

# Oxfordshire Junior Netball League Rules 2019/20



1. England Netball rules apply to all matches.
2. All players must be affiliated to England Netball.
3. All participants, officials and accompanying spectators must abide by the Oxfordshire Junior Netball League Constitution including England Netball Codes of Conduct available on [www.oxfordshirennetball.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshirennetball.co.uk)
4. Team numbers are unlimited; a maximum squad of twelve can be used per match. Team sheets with all players listed must be submitted to OJNL Secretary before the second fixture. Teams can be re-listed after Christmas; in this instance a new team sheet must be submitted. Teams must be ranked including where they play in the same division.
5. The committee will decide league placings across all age groups, the process will be reviewed annually.

2019/20 The League will run in two stages: Seeding Stage in the first part followed by a Competition Stage in the second. The results of the Seeding Stage will be used to place teams in the correct division for the Competition Stage. Trophies and medals will be awarded at the end of the season to reflect the outcome of the Competition Stage.

6. Any team in a Club may borrow one player per match (age restrictions apply) from the team immediately above seven times during the season and it must be a different player each time. Players may play up a team(s), both within and across age boundaries, four times during the season. Any player playing up a team more than four times will automatically become a member of the higher team. Non-compliance with this rule will mean at least forfeiting the match.
7. Those teams entering the Regional League will be required to supply OJNL with a list of their eight core regional players. Any additional players in a regional squad will be considered as OJNL players. Two of the core players may be on court at a time, playing in their club's first team. A team found to be playing more than two core regional player will receive no points for that game and will lose an additional 5 points.
8. Players will only be permitted to switch teams during the summer break, deadline September 1<sup>st</sup> and the Christmas break, deadline January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Players should be Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 on 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the season. All clubs must follow Age Banding Restrictions set by Netball South. Any player (entering into competitive netball at U13 or above) younger than 10 years of age on the 31 August before the new season starts, will be required to complete an Age Banding form. The associated club to forward a completed form to the OJNL Secretary by 1 September.

9. Matches will be played at The Community Arena on Sunday mornings; with all sessions starting at 9.30am and the last match starting at 1.30pm. Under

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exceptional circumstances cancelled matches may be re-scheduled on alternative days/venues.

10. £5 League Entry Fee and match fees of £10/team/match for all matches before Christmas 2019, to be paid to the Treasurer before 10 September 2019. Match fees of £10/team/match for all matches from January to March to be paid by 20 December 2019.
11. All teams should be on court two minutes before the games are due to start. A warning hooter will be sounded. All age bands will play four quarters of ten minutes. All quarters will start and end on a hooter.
12. The first named team is home team and is responsible for collecting the score card, completing it at the match end and returning it to the Duty Team.
13. Points will be awarded 5=win; 3=draw; 2 within 5 of the winning score and 1 =50% or more goals scored by the losing team.
14. Each club will take it in turn to be the Duty Team for a given date. A rota will be distributed at the start of each Stage of the season.

Equipment and instructions are located in the Duty Shelter. Duty teams are responsible for setting out the courts, issuing match cards, timekeeping, completing score sheet, updating LeagueRepublic and sending the score sheet to [ojnlresults@outlook.com](mailto:ojnlresults@outlook.com). In addition, clearing the courts including rubbish at the end of the session.

Committee members will take it in turns to be the Match Day Referee. They will help resolve any issues on the day and will be named on the match schedule.

15. If a team concedes a match the opposing team must be informed by telephone and confirmed in an email. The email should be copied to [ojnlresults@outlook.com](mailto:ojnlresults@outlook.com) and to the team on Duty. Where matches are conceded the opponents will be awarded the points and 10 goals. The team conceding a match will forfeit their match fees and pay those of the opposing team. The opposing team will be responsible for requesting the refund from the conceding team. The League encourages the playing of a 'friendly' match in these instances.
16. All OJNL information, including results, will be available on the Oxfordshire Netball website: [www.oxfordshirenetball.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshirenetball.co.uk)
17. All matches must be umpired in line with the Oxfordshire Junior Netball League Umpiring Code. Trainee umpires and young umpires under the age of 18 must have a mentor with them at all times.

Neutral umpires will be used for all U17 Division 1 and U15 Division 1 matches; carried out by the umpire of the clubs due to be playing, but on the court adjacent to their own team. Clubs continue to pay their own umpire.

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Umpires cannot coach at all during a quarter, while umpiring. The League recommends that coaching by umpires could take place during the half time break, but then only.

Each umpire will select their 'Player' from the opposing team. This selected player will be highlighted on the score card and would go forward to the 'League Player of the Season'.

18. England Netball Domestic Rules apply. No jewellery or adornments are to be worn on court, this includes studs (both facial and tongue). No taped jewellery is allowed i.e. ear studs.
19. No form of glove should normally be worn when playing Netball. However, EN recognises its responsibility for duty of care to all players playing netball, particularly outside and within schools and junior competition. In extreme weather or climatic conditions, or with a medical condition, gloves may be worn. If for medical reasons gloves are required, then on production of an appropriate medical certificate/letter, a local league, County, Region or England Netball should allow gloves to be worn. The player should ensure that the material worn does not endanger other players' safety and the player must ensure that they have appropriate personal liability insurance. Gloves should be plain, soft leather or micro fibre (e.g. Neoprene), manufactured without seams (or with internally sewn seams) and have no abrasive materials including but not limited to zippers, Velcro, metallic or plastic fasteners. Umpires are reminded that they still need to be satisfied that any gloves worn do not present an obvious hazard to other players.
20. Nails must be short and smooth
21. Every team must have a responsible adult looking after them and each club a qualified First Aider who is not umpiring.
22. Matches may be played in rain or frost. Clubs must check on the Oxfordshire Website. Clubs are responsible for informing participants of cancellations.
23. Smoking is strictly prohibited at the Central Venue. The League expects all adults to challenge any non-compliance.
24. Committee members will be present at all OJNL meetings, of which there are up to four per season, including the AGM in June/July. All clubs must have a representative at the AGM. Non attendance at the AGM will incur a £50.00 penalty.
25. In accordance with our child protection policy, we will not permit photographs, video or other images of young people to be taken during OJNL matches and tournaments without the consent of the child/young person and parent/carer. It is the responsibility of every club to ensure they have appropriate permissions in place.

The OJNL supports the taking of images and video in conjunction with the formal study of sport only. If a club would like to record play during an

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OJNL match, permission from the opposing team and both umpires, should be requested. At least one week's notice to be given. On the morning of the event, before starting any recording, a Photography Permission form needs to be completed and presented to the Duty Team.

Amendments to rules agreed by committee 20/08/2019