



Stratford Netball League has had a break and not run for a few seasons now. In running the Summer 2025 league, the 'Temporary Committee' hope to create an opportunity for teams to gain court time and to assess the future of the league moving forward.

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The specifics of the Summer 2025 league are as follows:

Format

- One division of 8 teams to play one round of matches
- Games to be played outdoor at central venue – Kings High School, Warwick
- Matches to be played Sunday mornings at 1000 and 1115
 - Each team will have a playing fixture each week, with an umpiring responsibility for the alternate game
- 8 weeks of match play
 - 7 weeks of round matches plus 1 to either play postponed matches or play offs/tournament if no matches impacted by weather
 - Match play dates: 18th May, 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June, 6th July, 13th July, and 20th July
- Teams to complete an expression of interest form to request to join the league
 - If a place in the league can be offered, an entry form must be completed and a registration fee of £25 paid
 - Match fees of £10 per team per week will be payable. These can be paid either:
 - by the start of the season in one payment of £80, or
 - in two instalments of £40, one by the start of the season and one by the end of June
 - either way they are payable in full even if a team withdraws from the league during the season

- Teams must register a minimum of 7 players, but can register an unlimited number of players upon entry and may add additional players during the league season at no extra cost
 - Players must be over 14yrs of age or attain the age of 14 within the playing season
- Points awarded to teams as follows: 5 points for a win, 3 points for a draw, 2 points if within 5 or fewer goals of the winning score, and 1 point if 50% of the winning score is achieved. [Goal difference will determine placings in the event of equal points]
- Results and league table will be available online
<https://www.stratfordnetball.co.uk/>
- Stratford Netball League is registered with England Netball [EN] and will be run in accordance with all EN rules. Teams should be familiar with these rules and respect them throughout the season
 - See below for any 'local' rules that may differ from the EN rule book

Local rules

- A team may only play a fixture with a minimum of six players
 - Any rules referring to five players on court should be read as six
- Whilst games will start at 1000 and 1115 at central venue, we will not have central timing. Timing will be kept by either courtside scorers provided by teams or umpires themselves and every effort should be made to keep to match timings
 - Umpires should allow for a stoppage of two minutes for injuries, including blood injuries
 - If the injured player is not substituted within the stoppage, they are able to remain on court when play is restarted
 - If a player is unable to move from the court, the umpires should consider match abandonment and notify the TC
- If a match is abandoned during play:
 - If the third quarter has commenced, the score at the time of abandonment will stand as the final score
 - If the third quarter has not commenced, the match should be replayed where possible [The TC will do their best to support this]
- See below regarding EN membership and insurance

Insurance cover

- For this 'introductory' season, teams may register players who are not current members of EN
- Players who are not current members of EN will not be covered by the insurance provided by that membership and therefore do so at their own risk
 - More information can be found here:
<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/insurance/insurance-faqs/>

Match play

- Players can only be registered with one team within the league and must be registered with the league prior to taking the court for a match
 - If a team wishes to register additional players after the start of the season, they can do so via the form on the website or by sending TC member/s a Whatsapp with details
 - This must be done prior to the player taking court. We encourage as much notice as possible but at least by 0900 on the day of their first match
- If a player wishes to transfer between teams after the start of the season, please contact TC
- If a club has more than one team they should indicate the ranking of those teams. Players in a lower team can play up a maximum of three times. On the fourth occasion, they may not return to the lower team. When playing up, the player should be marked 'PU' on the results sheet
 - Any number of players can play up in any match
- Both teams should have coloured bibs and an available match ball
 - Where possible, it is recommended to have a second set of bibs in the event of a colour clash with opponents
- Both teams should, where possible, have a scorer available to support umpires
- Before each match, captains should toss for first centre and advise the umpires of the outcome and direction of play
- Each team has a duty of care for any players under the age of 18
 - At all matches where players under the age of 18 are playing and their own parent/carer is not present, their team should provide an adult who is not another player in the team, or an umpire, to be present during the whole game to act as a reasonable caring parent/carer would
- At the end of each match, a results sheet needs to be completed with the score, all players and substitutes for both teams, umpires names, and players' and umpires' players indicated. The home team [the first listed on the fixture] should send a picture to the SNL Results Whatsapp group on the day of the match

Umpires

- Each team will be responsible for providing an umpire for a match happening before or after their own playing fixture
- Teams will be responsible for paying their appointed umpire independently from the league – the recommendation being £20 per match
- We encourage teams to find umpires who are qualified at least to Into Officiating standard where possible
 - Only umpires with a current EN qualification, or who are within the allotted training period following attendance at an EN officiating course are covered by EN insurance
 - We are keen to help develop umpires and so will consider league approving non-qualified umpires – in this instance please speak to a member of the TC before that umpire is allocated a game
- We encourage umpires to, where possible, use courtside scorers provided by each team
 - Scorers should stand together to confirm scores throughout each quarter
 - Umpires should check scores and centre pass at each interval
- Before each match, umpires should undertake pre-match checks:
 - Ensure the court surface is safe to play and without debris or other potential hazards
 - Check all players to ensure fingernails are short and smooth, hair is suitably tied back and free from adornment, and no player is wearing any adornment that could endanger themselves or other players
 - all jewellery should be removed
 - wedding bands, if worn, must be taped
 - medical devices may be worn provided they are securely covered with tape and/or padding
- If, during a match, court/weather conditions become dangerous or a match cannot be completed for any other reason, umpires should use their discretion with player safety in mind
- Umpires are encouraged to control the number of tactical changes a team makes by refusing a request where it is deemed inappropriate or not within the spirit of the game. As a guide, more than three tactical changes in a quarter may be deemed inappropriate
- Umpires should print their name on the results sheet at the end of each match and award each team their umpires' player of the match
- Teams should be aware that matches cannot be played without two umpires and so it is essential that the responsibility is covered and therefore arrangements should be made as early as possible

- The league will do their best to help teams struggling to provide an umpire, but will need notice to do so
- The league will collate a list of umpires who are happy to be contacted to help cover matches

Code of Conduct

- The league aims to provide an enjoyable environment for netball match play, to develop teams, players and umpires alike
- All participants should always conduct themselves in a respectful and safe way
- Players should respect officials, and vice versa
- The TC will address any queries or concerns raised fairly and as they see fit, respecting the other points of the code of conduct