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## **UNIFORM**

England Netball has agreed that 'appropriate playing uniform should be worn at all netball matches. This should include blouse, skirt or shorts or tunic'

The Official International rules on uniform i.e. Rule 1.4.2 states ' Registered playing uniforms, which shall include playing position initials. Shall be worn at all times ...'

In England, uniforms are not 'registered' (though County colours are), which means the official rule is not appropriate for our domestic competitions.

However, the spirit of the rule is clear, and it is England Netball's intention that we should adhere to it. There is no intention to debar players from wearing tracksuits or other suitable clothing that reflect a clubs uniform.

Umpires should act responsibly and sensitively in checking that players' uniform reflects both the Official rules and England Netball guidelines, while at the same time recognising that players need protection in cold weather. Umpires should therefore use their common sense when dealing with the lower leagues

It is not an England Netball ruling that if tracksuit trousers are worn skirts must be worn on top. If local leagues which to give such a directive they are free to do so as they are autonomous but it is not an England Netball rule.

However if cycle shorts / leggings are to be worn, players can wear them under their regulation skirts or if they adopt them as their uniform, then all the teams must wear them.

## UMPIRES SKIRTS / SHORTS / SKORTS LENGTH AND TIGHTNESS

Umpires are asked to check that the length of their skirt / shorts is appropriate for an occasion when they will be so obviously in the public eye. Although sports clothing does reflect current fashion at any given time, it is expected that umpires will exercise good judgement in relation to the extremes of fashion as well as sensitivity to the more traditional of the viewing public.

Skirt / shorts / skorts that are too short and / or too tight should not be worn.”