 2024 WN Rule Book	Domestic Guidance			
		National Competition	Regional Competition	County Competition	Local Competition, Tournaments & Community Delivery
1	**Technical Specifications**				
1.1-1.7	**WN RULE 1 – Court and Related Areas** 1. The court is rectangular in shape and is level and fi rm. The surface should be wooden (and preferably sprung) but may consist of other material provided that it is safe to play on. 2. The two longer sides are called side lines and measure 30.5 m (100 ft). 3. The two shorter sides are called goal lines and measure 15.25 m (50 ft). 4. Two lines parallel to the goal lines divide the court into three equal areas. These lines are called transverse lines. The middle area is called the centre third and the two end areas are the goal thirds. 5. A circle 0.9 m (3 ft) in diameter is located in the centre of the court. This is called the centre circle. 6. A goal circle is located at each end of the court. This is a semi-circle of radius 4.9 m (16 ft) whose centre is the mid-point of the outside of the goal line. 7. All lines (preferably white) are 50 mm (2 in) wide and are part of the court area they outline. A line which bounds adjacent court areas is common to both areas.	As per WN Rule 1.1 - 1.7	Indoor - As per WN Rule 1.1 -1.7 Outdoor – Other material that is safe to play on. Refer to EN Performance Requirements for Netball Surfaces. https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/surface-requirements/		
1.8 and 1.9	**WN RULE 1.8 – COURT SURROUND** 8. The court surround is rectangular in its outer shape and it surrounds the court. The distance between the edge of the court surround and the goal lines and side lines is 3.05 m (10 ft). **WN RULE 1.9 FIELD OF PLAY** 9. The field of play is rectangular in shape and consists of the court and the court surround. During play only on-court players and umpires are permitted in the fi eld of play.	Ideally 3.05 m run off. Recommended minimum run off to be 1.5 m to the side of the court and 2 m to the back of the court. Team Bench and Officials Bench to be located where safe and not impeding the Match Officials. (See diagrams on next page for examples of where the Team Benches and Officials Bench may be positioned)			
1.10 and 1.12	**WN RULE 1.10-1.12 PLAYING ENCLOSURE** 10. A bench zone is located immediately adjacent to the fi eld of play. The official bench, umpires' bench and team benches are all located on one side of the court in the bench zone. 11. The playing enclosure consists of the fi eld of play and the bench zone. Entry to the playing enclosure during a match is limited to those persons	Preferably as per WN Rule 1.10 In venues where this cannot be complied with, the following examples are suitable alternatives. **Option A** - Place the Official Bench (OB) and the Home Team Bench (HTB) on the same side, with the Away Team Bench (ATB) diagonally opposite the Home Team Bench.			

	accredited by the event organiser. 12. If desired, an equivalent zone on the opposite side of the court may also be included in the playing enclosure. This zone is to be used by media and other technical officials as needed.	**Option B** - Place the OB and the ATB on the same side, with the HTB diagonally opposite.

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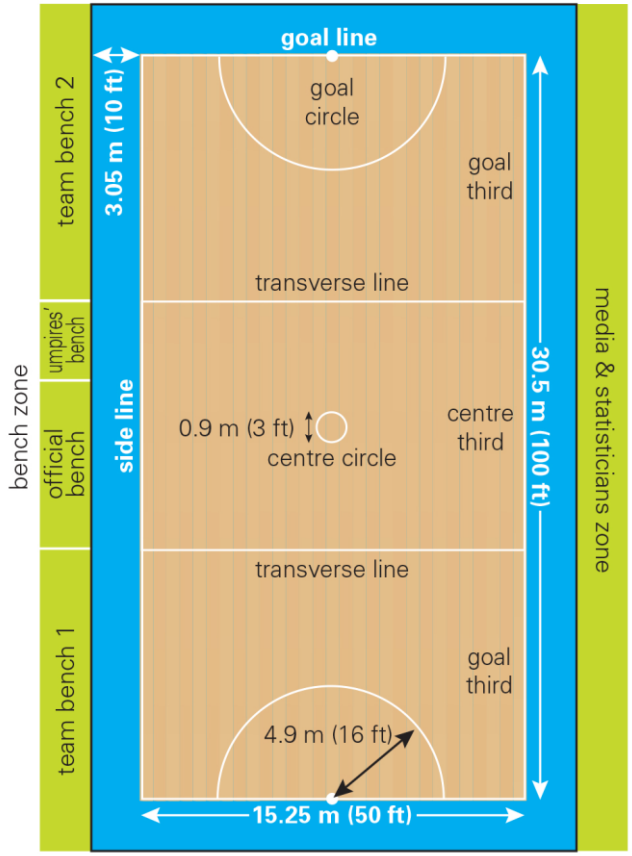

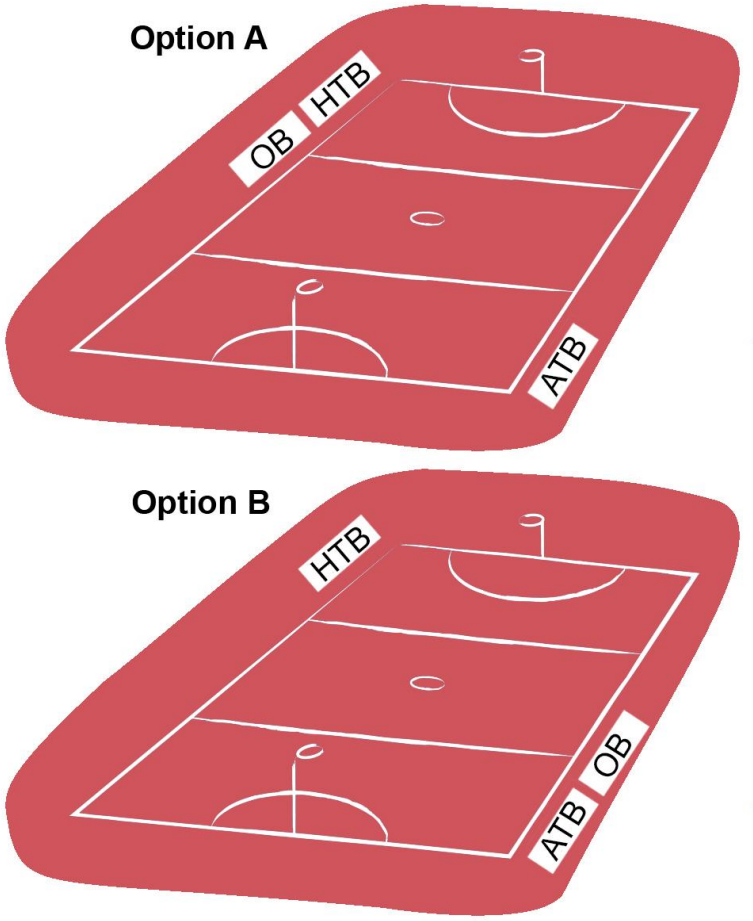

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1.13 and 1.14	**WN RULE 1.13 and 1.14 GOALPOSTS** 13. A goalpost is placed at the mid-point of each goal line so the back of the pole is at the outer edge of the goal line. It is inserted in the ground or sleeved beneath the floor so when it is knocked there is a minimal amount of movement and it remains stable. 14. A goalpost consists of the following: a. A vertical metal pole 65-100 mm (2.5-4 in) in diameter and 3.05m (10 ft) high that is covered with padding of uniform thickness not more than 50 mm (2 in) thick and extending the full length of the pole. b. A curved horizontal metal ring made of steel rod 15 mm (5/8 in) in diameter with an internal diameter of 380 mm (15 in). c. A horizontal metal bar of length 150 mm (6 in), projecting from the front edge at the top of the pole, to which the ring is attached. d. A net (preferably white) fitted to the ring, clearly visible and open at top and bottom. The minimum length of the net is 380 mm (15 in) and maximum is 457 mm (18 in).	**Goalpost** - Preferably as per WN Rule 1.13 and 1.14 Exceptionally, where safe a sunken or floor fixed, free-standing post and a Risk Assessment has been undertaken. **For Bee Netball** - Where adjustable poles are used, the pole length is altered to the required length 2.44 m (8 ft) for Fliers (age 7-9) or 2.74 m (9 ft) for Stingers (age 9-11). Where the pole is of a fixed length the ring is to be lowered to the required height; 2.44 m (8 ft) for Fliers (age 7-9) or 2.74 m (9 ft) for Stingers (age 9-11). **Goalpost Padding** - Preferably as per WN Rule 1.14a - where non-regulation posts are used then the padding (if available) must extend as high as possible up the pole **Net** - Preferably as per WN Rule 1.14d			
1.15 and 1.16	**WN RULE 1.15 and 1.16 BALL** 15. All match balls must: a. Be spherical in shape and be made of leather, rubber or suitable synthetic material. b. Measure 690-710 mm (27-28 in) in circumference. c. Weigh 400-450 g (14-16 oz). d. Be inflated to a pressure as specified on the ball by its manufacturer. 16. Match balls may be rotated throughout the match as stipulated by the event organiser prior to the start of the match.	Preferably as per WN Rule 1.15 and 1.16 Alternatively, a size 5 ball, which is suitably inflated. **For Bee Netball** - Size 4 ball, which is suitably inflated. **Where no official match ball is provided the following guidance applies:** Each team will supply a match ball to the umpires. The umpires will check both match balls and determine one for use as the match ball and to be used as the reserve.			

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2	**Match Length**				
2.1– 2.4	**WN RULE 4.1 MATCH LENGTH** 1. A match consists of four quarters, each of 15 minutes playing duration, with an interval of four minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters. The half-time interval is 12 minutes (except, with the agreement of the event organiser and both teams, half-time may be eight minutes). 2. Teams change ends each quarter. 3. A period of play must not exceed the specified playing time, except that if a team is awarded a penalty pass in its attacking goal circle before the timekeeper signals the end of play: a. The umpire will blow the whistle to end the period of play and b. Advise the players that time is being extended for the penalty pass to be taken including any subsequent Infringements at that penalty pass or under [Rule 9.7]. 4. An interval may be extended by the umpires for an emergency [Rule 10.23].	Preferably as per WN Rule 2.1-2.4 Exceptionally as per Rule 21.7 - 10 (i) Quarters may be of a shorter length (ii) Intervals may be of a shorter length		Preferably as per WN Rule 2.1-2.4 Exceptionally as per Rule 21.7 - 10 (i) Time may be played in halves rather than quarters and these may vary in length up to a maximum of 20 minutes (ii) Quarters may be of a shorter length (iii) Intervals may be of a shorter length	
2.5-2.8	**WN Rule 2.5 EXTRA TIME** 5. Before a match begins the event organiser may advise the teams and umpires that, in the event that scores are tied at full-time, extra time will	Preferably as per WN Rule 2.5-2.8. Exceptionally as per Rule 21.10 Extra time requirements may be varied.			

	be played to determine a winner. The length of each half will also be specified. 6. The following procedure will apply: a. There is an interval of four minutes at the end of full-time. b. Extra time consists of two halves of equal length, not exceeding seven minutes each, with a half-time interval of one minute. Teams change ends at half-time. 7. The first centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next centre pass. 8. In the event of a tie remaining at the end of extra time, a visual signal is placed at the official bench to indicate that play will continue until one team leads by two goals.	

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3	**Team**				
3.9-3.13	**WN RULE 3.9-3.13** 9. During a match players must wear: a. Registered playing uniform that includes their name or allocated team number, which is distinct from the opposing team's playing uniform. b. Suitable sports footwear that is not spiked. c. Playing position initials 150 mm (6 in) high which must be clearly visible and worn above the waist, front and back. 10. The playing positions and initials are Goal Shooter (GS), Goal Attack(GA), Wing Attack (WA), Centre (C), Wing Defence (WD), Goal Defence (GD) and Goal Keeper (GK). 11. All players have specified areas of the court where they are allowed to play (see diagram opposite). 12. Players may not wear	As per WN Rule 3.9-3.13	**The priority must be to encourage increased participation in Netball, while being sensitive to religious practices, cultural differences, health, and well-being issues, for example, climatic weather conditions with due regard to the safety of all participants.** **Players Uniform** - As per WN Rule 3.9-3.13 Exceptionally non-registered playing uniform may be worn. There is no intention to debar players from wearing tracksuits and clothing that reflect the uniform and colours of a club. Umpires should act responsibly and sensitively in checking that the players' uniform reflects both the WN Rules and EN Domestic Rules Guidance. Umpires should therefore use common sense when applying the rules in a local or grassroots setting and always take an inclusive approach. **Rule 3.13d –** As per WN Rule 3.13d for all matches involving **over 18 players**. For matches involving players under the age of 18, it may be required to allow the Team Manager or other adult listed as a Team Official as outlined by Rule 3.14 to attend with the Captain. **Captain's Identification:** - As per WN Rule 3.13 f. - for all Regional matches and above only. Suggested forms of identification; • Arm bands • Electrical tape secured around a player's upper arm • A coloured strap of Velcro secured around the player's uniform/dress strap **Gloves:** No form of glove should normally be worn when playing Netball. However, EN recognises its responsibility for duty of care to all participants playing Netball, particularly outside and within school and junior competition. In extreme weather or climatic conditions, or with a medical condition, gloves may be worn. If for medical reasons gloves are required, then on production of an appropriate medical certificate/letter, a local league, County, Region or EN should allow gloves to be worn. The player should ensure that the gloves worn do not endanger other players' safety. Gloves should be plain, soft leather or micro fibre (e.g. Neoprene) which are manufactured without seams (or with internally sewn seams) and have no abrasive materials including but not limited to zippers, Velcro, metallic or plastic fasteners or rubberized embellishments used to improve grip.		

	anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically: a. No body piercings including earrings may be worn. b. No adornment that may endanger player safety may be worn. c. No communication devices may be worn. d. Any other adornment worn must be securely covered with tape and/or padding. e. Medical devices may be worn provided they are securely covered with tape and/or padding. f. Player monitoring devices may be worn provided they are secured within the playing uniform. g. Fingernails must be short and smooth. h. Hair must be suitably tied back (for example in a ponytail, plait or braided) and free from any adornment. 13. Role of captain: a. Before the match starts, the captains toss on the field of play. The captain for the first named team tosses a coin and the other captain calls (unless specified otherwise by the event organiser).		Umpires are reminded that they still need to be satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players. Umpires must also check fingernails conform to Rule 3.12 g. Fingernails must be short and smooth. **Head Coverings:** A player may wear a hat, head covering, scarf or bonnet. They should ensure that the material used for the head covering is soft and without embellishments or loose fibres, which might constitute a danger to any other player on the court, and with potential flowing/flapping edges held securely around the neck or tucked into the shirt collar. Players may also choose to contain their hair in a net or waterproof covering which would ordinarily be covered by a bonnet or other head covering. Headbands that meet the requirements as above should also be allowed. Peaked, baseball or tennis type caps or visors do not meet the requirements and are not permitted. **Eyewear:** If a player/coach/official has to wear glasses for medical reasons then she/he is fully insured from an EN point of view, but the glasses are not insured. Sunglasses should not normally be worn when participating in netball activities. However, sunglasses may be worn for genuine medical reasons when participating in recognised and authorised EN activities. If sunglasses are required for genuine medical reasons, then an appropriate medical certificate must be supplied to EN (or the appropriate League, County or Region). **Jewellery / adornments and medical alerts:** It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that they comply with the WN Rule 3.13 a.- h. Decorative beading or metal clasps should not be worn in a player's hair as these have the potential to add weight or may act as a slip hazard if they come loose. Players that have beading that cannot be easily removed may choose to cover their hair with a scarf or bonnet, but this must comply with the guidance outlined in 'Head Coverings'. Dermal piercings (that are located below the skin and cannot be easily removed) and flat religious rings or bracelets (which are not to be removed for religious and / or cultural reasons) are to be suitably covered with padding / tape as necessary to prevent injury to others. **Ear Tunnels/Lobe Stretchers** It is recommended that ear tunnels and/or lobe stretchers are not removed as this can lead to a greater risk. These should instead be replaced with a flat silicone 'spacer' and secured into place with tape to prevent them from being dislodged. **Daith/Tragus Piercing -** The medical evidence regarding a Daith/Tragus piercing is only anecdotal at this time with some Doctor's prepared to support its use and some that do not. England Netball would suggest that the player gets a supporting letter from a doctor and then appeals to their league committee for a dispensation as there may be local regulations that apply. If granted it is suggested that the player wears a headband covering her piercing. Taping is not sufficient and the headband would offer an additional level of safety to the wearer and other players.

	b. The winner of the toss decides whether to have the first centre pass or to choose a goal end. If the winner of the toss decides to choose the first centre pass, the opposing captain must choose a goal end and vice versa. c. The captains will notify the official bench and umpires of the result of the toss. d. During an interval, clarification of any Rule may be sought from the umpires by the captain and/or any other player concerned. The umpires must provide such clarification in a way that is clearly understood. e. In the event that the captain is not on the court, an on-court captain will be advised to the umpires. f. The on-court captain must wear identification as specified by the event organiser (for example an arm band or patch on their playing uniform).		**Hair:** Hair should be suitably tied back whilst participating in Netball and any hair accessory that is used should not pose any risk to any individual. A single 'ponytail' fixed at one point is sufficient for all hair types. Hair should be free from any decorative adornment. Where an adornment is not easily removable the hair should be suitably secured and covered with a head covering, scarf or bonnet. This provides an additional level of safety for the wearer and other players on court. **Medical aids:** Players wearing medical aids to protect injury or post surgery and who are prepared to take the risk of playing, may take the court provided the medical aid is specifically designed and manufactured for participation in sport. Such players are advised to ensure that they have appropriate personal liability insurance coverage. Any medical aid must be approved by a qualified medical practitioner especially when returning to Netball from injury and have an appropriate medical certificate/letter. The wearing of ankle braces does not apply to these medical aid guidelines and therefore can be worn. *Please note that **Continuous Glucose Monitors** used by diabetic players to monitor blood sugar levels should be securely covered with tape and/or padding. If used, any accompanying insulin pump should be safely secured under the players uniform.*
		Pregnant Participants England Netball follow World Netball's pregnancy guidance, which says – in short – that the decision to play netball during pregnancy is ultimately the participant's choice and emphasises the importance of seeking medical advice due to the inherent risks. World Netball's Pregnancy Guidelines state, "Netball is a physically demanding game which requires a high level of agility. It also involves a degree of contact and carries an inherent risk of accident and injury, both to the participant and the unborn child. Accordingly, participation in netball during pregnancy is at the risk of the participant." In the same vein, "Maternal and foetal responses to exercise can vary with pre-gestational maternal fitness levels, co-existing medical conditions and/or pregnancy complications. All women are encouraged to seek individual medical advice." In accordance with World Netball, England Netball strongly recommends that the pregnant participant: (i) consults with their own appropriately qualified medical practitioner to inform them, on a voluntary basis, of their pregnancy and to obtain individual and specific professional medical advice before participating in netball (both during and following pregnancy), in particular regarding the risks of such participation;	

		(ii) acts in accordance with the medical advice received; and (iii) attends regular check-ups with their medical practitioner throughout and following their pregnancy regarding their participation in netball, adjusting participation accordingly. By participating when pregnant, the participant will be deemed to have consented to any risks (including any risk of injury to the participant and/or the unborn child) that may arise from such participation. Aside from liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence, the participant will also be deemed to have waived any and all claims, causes and rights of action against World Netball, England Netball, event organisers, players and match officials, whether at law or in equity, of whatever nature and in any jurisdiction or forum, that she may have as a result of such participation. Members* should note that England Netball's centrally arranged programme of insurance excludes any loss or expense due to pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage, or any consequence thereof. You can find pregnancy guidance and Information on the **NETBALLHer** website here. *Personal Members. Excludes Social and Supporting members.	
3.14-3.17	**WN RULE 3.14-3.17 TEAM OFFICIALS** 14. A team may have up to five team officials. These will include a coach and at least one primary care person. 15. A team may have a sixth team official only if that role is a team doctor. 16. A primary care person: a. Must wear identification as specified by the event organiser (for example an arm band). b. May enter the court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a player or blood.	As per WN Rule 3.14-3.17	Preferably as per WN Rule 3.14-3.17 Exceptionally a primary care person's role can be combined with another team official or player role, subject to competition regulations. **Management of an Injury without a primary carer.** Before a match starts, a team must identify who is responsible for managing injuries to players within their team, if no suitably qualified Primary carer is present with their team. https://youtu.be/CB8rUNsqO_A?list=PLZ7tt5cW7wxRaqBZbeJP5wxv5dvoaEL44 Please note Rules references may differ due to the 2024 Rules of Netball update.

	c. In extreme circumstances where player safety is endangered, may enter the court while play is in progress. d. Must advise the umpires if a player is too ill/injured to be removed from the court within 30 seconds and/or if further assistance is required. e. May advise the reserve umpire that they wish to stop play to facilitate the substitution of any on-court player due to a suspected concussion. 17. A team official from either team may request to observe the umpires' toss [Rule 4.5].		

4	**Match Officials**	
4.2	**WN RULE 4.2 UMPIRES** 4.2. The umpires wear clothing that is distinct from the teams' playing uniforms and suitable sports footwear.	It is advisable that umpires agree ahead of the match to wear the same colour, distinct from the teams' playing uniforms. There is no designated or preferred colour of choice however organisers should avoid mandating the wearing of white or light skirts, skorts or shorts.
4.14	**WN RULE 4.14 RESERVE UMPIRE** 14. The reserve umpire: a. Replaces an umpire who becomes ill/injured during a match. Before replacing an	Preferably as per WN Rule 4.14. However, a reserve umpire might not always be appointed/available. No changes are allowed to the umpires officiating the match unless 1 or both become injured, then the following should apply: (a) The next best qualified umpire to take over. (b) A member of the team who holds an umpiring qualification to take over.

		umpire, the reserve umpire must be aware of any game management action that has already been taken and the reasons for that action.	If no replacement umpire is available, the match will be abandoned and referred to the individual/competition organiser for further guidance.

5	**Technical and Event Officials**				
5.3-5.7	**WN RULE 5.3 SCORERS AND TIMEKEEPERS** …The technical officials are two scorers, two timekeepers and any other officials specified for the event. Only the scorers and timekeepers are seated at the official bench.	As per WN Rule 5.1-5.7 Umpires will not keep score, or time the match.	Preferably as per WN Rule 5.3 The scorers are jointly responsible for keeping an accurate record of the score. Umpires will not keep score, or time the match.	Preferably as per WN Rule 5.3 Exceptionally minimum requirement of 2 scorers and 1 timekeeper. Umpires will not keep score, or time the match.	Preferably the minimum number of Technical Officials is one scorer and one timekeeper. At venues where there is central timing there should preferably be a minimum of two scorers. Ideally umpires should not keep score, or time the match.

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10	**Stoppages**				
10.9-10.22	**WN RULE 10.9-10.22 INJURY/ILLNESS OR BLOOD** 9. The umpires hold time for injury/illness following a verifiable request by an on-court player or without a request in the event there is an obvious and/or serious injury. 10. A primary care person or independent concussion observer may advise the reserve umpire to ask the umpires to hold time to facilitate the substitution of any on-court player due to a suspected concussion. 11. In extreme circumstances where player safety is endangered, a primary care person or independent concussion observer may enter the court while play is in progress. Either umpire will then immediately hold time. If this safety precaution is misused by a primary care person, they may be disciplined as outlined in [Rule 18.44]. 12. The umpires hold time if they notice any player who has an open wound	As per WN Rule 10.9-10.22	Preferably as per WN Rule 10.9-10.22 In the absence of a qualified primary carer, the person named to the umpires before the start of the match as the person responsible for dealing with injuries for the team must take responsibility for dealing with injured player/s. If an injured player is not able to be safely moved, player/s safety is paramount and common sense must be used. Match timing is stopped during this stoppage as per Rule 9.3.1 (i). https://youtu.be/CB8rUNsqO_A?list=PLZ7tt5cW		

	or who is actively bleeding (including blood-stained clothing). 13. In all circumstances above, the player concerned must leave the court within 30 seconds and receive any treatment off the court. The timekeepers advise the umpires when 10 seconds remain. 14. Only primary care person/s are permitted on the court to assess the player's medical condition. They may ask for further assistance from the independent concussion observer before assisting the player from the court. 15. If the primary care person/s or independent concussion observer advise the umpires that the player concerned cannot be removed safely within 30 seconds, the umpires will extend the time for the player to leave the court and notify the official bench accordingly. 16. The umpires may authorise other persons (including team officials) to assist the player to leave the court if needed. 17. Any other player with blood on their body or clothing who is not actively bleeding may leave the fi eld of play to have this cleaned within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires without the need to be substituted. However, any clothing that becomes blood-stained must be replaced within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires and this may occur away from the playing enclosure. 18. If there is blood on the ball it should be swapped and any blood on the court must be cleaned as directed by the event organiser before play restarts. 19. During the stoppage both teams may make substitutions and/or team changes, provided these are completed within the time allowed for the stoppage by the umpires. 20. If no substitution is made for the injured/ill player, or for a player who has an open wound or who is actively bleeding (including blood-stained clothing), play may resume with the position left vacant. If the player is the Centre and no substitution is made, one player must move to play as Centre to allow the match to continue. 21. If the position has been left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may not enter the match while play is in progress or they will be treated as a late player [Rule 3.8]. 22. If the position has been left vacant the player concerned or a substitute may return to the court at the next break in play. If the player concerned was originally the Centre at the time of the stoppage, the umpire will hold time so they can return to the Centre position and any player who moved to play as Centre can return to the previous playing position.		7wxRaqBZbeJP5wxv5dvoaEL44 Please note Rules references may differ due to the 2024 Rules of Netball update.

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18	**Game Management**				
18.27-18.35	**WN RULE 18.27-18.35 SUSPENSION** 27. The umpire will suspend a player following a warning if the player continues to engage in unfair play and/or unsporting behaviour. 28. Where appropriate the umpire may suspend a player for unfair play or unsporting behaviour even if no warning has been given. 29. The umpire must suspend a player for instances of dangerous play unless the action concerned involves intentional or highly reckless acts of dangerous play that endanger player safety and are sufficiently serious to warrant immediate ordering off. 30. Only one suspension can be given to a player in a match. 31. A player who is suspended must immediately leave the court and while off the court the suspended player is seated at the umpires' bench under the supervision of the reserve umpire. 32. No substitute is permitted and the suspended player's position is left vacant unless this player is the Centre. In this case one player must move to play as Centre during the suspension period. 33. The suspension period of two minutes playing time begins when play restarts.	As per WN Rule 18.27-18.35 In addition to WN - where a player receives 2 suspensions within the stated duration of the competition period or season, they shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled fixture. Where this suspension occurs on the final match of the competition, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled fixture of the same competition for the next period or season. All associated paperwork to be completed and returned to league / competition organisers. Competition organisers should maintain a record of player suspensions throughout the competition period or season.		https://youtu.be/cY1jEqsFo0Y?list=PLZ7tt5cW7wxRaqBZbeJP5wxv5dvoaEL44 Please note Rules references may differ due to the 2024 Rules of Netball update. As per WN Rule 18.27-18.35 Exceptionally where there is no official bench, the suspended player/s must stand to the side and away from the court and not impede any match official. If there are no timekeepers, the umpire that is not timing the match will time the suspension. In addition to WN – It is permitted that there can be a consequence for a player receiving multiple suspensions. EN recommend that where a player receives 2 suspensions within the stated duration of the competition period or season, they shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled fixture. Where this suspension occurs on the final match of the competition, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled fixture of the same competition for the next period or season. All associated paperwork to be completed

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18.36-42	**WN RULE 13.14 ORDERING OFF** 36. The umpire will order a player off the court following a suspension if the player continues to infringe any of the foul play rules. 37. Where appropriate an umpire may order a player off the court even if no suspension has been given. This must be the case for intentional or highly reckless acts of dangerous play that endanger player safety. 38. A player who is ordered off must immediately leave the court and take no further part in the match. The player reports initially to the umpires' bench and is seated under the supervision of the reserve umpire. 39. No substitute is permitted, and the ordered-off player's position is left vacant unless this player is the Centre. In this case one player must move to play as Centre during the ordered-off period. 40. The ordered-off period of four minutes playing time begins when play restarts. 41. Once the ordered-off period has been completed, a substitute may return to the court at the next break in play. The substitute returns to the original playing position of the ordered-off player and any player who moved to play as Centre during the ordered-off period returns to their previous playing position. The ordered-off player must now report to the appropriate team officials on the team bench and may not re-enter the field of play. 42. An ordered-off player may join the team during any interval that occurs during the ordered-off period but must return to the umpires' bench when play restarts for the remainder of the ordered-off period.	As per WN Rule 18.36-42 In addition to WN – where a player is ordered off in any competition fixture, they shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled fixture within the competition. Where this ordering off occurs on the final match of the competition, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled fixture of the same competition for the next period or season. All associated paperwork to be completed and returned to league / competition organisers.	As per WN Rule 18.36-42 Where there is no officials bench the 'Ordered off player' must leave the field of play. In addition to WN – where a player is ordered off in any competition fixture, they shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled fixture within the competition. Where this ordering off occurs on the final match of the competition, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled fixture of the same competition for the next period or season. All associated paperwork to be completed and returned to league / competition organisers

18.43-47	**WN RULE 18.43-47 DISCIPLINE OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND BENCH PLAYERS** 43. During play team officials and bench players must remain at the team bench, except that bench players may leave the team bench for a valid reason (for example to warm up). Sanction: Free pass to the non-infringing team taken where the ball was when play was stopped. If the ball was out of court the free pass is taken on court in line with where the ball was out of court. Terminology: Bench movement. 44. During a match (including intervals, stoppages and when the ball is both in and out of play) team officials and bench players must not: a. Criticise the umpires or their decisions. b. Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures. c. Use excessive noise or interruption. d. Encourage foul play by on-court players. e. Enter the court other than in extreme circumstances where player safety is endangered. Sanction: Penalty pass to the non-infringing team taken where the ball was when play was stopped or where play was due to restart. If the ball was out of court the penalty pass is taken on court in line with where the ball was out of court. No player is required to stand out of play for the penalty pass. Terminology: Bench behaviour. 45. Either umpire may penalise such behaviour. In addition, a warning may be issued to a specific person or to all team officials and bench players of the team concerned. A decision to give a warning will be considered to have been made jointly by both umpires and is binding on the co-umpire. 46. In the event that team officials and/or bench players do not respond to a warning, the umpire requests the event organiser to remove them from the playing enclosure for the remainder of the match (including any contact with the team during intervals and stoppages).	As per WN Rule 18.43-47 In addition to WN - where a Team Official or Bench Player has been ordered from the playing enclosure, they shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled fixture within the competition. Where this ordering off occurs on the final match of the competition, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled fixture of the same competition for the next period or season. All associated paperwork to be completed and returned to league / competition organisers.	As per WN Rule 18.43-47 In addition to WN – where a Team Official or Bench Player has been ordered from the playing enclosure, they shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled fixture within the competition. Where this ordering off occurs on the final match of the competition, the ban will be in place for the next schedule fixture of the same competition for the next period or season. All associated paperwork to be completed and returned to league / competition organisers

	47. In a serious case, the umpire may request the event organiser to remove a person from the playing enclosure for the remainder of the match (including any contact with the team during intervals and stoppages) without a previous warning.		

Additional Recommended Guidance		
	Umpire Expenses	Umpires should be discouraged from expecting a 'fee' of their own choosing. Inland Revenue tax laws allow 'reasonable expenses' to be reimbursed for the cost of travel only. If a local league, County, Region, or competition wishes to reimburse a 'reasonable expense' it is recommended that the EN travel expense rate of 40p per a mile is used. If an umpire requests a 'fixed fee' for a match, then it is strongly recommended that the umpire 'fee' is settled by cheque or secure bank transfer from a bank account registered to that organisation. This establishes that a payment has been made for a service given. This will be important to a local league, County, Region, or competition who make the payment, in the event of a random check by the Inland Revenue. It is the Umpires responsibility to declare any 'fee' on their tax return.
	Number of Matches Umpired	Umpires should only umpire one 1-hour match per day. This is to ensure they maintain their standards and effectiveness and provide the correct level of service to the teams they are umpiring. In exceptional circumstances, a further match may be umpired in the same day but it is recommended that there is a break of at least 1 hour between matches. Where more than one match is umpired and no additional travel incurred between matches (ie they are in the same venue or complex), then multiple expense payments should not be made/requested.
	Umpire Qualifications and Eligibility	Umpires must only take to court if they hold full England Netball membership with associated insurance (both personal and public liability) **and** are either fully qualified or 'in training'. 'In training' is applied to any Into Officiating Award umpire who has attended a course and is within the 2 year expiry date following the date of course attendance. Umpires who are no longer 'in training' (their two year course attendance deadline has expired) must not take to court and will be required to attend a new Into Officiating Award course. Qualified Umpires are those who have been assessed practically and passed the assessment. There are no expiry dates for the Into Officiating Award and or the Europe Netball C and B Umpire Awards. However, umpires must consistently meet the requirements of the award competencies which includes a commitment to staying engaged and up to date with any Rules of Netball updates and any local or national CPD requirements.

		Umpires must maintain the expected standards which include: - • Applying the rules fairly and consistently • Good positioning and timing which will include keeping slightly ahead of play on the sideline, arriving on the goal line at the same time as the ball enters the goal circle and returning back to the centre third to blow the centre pass, without delaying the play Umpires who hold the Europe Netball A Award will be required to be endorsed every 4 years by process of match report or formal re-assessment if required. Leagues, Counties, Regions and England Netball reserve the right to remove any umpire from competition if they consistently fail to meet these basic standards, however this can only be done following a clear notice of intent and the offer of support toward meeting the expected standards.
	England Netball Trans Inclusion Policy	Please note our Trans Inclusion Policy is currently under review, however the most up to date version can be found **here**
	England Netball Inclusive Kit Guidance	Please find our current guidance regarding kit here