

# Wigan & Leigh Netball League

## Rules

2013 / 2014

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1	<p><b>Fees are to be paid in advance.</b> i.e. Fees /cheques or direct debits to be forwarded to treasurer. This fee is to be paid in full to the treasurer on the dates stipulated, irrespective of whether the team has had a bye, cancelled a match or whatever other reason. The first court fee of £ 110 is to be paid no later than 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013, and a further payment of £ 110 on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Failure to submit court fees by the stipulated date will result in a fine of £ 10 and a loss of 3 points.</p>
2	<p>Registration fee of £25 per team is included in League Fees. This includes a maximum number of 12 players. Any subsequent player may be added at a cost of £ 2.00 per player. No team can register until all debts from previous season are cleared.</p>
3	<p>All teams, players, umpires, coaches etc. MUST be affiliated to the E.N. All cards will be spot checked throughout the season and failure to do so will result in total loss of points.. All copies of confirmation of affiliation forms from E.N. to be sent to the Affiliations Secretary by the 1st week in December.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, should a substitution or registration need to be made and the player is not already affiliated to the E.N. then that player will be permitted to play a maximum of 3 matches during the year before affiliation becomes essential. <b>All players will be checked during the season.</b></p>
4	<p>Registration – all players must be registered in advance of play by ensuring that the Fixtures Secretary is notified of the players name and £2.00 fee before they play. On the rear of match card please state that a new player has been registered and document their name. Any team playing unregistered players will be fined £ 5 per player plus loss of 2 points per player.</p>
5	<p>Matches can not be played unless there is a minimum of five players.</p>
6	<p>Cancellation of matches. Teams can register at least 12 players and matches can be played with a minimum of 5 players, then there should be no difficulty in keeping to the fixtures.</p> <p><b>*Failure to turn up for a match – offending team will be liable for double court fees (£60 – may vary)</b> <b>*Cancellation of match with 7 days notice – offending team liable for court fee (£30 – may vary)</b> <b>*Cancellation with less than 7 days notice – offending team liable for court fee (£30 – may vary) and a £10 fine.</b> (All the above will be subject to any additional finable offences.)</p>
7	<p>In the event of severe weather conditions, fog etc. it is the captain's responsibility to check with one of the committee members to ascertain whether matches are being played.</p>
8	<p><b>Late arrivals</b> – in the event of teams being 5 minutes late on court – 5 goals will be awarded to team already on court plus a goal every minute up to 10 minutes . (So goals will only be awarded after 5mins has elapsed) after 10 minutes the team has not arrived the game will be awarded 10 – 0. Umpires to decide on time factor and award goals accordingly.</p>
9	<p>In the event of an umpire failing to turn up or being late, a fine of £20 will be imposed. It is up to the respective team/umpire to report this failure on the match card. If someone has already taken the umpiring commitment, the named person/team, cannot take on this responsibility. This fine also applies to any team failing to fulfil their umpiring commitments when a match has been cancelled. Any problem in relation to this rule with regards to umpiring must be addressed to the umpiring secretary.</p>
10	<p>Any disputes arising from bad sportsmanship (and this includes bad language) directed at any player or umpire, should be put in writing to the umpiring secretary. In the event of a complaint about sportsmanship of a team or a player(s) the committee reserve the right to discipline and suspend the team/player(s) or even loss of points for the team involved.</p> <p><b>If both umpires agree that a player or team behaves in an unsporting manner and they both sign the official forms supplied by the league the team reported will immediately receive a fine of £10 plus loss of 3 points.</b></p>

11	It is the team elected to umpire and not the individuals, therefore, should the person(s) who are named as umpires fail to attend to umpire, then it is up to the team to get in touch with, and organise an alternative umpire from the league umpiring list. It is also the team's responsibility to ensure that the umpire have signed the match card before leaving.
12	Division 1 - are to provide from within the playing team at least two qualified umpires. Division 2 & 3 - are to provide from within the playing team two umpires who are working towards becoming qualified. These umpires may not umpire matches until they have attended a C Award Course. Until this time, teams must secure a qualified or 'League approved' umpire to undertake their umpiring duties whom they will pay £5.00 per match. Once the C award course had been taken, umpires must work with a mentor, (overseer) whom they must pay £ 10.00, until such time as they are ready to take their C award assessment. If a team fails to provide an umpire, a fine of £20 will be payable. A List of umpires and mentors is available on request. Once 'league approved' they must work towards taking the C Award test.
13	All decisions made by the umpire must be adhered to. Any disputes arising from these decisions must be put in writing to the umpiring secretary, Dawn McGuire via the complaints form on the website.
14	<b>All teams in Division 1, 2, 3 MUST provide a scorer.</b> Scorers are requested to shout the score out loudly after a goal so that players and the other umpire can hear. They must also concentrate on the game at all times, positioning themselves away from crowds of people so that they are able to avoid distraction.
15	All teams in the WLN League must wear full EN netball kit, Only above knee cycling shorts are allowed to be worn and must be worn underneath their full playing kit only. NO leggings or tracksuit bottoms under their skirts. All kits must be uniform. In the event of two teams playing against each other having the same colour kit – it is the away team's responsibility to provide alternative coloured bibs. The away team must also check that the umpires are happy with the change in bib colour before the match can begin. There is a £10 fine for the away team not providing alternative coloured bibs. No Body Armour style undergarments to be worn.
16	No jewellery to be worn, wedding rings must be taped. Should any player fail to comply, a fine of £1 per item of jewellery will be imposed. Any body piercing should be removed. Nails must also be kept short. It is the umpires responsibility to check for jewellery which includes body piercing and length of nails prior to commencement of the match – as per EN rules.
17	Players and umpires will not be allowed to umpire or play during pregnancy.
18	<b>Match &amp; Score cards</b> must be filled in, signed by both umpires and captains and handed to the home team captain. This card should then be posted in the box at the venue on the night. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a £2 fine for the first late match card and £5 for any late card thereafter.
19	Teams must provided whistle, pen, paper, ball and bibs.
20	<b>All fines to be paid within 7 days</b> , failure to do so will result in the fine being doubled.
21	In the event of failing to complete a season, all court fees will have to be recovered. Failure to do so will result in the team and all its named players being disallowed from playing in the league until all outstanding money is paid.
22	Teams are <b>only</b> allowed to borrow players during a Summer League Season. Only positions WA or WD can be utilised as a borrowed player. A Maximum Number of 2 borrowed players per match only. A maximum 6 Borrows <b>ONLY</b> throughout the summer league. The same individual can only be borrowed up to 3 times per Summer League season. If a team has 7 registered players they are NOT allowed to use a borrowed player, except for injury. <b>£ 5.00 fine and 2pts deducted for any of the above offences.</b>
23	Any player registered at initial registration for the current league can play in the handicap and merit rallies. Any players registered thereafter must have played for their team twice during the season before being allowed to play in the rallies. Failure to comply will result in loss of 2 points.

24	Merit and handicap rules- in the event of there being an odd number of teams entering, preliminary rounds will be played. Drawn matches will be played an extra 3 minutes each way. Should there be a further draw, a coin will be tossed for centre and the team to score first wins the match.
25	(Trophies to be returned to the chairperson/secretary the last match of the season (not the last match of the rallies) Any team not entering the league or leaving the league for whatever reason must return the trophy to the league chairperson/secretary immediately. Failure to do so will result in team being charged for the cost of a replacement trophy - £35. Late return of trophies will result in a £5 fine.
26	No black soled trainers to be worn in the sports hall.
27	No drink of any type to be taken into the sports hall. No smoking in the sports hall.
28	When sending cheques for whatever reason to the treasurer, they should be made payable to: WIGAN & LEIGH NETBALL LEAGUE (not the treasurer). The name of the team should also be printed on the reverse of the cheque.
29	Playing netball can be dangerous. Umpires will do all they can to cut out dangerous play but accidents will happen. Neither the WIGAN & LEIGH NETBALL LEAGUE, members of the committee nor umpires can be held responsible for any accidents in any match. Players take part in games at their own risk. The league recommends your team taking out their own personal accident insurance. (Any injury should be reported to the on duty staff at Robin Park and to a committee member)
30	N.B. When paying fine, please return appropriate fine letter (or copy of) with their remittance in order that the treasurer can keep records up to date.
31	<b>In the event of disputes/complaints</b> , the Club's Secretary shall notify the League Secretary in writing as soon as possible after the event. Committee meetings are held on a regular basis and any letters received concerning any matters to do with the league will be dealt with at the earliest possible meeting.
32	In the event of the game being abandoned due to a player being injured and unable to be removed from the court, the committee shall meet and a decision will be made on the outcome, unless a mutual agreement has already been made between the two teams involved.
33	<p><b>Re-registration for another team during a playing season.</b></p> <p>A player having registered for a team, but <b>not having played</b>, is able to move to another team, and her vacant position within the 12 registered players can be taken by another player at no extra cost. The team to which she transfers will be liable to pay a new registration fee due as per normal registration procedures. (i.e. free registration up to 12 player, £2.00 thereafter). A player having registered for a team and <b>having played</b> for that team on one or more occasion is able to transfer so long as it is not within the last two weeks of the league playing season when a merit or handicap rally competition is to follow. They must see The Fixture's Secretary to ensure De-registration is carried out correctly.</p> <p><b>The payment of £2.00 must be given to the Fixtures Secretary for authorisation, the player is not allowed to play until this procedure has been undertaken correctly.</b></p> <p>No monies will be refunded.</p>
34	<p><b>Social Media Policy</b> – WLN League fully supports England Netball's Social Media Policy. We discourage online activity that could bring WLN league, umpires, EN members or the game of netball into disrepute. Please refrain from use of potential statements online that may be in direct contravention of these rules. England Netball's Social Media Policy can be found at <a href="http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/safeguarding/club_safeguarding_resources/social-media-good-practice-guide">http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/safeguarding/club_safeguarding_resources/social-media-good-practice-guide</a></p> <p><b>Failure to comply with EN Guidelines will result in a £ 10.00 fine and loss of 3 points.</b></p>