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NETBALL ORKNEY SENIOR LEAGUE – AUGUST 2024

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE 2024 SEASON

Teams & League Formations:

- On a trial basis, members will arrange their own teams to enter for the first half of the season.
- Anyone without a team can register individually and we will pass on your details to teams looking, or you can make up your own team. Therefore being inclusive to all.
- Bibs can be provided from Netball Orkney if teams do not have their own.
- Leagues names will be changed to Divisions 1, 2 and 3.
 - Division 1 will be the 'performance and development' league, playing 15 minute quarters
 - Divisions 2 & 3 are recreational, playing 12 minutes quarters
- Seedings will take place to determine who is in which league
- U17s coaches will be entering the District team(s) into the league. Any junior players not in district, or in U18s category, are eligible for selection for your teams. Please contact us for a list of juniors.

Fees:

- As per the Netball Orkney AGM, affiliation fees have returned this season.
- Members will still be required to also affiliate to Netball Scotland
- A team entry fee will apply
- Scratch fee returns

Umpiring & Scoring:

- We will have a bank of badged or working towards C badge umpires available for Teams to contact. Teams are encouraged to provide umpires a nominal fee, decided between the team and the umpire
- We will introduce the INF rolling score sheets this year to assist with scoring accuracy.
- Teams will now provide a scorer for their **OWN** game, not a game before/after. This is to reduce the time people are required to be 'out of the house'. This means if a team only have 7 players, they have to play with 6 and 1 score. Scorers do not need to be affiliated to Netball Orkney or Netball Scotland, but do have to have an understanding of the rolling score sheet.
- Timekeeping should be done either by the scorers, or a separate person, this is up to the teams.

Changes to Rules 2024:

- We recommend all those involved in league to watch the England Netball video of the 2024 Rules Update which will be available online from 12th August. Netball Orkney will publicise the link when it is available. The following is also a useful link detailing and explaining the Rule Changes:
<https://www.englishnetball.co.uk/be-involved/officiating/rules-and-updates/>
- In line with the new rules, substitutions will be able to be made during the game. Time will not be held for these within our league, and should just happen as quickly as possible. This will however be at the discretion of the umpire.
- NO committee hope to arrange an in person 'new rules' workshop which would answer any queries that arise from the England Netball Rules Update Webinar.

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FULL LEAGUE DETAILS

Team Entry Closing Date: Friday 23rd August

Enter Here: You will require each person's name, email address, Netball Scotland Membership number and umpiring badge status; in addition to your Team Name. <https://forms.gle/zX4ZSuN5L7gK9RBS8>

Note: Anyone without a team and looking to find a team can supply their details to Netball Orkney to pass on to anyone looking for members. Please note that it is not guaranteed that you will be guaranteed a place. <https://forms.gle/3dotx9UKpDN7oFMFA>

League Management: All players should download the 'Spond' app as this will be the portal for all Netball Orkney communication and fees for league

League Commences: **TBC.** However bookings are for Thursday nights from 29th August.

- Division 1 – Picky 7-9.30pm (7pm and 8:15pm games)
- Divisions 2/3 – Picky 7-10pm and KGS 8-10pm (games hourly)

FEES FOR 2024 SEASON:

Netball Orkney 2024-25 Affiliation:

- **Senior:** £25
- **Junior / Student (under 18):** £25 which includes their Netball Scotland Affiliation.

PLEASE NOTE: Those attending junior training should make this payable to the team manager at their training session. Where a Junior is not attending Junior Training, affiliation and parental consent forms will still require to be completed and submitted to Netball Orkney. Captains should make us aware of any such situation.

- Fees will be payable on Spond. Please ensure you have this app downloaded.

Netball Scotland 2024-25 Affiliation

- **Juniors** – see above
- **Seniors** - Level 2 'Social' £15.75 – register or renew at <https://netballscotland.justgo.com/>
- NS Membership must be complete prior to the Team Entry Form being submitted, and your membership number should be entered on this.
- Memberships can be upgraded at any time if required.

Team Fees August to December 2024:

- **Team Entry Fee:** £290
- **Scratch Fee:** If your team scratches a match, a fine of £25 will be payable to Netball Orkney. This **MUST** be paid within one week of the scratch, and will be payable via Spond.

TEAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Teams may be made of female players only
- Teams aiming for Division 1 should sign no more than 10 players. If you require more than 10 players, please contact the league coordinator at senior.netballorkney@hotmail.co.uk
- Teams aiming for division 2 or 3 can enter up to 12 players, however 10 players is recommended.
- In the event of a player withdrawing from a team due to injury or pregnancy, a replacement may be signed by contacting the league coordinator at senior.netballorkney@hotmail.co.uk, and this will be at the discretion of the N.O committee. Any new player must pay NO membership and NS membership, and must be signed 7 days prior to a match.
- Players can only play in one team in any league or cup competition unless making up numbers after a game has been scratched.
- Players eligible for U17's training (15 years old as at 31 December 2024) and above are eligible to take part in Senior League. Although, players who turn 14 before 31 December 2024 and are participating in the National Development Centres **may** be allowed to play for a team at Netball Orkney and the Junior Coaches discretion. Any queries should be raised to the N.O. committee.
- Juniors participating in Districts team(s) will be entered as a team by their junior coach.
 - Juniors who are not selected for district teams or are U18s are eligible for other team selection. Should you require a list of names, please contact Cheryl.
- Each team should have a **Captain** and **Vice-Captain** who will be their **team's representatives**. These representatives will be expected to attend any meetings the committee organise to discuss the leagues and disseminate information to their team; and will be reliable for posting their teams score each week.
- We can accommodate a **maximum of 16 teams** for the leagues due to court time availability.
- Teams are responsible for holding medical and emergency contact information about their players. Junior members are still required to submit a parental consent form to Netball Orkney.

UMPIRING:

Our matches cannot proceed without officials, and following continual feedback regarding the quality of umpiring, we have taken action to improve this for this season:

- Each team are **encouraged** to have a minimum of 1 badged umpire, or someone working towards their C badge
- Netball Orkney is organising a C badge (entry level) umpiring course which is available to all members. This is strongly encouraged for progression of our leagues, and player safety. Netball Orkney are offering subsidy to Netball Orkney members to assist with the cost. To sign up, please email netballorkney@hotmail.com by Friday 9th August. These sessions will take place:
 - Online Thursday 15th August 7-8:30pm
 - Practical Saturday 24th August 9am – 1pm, Pickaquoy Centre
- It is up to captains to source an umpire for their allocation as specified on the fixtures.
- There will be a bank of badged umpires, or those working towards their C badge, who you can ask to umpire. It is expected that teams offer a nominal fee to umpires for this.

- Where not using the bank, the captain should ensure that the umpire selected is capable for the game in question. They should not umpire if they are not confident. We will have mentors who can come and assist those looking to develop.
- For anyone wishing to start umpiring, we have a Junior League which is a perfect training environment for this. Please speak with Cheryl Kelday, Julie Munro, Sarah Finn or any Committee Member to put your name down.

Bench Officials:

- Teams will be required to provide 1 scorer for their OWN game. Therefore, if you only have 7 players, 1 person will be required to score, and 6 on court. The scorer does not have to be one of your team members, nor affiliated to Netball Orkney or Netball Scotland. The two scorers MUST sit together. Any sub who is scoring may be switched at quarter or half times with another player.
- This year we will be introducing **Rolling Score Sheets** in line with the INF. This provides greater accuracy on scoring and centre passes. Training will be provided prior to the start of league.
- Teams can choose to supply a separate timekeeper, or have one of their scorers time keep.
- Umpires and Scorers must work together to organise the equipment and ensure the games start and end on time, and should tidy up all equipment and place in the league bags for Picky Staff to put away.

PLAYER DECLARATION:

a) I agree to abide by the Rules and Codes of Conduct of Netball Orkney.

b) I understand that Netball Orkney accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury caused by or during attendance at any of the Club's organised sessions except where loss, damage or injury can be shown to result directly from the negligence of Netball Orkney.

Any comments or queries on the above should be sent to the committee at senior.netballorkney@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you all for the winter league,

Netball Orkney Committee