



Andover & District Netball Association Rules 2016/2017

1. LEAGUE DIVISIONS

The number of divisions will be at the discretion of the committee.
Any new team(s) shall be seeded at the discretion of the committee.
Team(s) will be promoted and relegated at the end of the season at the discretion of the committee.

If the Division trophies are damaged or lost it must be replaced by that team.

All Trophies to be returned to the Association by the 1st April.

2. FIXTURES

- League matches will be played at venues approved by the committee.
- Play will be in accordance with the current EN rule book, to the latest amendments.
- Matches shall consist of 4 quarters of 15 minutes.
- The first center pass will be decided on the toss of a coin.
- All fixtures will be completed by a date fixed by the committee.
- Start times: 6.55pm prompt first round & 8.20pm second round.
- A hone or long whistle will be blown at 8:10pm. Both matches MUST end so the 8.20pm can start on time prompt.

3. UNPLAYED/CANCELLED MATCHES

If a team cancels more than 2 matches they will be suspended for the rest of the season, and will lose their deposit. And may not be allowed to re-enter the league the following season. If a team has to cancel a fixture they must contact the Fixtures/Results Secretary in the first instance and then the relevant people e.g. opposing team, umpires, Scorers as agreed with the fixtures Secretary. The team cancelling forfeit the match, and are responsible for paying both teams court fees (if not played as a friendly), 5 points and 30 goals will then be awarded to the non-offending team, and team that forfeited will have 30 goals against them.

Fixtures may be postponed only for:

- (a) Adverse weather conditions - the decision to play/postpone matches will be taken by the Committee as early as possible on the day. In the event of postponement, the Fixtures Secretary will contact Club Secretaries. (*this will be only if snowy or bad storm conditions for travelling arrangements and if re-arranged matches that may be outside*)

Postponed matches will be played at a date fixed by the Committee.

In the event of match abandonment due to injury where a player cannot be moved from the court or (*adverse weather conditions if the stoppage took place within or before $\frac{3}{4}$ time the match will be postponed and re-arranged. On completion of $\frac{3}{4}$ time or beyond, the match result will stand, this only applies to outside matches*).

4. REGISTRATION & AFFILIATION OF PLAYERS

Teams must register with ADNA before the start of the Winter Season and can register up to **16** players. All players **MUST** be affiliated to the EN and confirmation provided to the ADNA Committee upon request.

If a team has a member who becomes pregnant, sustain a long term injury which prevents them playing for the remainder of the season or moves out of the area and their registration is full, they may apply in writing to the committee to register another player.

Registrations –

Players can be registered during the course of the season by giving the Fixtures Secretary or a committee member a completed registration form, together with the fee of £3.50 in cheque form only to ADNA prior to matches; this must include proof of paid affiliation. Teams are to provide the name, address and EN affiliation number of the new player(s).

Affiliations –

EN and resubmissions must be completed by 1st September each year. Confirmation of affiliation must be submitted to the Fixtures Secretary prior to the start of the first game of the Winter Season. Failure to affiliate will result in a deduction of 3 points and a penalty fine of £10.

Transfers –

A player may transfer from one club to another, as soon as the Registration/Affiliation Secretary has been notified in writing, together with the relevant fee £3.50, this can only be done once annually, before your team's last three matches of the season, no transfers are allowed after this point.

Unregistered Players –

Any team found playing unregistered player(s) will be fined £10.00 for each player and 5 points deducted.

Borrowing of Players –

A Team/Club can only borrow up to 2 Guest Player(s) if they cannot field 7 registered players from their own squad.

If a team has less than 5 players, you still play by borrowing from other teams. Points will be given to the non-offending team as per Ruling under Un-played/Cancelled Matches, court fees will be paid as per usual.

If a team has a minimum of 5 players, you may borrow 1 - 2 players from another team (guest Player(s)), this player(s) can only be used once per team. In this instance goals and points will stand.

1st Division can borrow from the 2nd and 3rd Divisions, 2nd division teams can borrow from 3rd Division. And 3rd Division from their own division teams.

If and when borrowing a player(s) note her/their name on the team card and put G.P next to her/their name.

5. TEAMS/SQUADS & PLAYERS

If teams of the same club are in the same division, team order must be nominated at time of registering.

Squads -

- (a) A lower team player may play for a higher team, but once that player has participated in more than two games for that team, she must then remain a member of the higher team.

- (b) Should a club have more than two teams within the league structure then the following applies: If player C plays for team B this is allowed, should the same player then play for team A this is allowed. Said player then plays again for team A they are then deemed to be a player of that squad.
- (c) You **MUST** notify the Registration/Affiliation Secretary by noting if she has played on the team card. Breaches will be dealt with at the Committees discretion.

If a team wish to demote a player, the Registration/Affiliation Secretary should be informed before she plays, and cannot be promoted again until that season's fixtures have been completed.

Teams shall be on court 2 minutes before the allotted time. Matches will start and finish on the umpire's whistle.

6. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ASSOCIATION

If a Team(s) who wish to withdraw from the League once the fixtures have been published shall lose both the Registration and deposit fee. You must notify the Chairman and the Correspondence Secretary.

Should a team withdraw in the first half of the season, all points and goals will be deleted from league results tables. Should a team withdraw during the second half of the season, results of matches played in the first half of the season will stand and only the points and goals from second half matches will be deleted.

7. AGES

Minimum age for players is raising 14 prior to 31 December of the current season.

8. UMPIRES

All umpires must be affiliated to England Netball.

Each team will be allocated umpiring duties throughout the season. Each team **MUST** provide the umpire with the team card and the appropriate fee **PRIOR** to your match commencing.

The following umpire's fee will apply:

EN Grade A	£20
EN Grade B	£15
EN Grade C	£10
ADNA LA	£5

The umpire must be **EN** qualified or **ADNA** approved. All affiliated ADNA umpires registered to a team must be listed on the ADNA entry form.

Those who have not attained their C award after 2 seasons **must** retake the course in order to continue umpiring in the ADNA League.

EN qualified umpires known to ADNA may also be reappraised by a higher graded umpire at the discretion of the committee.

Any qualified or LA umpires joining ADNA at any time through the season will require to be reappraised before commencing any umpiring commitments.

It is the team's responsibility to cover umpiring duties before or after your own fixture. Umpires may be asked to change courts on match nights, at the committee member's discretion.

If umpires are unable to cover their commitment, *after agreeing to cover for a team(s)*, they must find a replacement themselves. **If an umpire does not attend without doing the above or contacting the team covering for, the matter will be dealt with at the committee's discretion.**

Failure to supply a qualified/LA umpire or scorer will result in the offending team being fined £10 and deducted 3 points, other than in extenuating circumstances and prior agreement of the committee.

Umpires who are pregnant are expected to confirm to a standard of physical fitness, which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game(s). If age, injury, illness or pregnancy is likely to affect the umpire's movement and positioning to the detriment of the game, she / he is required to withdraw from officiating. (From EN 2007)

The umpires will decide which ball to be used for the match, they will take responsibility after each quarter, and hand it to the team, taking the first center pass of each quarter.

Any complaints or queries please contact the umpiring secretary in writing within 48 hours of the incident.

9. SCORING

Teams will be awarded points as follows:

- 5 points for a win
- 3 points for a draw
- 2 points for obtaining 50% of the opponents score
- 0 points for not obtaining a 50% of the winning teams score

Where teams have equal points, positioning will be decided by goal average, which shall be calculated on the basis of goals for DIVIDED by goals against. If one of the teams concerned has been given a walkover the way this is to be managed is still to be decided and will be discussed at the **next committee meeting**.

SCORER'S

Each team will provide a competent scorer for the match before or after their fixture **ON** the court you played on. When scoring you must shout out alternately, loud and clear so the score can be heard by all players and umpires. Both scorers must stand/sit together in a **central position** on court side to an umpire but not obstructing her pathway.

10. LATE ARRIVALS/FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT

Umpires are ordered to start the match with 5 or more players on the court at the allotted time. Failure to take the court (as per Ruling 8.1.1 of INF)

The committee will fully support the umpire's decision to apply the Late Arrivals Rule.

11. STOPPAGES/INJURY/ILLNESS (as per Rule 9.3, 9.3.1 and 9.3.2 of INF)

Suspected abuse of the injury time will be reported to the committee by the umpires and may result in a fine of 2 points per offence.

In the event of any injury where a player cannot be moved from the court, then move over to a free court if one available, if not, then if the stoppage took place within or before $\frac{3}{4}$ time. The match will be postponed and rearranged. On completion of $\frac{3}{4}$ time or beyond, the match result will stand.

12. CONDUCT/COMPLAINTS

Conduct -

All clubs will be held responsible for their players, officials and spectators.

In the event of poor conduct by members of the Association, on or off the court, the umpire must, first consult with the captains of each team. If poor conduct continues the offending player(s) will be asked to stand off court for a specified time or the remainder of the game by the umpire, the team will then continue to play with 6 players, but will be allowed to move one player if it is the center that has been removed from the court.

Code of Conduct –

All players must adhere to ADNA Code of Conduct.

All Coaches and Umpires must adhere to England Netball Code of Conduct.

All parents/carers/volunteers and spectators must adhere to ADNA Code of Conduct.

All umpires will have full support of the committee when carrying out any action towards player(s) conduct.

If in the event of any verbal or physical abuse towards players, umpires or officials of the ADNA, by members of the Association or spectators, the member(s)/Club(s) involved will be subject to disciplinary action by the committee.

The member(s)/Club(s)/umpire(s) involved will each issue a written report of the incident to the Chairperson. The main committee will undertake any appropriate action.

Complaints –

Complaints of any nature must be submitted in writing to the ADNA Correspondence Secretary and Chairperson within 7 days of the incident, Complaints will be dealt with at Committee level initially and interested parties may be invited to state their case as deemed necessary.

The Committee reserves the right to impose point/fine or match suspensions on team(s) or individual player(s) as a result of complaints made to the committee. The committee's decision is final.

13. DRESS CODE

Team skirt, shirt and bib must be worn. Tracksuit bottoms will be permitted but zips must be done up and not dragging on the floor. Cycle shorts/leggings can also be worn. No tracksuit bottoms with poppers are permitted. Players not complying with the dress code will be asked to leave the court by the umpire or a committee member.

If wearing a leg brace it must be covered safely, not allowing any of the hinges to protrude causing injury to any players/officials.

New teams entering the ADNA, or existing teams wishing to change their team playing colors, must respect those colors already chosen and make every effort (a) not to duplicate colors of any team registered to the ADNA and (b) to choose colors, which provide sufficient contrast to all other teams, registered to the ADNA.

14. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- All body jewellery must be removed prior to playing a match.
- Wedding rings/medical alert bracelet may be worn if completely covered by tape.
- No player is permitted to chew gum on court.
- Hair clips can be worn providing they are flat to the head.
- Nails must short and smooth.
- Hats, gloves, friendship bands and Fitbit/electronic trackers are not allowed to be worn during play.

- Any supports, strapping and braces must be covered to the umpire's satisfaction so as not pose any danger to other players.
- Only prescription glasses to be worn. (summer league)

Umpires will check for all the above before the start of each match. All players must be dressed to play when entering the courts.

In case of re-arranged fixtures on outside courts.

No form of gloves may be worn when playing Netball. If, for medical reasons, gloves are required, then on the production of an appropriate medical certificate, the Umpire may allow **seamless leather gloves to be worn**. These players maybe advised to have personal liability insurance. Umpires are reminded that they still have to be satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players.

It is the responsibility of each team to provide adequate first aid cover.

15. SCORE/TEAM CARDS

Both teams to hand the team card, completed in full, to the umpires before the start of the match (*see Appendix 1*). Failure to do so will result in Rule 11 paragraph 2. After your match has finished the umpire will insert the score & circle fair play score, both umpires must sign the card then hand the cards back to the team contact who **MUST** then elect a best player from the opposing team (name not position), sign the card and post it in the box situated on the courtside.

If cards do not get put in the box provided please make sure the scorecard gets to the results secretary by the following Sunday, failing to use this facility a fine or points will be imposed on the offending team.

The scorecard MUST list:

- Team Name, Date & Division.
- All players who participated in the match for their team and if played up (P.U).
- Borrowing of player(s) Guest Player (G.P) to be noted buy the name. and must note who the captain is with the (C) next to the name.
- Both umpires' signatures.
- The correct full time score.
- Best player for the opposing team, name and position.
- Fairplay circled by the umpire's

Incorrect result cards will result in a fine:

The first offence will be a fine of £10, increasing with £5 with every further offence (i.e. second offence will be £15). If fine is not paid by next match the game will be forfeited (30 goals to the other team, five points off and all match fees to be paid).

16. PAYING OF COURT FEES

Court fees will be payable, however, the Treasurer decides how, in advance to the Treasurer in cheque form or On Line only. Invoices will be sent out with a deadline date for payment, if the payment is **NOT** received before or on the deadline date teams will incur a 5-point deduction from their total league points.

Any teams/player(s) not paying their court/any outstanding fees will not be able to play for the league until the fee has been paid.

Withdrawals –

Any team withdrawing from the league must pay any outstanding fees in full. Failure to do so will result in outstanding fees being divided by registered players who cannot play for another team until their portion of the fee have been paid in full.

Any team(s) with outstanding fines cannot re-register until fines have been paid in full.

17. BENCHES

Each Team will be allocated a bench for the duration of the match; the benches are to be situated on the right hand side of the court at the defensive ends at the start of the match. (You are permitted to have up to 8 members on the bench whilst your match is in play, inclusive in that 5 can be the following: Subs, primary carer, Coach & Supporters.)

18. GENERAL

When entering the Andover Leisure Centre for the 8.20pm match you must not enter the hall but wait upstairs in the balcony area where you can view the 6.55pm match. Do not enter the hall until those matches are over.

Subsequently, if your match is on the far court you MUST exit the door at the bottom of the that court, by the store cupboard.

Parents who bring their children to matches are responsible for their children's behaviour at all times, please also note that ball games may not be played along the courtside whilst matches are in progress.

The Correspondence Secretary should be informed of any change of address/telephone details of the teams Contact, Treasurer and Umpires.

Any team not represented at the ADNA AGM will be fined, unless any new teams join the league after the AGM.

Fines will be set at £10.00 per offence, subject to variations at the discretion of the committee.

Team captains are responsible for ensuring that all team players and their umpires are familiar with all the above rules and the penalties which may be incurred if they are violated.

Any matters not covered by the above to be decided upon by the ADNA Committee.

19. PICTURES

Anyone wishing to take photographs must request permission from each club. Zoom or video photography is not permitted (to abide by EN duty of care guidelines) unless otherwise agreed by parents/guardians/carers of any U18 members.