

Fair Play Scores

A score for Captain's duties, Attitude and Appearance should be given by the umpires. The scores are between 1 and 5, where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent. The umpires should consult and agree the scores for each team at the end of the game. See below for descriptions of each category.

- If the scorecard is incorrectly completed, the Fixtures Secretary will deduct 1 point (up to a maximum of 5) for each error from the captain's duties score.

Captain's duties

- Ensures all fingernails of team players are short and smooth before the umpire checks;
- Ensures all team players have removed all jewellery in line with England Netball rules – NO JEWELLERY can be worn covered with tape other than one wedding ring – Belly-button and tongue piercings must be checked for. A medical bracelet should be taped or a sweat band placed over it. (EN domestic rules guidance: It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that they comply with the INF Rule 5.1.1 (iv). Dermal piercings (that are located below the skin and cannot be easily removed) and flat religious bracelets (which are not to be removed for religious and / or cultural reasons) are to be suitably covered with padding / tape as necessary to prevent injury to others. There is also guidance on Daith / Tragus piercing, Gloves, Head Coverings, Hair and Eyewear) <https://d2cx26qpfwuhvu.cloudfront.net/englandnetball/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/21105644/2022-Domestic-Rules-Guidance-FINAL.pdf>
- Ensures their team's umpire is in attendance prior to central timing;
- Fills in the scorecard details prior to the start of the game, including details of any guest players (see separate guidance on how to fill in the scorecard);
- Controls team attitude;
- Controls supporters' attitude;
- Signs scorecard at the end of the match to confirm that all information on the scorecard is correct. If there is a query over the umpires' fair play scores, don't sign the card and email the committee (whnetball@gmail.com) with your concern.

Attitude

- Players must respect and accept the umpires' decisions;
 - No player should question an umpire's decision during play – the captain should approach the umpire at the quarter break to ask for clarification;
- All players must respect each other and the opposition;
- There should be no offensive, insulting or abusive language and / or gestures
- All coaches and spectators must respect the teams and umpires on court and remain in the bench area
- Dangerous play is not permitted.
- Points are deducted per incident or the severity of the incident on the umpire.

Appearance

- All players should wear netball kit;
- Teams will be marked down if they have their full team and they are not all wearing the same kit of the same style/pattern/colour etc. Guest players are excluded and can wear their own team kit.

- Teams will not be docked points for appearance if players are wearing jogging bottoms/ leggings in addition to their team kit;
- Teams must have the ability to change bib colour where same / similar to opposition.
- Points will be deducted per team player who does not meet the kit requirements.

Scorecards

Home Team players

- All home team players who are intending to take part in the game, including substitutes, must be listed on the scorecard **(they should all be registered in advance to play in this league or the team will be penalised).**

Guest players

- A maximum of 2 guest players are allowed per team. The name of each guest player, the team they are affiliated to and their starting position must be recorded on the scorecard. If the guest is from a team in the same division, the position played in **each quarter** must be noted on the scorecard.

Guest Player Positions

Permitted guest players (refer to By-Laws) must play at least 2 places out of position from their registered position with the League if they are playing in the same division. A player cannot guest for a team in a lower division. Two places out of position is as follows:

GK can play WD/C/WA/GA

GD can play C/WA/GA/GS

WD can play WA/GA/GS/GK

C can play GA/GS/GK/GD

WA can play GS/GK/GD/WD

GA can play GK/GD/WD/C

GS can play GD/WD/C/WA

Player of the match

Umpires should ask each team to nominate the opposing team's player of the match. Only one player of the match per team may be nominated – if the player is under 18 – enter Y in the U18 box. **Guest players cannot be chosen as the player of the match. If a Guest player is listed, no player of the match will be recorded for that team.**

All scorecards must be posted in the scorecard box by 1:30pm. If not, please email a picture of both sides of the scorecard to the committee (whnetball@gmail.com). Put your scorecard in the box at the next available opportunity and within 28 days of the game to avoid being penalised.

Complaints

Any issues or complaints regarding conduct of an opposing team or umpire must be submitted to the committee in writing as soon as possible following the match in question via the League Secretary. The committee will investigate all allegations and report back to the relevant parties in writing once all of the relevant information has been gathered, discussed and an outcome agreed by the committee. Additional information regarding any grievances can be found in the Welwyn Hatfield Netball League By-Laws May 2022.