

Gloucestershire Netball



County Schools Netball Tournament Regulations Challenge Competition 2025-26

General

- Each team shall bring their own first aid kit, to include ice packs.
- Please make sure that you use the bins provided for all rubbish.
- The current World Netball rules of the game shall apply except where different tournament rules apply.

Registration

- Staff must register at the recorders' table and hand in squad declaration sheets on arrival.
- The Primary Carer will usually be the staff member in charge of the team.
- Please inform the table if any of your students are unable to have photographs taken for any reason.
- The tournament shall start without any team arriving late, and the late arrival penalty shall be applied (see Group Games), unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Score cards shall be taken to the recorder's table at the end of each game.

Officials

- Each team shall provide a qualified umpire who shall be neutral where possible (or member of staff subject to approval by organisers).
- Each team must provide a scorer (both scorers shall stand together as indicated by the umpires or tournament referee).

Tactical Changes and Injuries

- Tactical changes are allowed but due to the short matches, time shall NOT be held. Play must be held by the umpire and all other rules regarding tactical changes shall be applied, except no tactical changes shall be permitted in the final 30 seconds of a period of play.
- Normal injury rules shall apply except time shall not be held. The umpire shall be asked to hold play, and the injured player shall leave the court immediately and may be substituted at the same time.
- No extra time shall be allowed for injury or illness, except if the Primary Carer feel that a player's injury is critical i.e. head, neck or back and she will be better left on court for the medical staff, the Umpire must note the time lost during treatment and report to the Tournament Referees who shall adjudicate. (England Netball accepts most netball injuries i.e. knee, ankle etc. fall outside this exemption clause).

Group games

- Match times are as specified on the playing schedule. There is no half-time interval. Teams shall change ends immediately at the half-time bell and play shall start again

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on the umpire's whistle. It is vital that teams are on side quickly at the half-time change of ends.

- The bell shall be sounded at the start and finish of each half, but games shall commence and finish on the umpire's whistle. Please ensure that teams are ready to go on court at the correct time.
- Second named teams shall change bibs in the event of a clash.
- Captains should toss for centre pass well before the start of each game.
- All teams must be on court, in position and ready to play, at the time and on the court stated in the playing schedule.
- No team may start a game with fewer than five (5) players.
- Any team late on court shall forfeit the match points.
- The forfeited points shall be awarded to the team on court, in position and ready to play at the correct time.
- The match may be played non-competitively and the umpires must record on the result card the name of the team who arrived late before the match is played.

For group positions:

- In the event of a tie on points, goal average shall decide placings (goals for divided by goals against).
- If goal average is tied then goal difference shall be applied (the difference between goals for and goals against).
- If goal difference is tied, the result of the group match between the two teams shall be the decider.
- In the event of a further tie, the team with the most goals shall be adjudged the winner.

Knock-out stages (when relevant)

- Umpires shall be neutral for the semi-finals and final, and umpires shall be required to stay on to umpire these if requested by the Tournament Referee.
- The Tournament Referee reserves the right to appoint umpires for the knock-out stages.
- In the event of a tie at the end of the game when the bell sounds, play shall continue until the next goal is scored ("golden goal").