

Summer League Rules 2026

A – GENERAL

1. Matches shall be played according to World Netball and England Netball rules and adhere to England Netball policies and rule directives, including the England Netball guidance on pregnancy. (See below resources for further info).
2. There is no entry fee.
3. Each team shall pay court costs (court fees will be invoiced to the club).
4. There shall be no collection of results or results sheets.

B – ORGANISATION OF MATCHES

1. Matches shall consist of four quarters, each of 12 minutes playing duration, with an interval of 2 minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters. The half-time interval is 5 minutes.
2. All matches shall start at the specified time. If at least 5 players are available to take the court from each team the game will commence immediately.
3. Matches cannot be cancelled without the permission of the League Secretary.
 - 3a) In the event of excessive rain, the courts are to be inspected by both team Captains and Umpires prior to the fixture and the League Secretary consulted.
 - 3b) In the event the above is not adhered to, a £25 fine will be applicable to the infringing team(s)

C – PLAYERS

1. Only players affiliated and registered with England Netball are permitted to participate in these matches.
2. Players may play for more than one club and are permitted to play in more than 1 league fixture on any given day.
3. All players shall be 14 years of age or over (as at 1st September in the year of registration) to play in the Summer League.
4. There shall be no divisional restriction on players during Summer League

D – MATCH OFFICIALS

1. Teams are responsible for organising umpires for their own matches. Due to the friendly nature of summer league, these umpires do not need to be independent.
2. Umpires are permitted to umpire no more than 2 games per day.
3. Umpires shall be affiliated to England Netball and registered with the Officiating Group Lead/Umpiring Secretary.
4. Umpires shall meet the minimum qualification of an Into Officiating Award to umpire Summer League Matches.
5. Umpires in training are permitted to umpire Summer League Matches, under the supervision of a qualified mentor on the match day.