



BTSS Ladies' Netball League 2007 - 08 (Rules updated 10.04.07)

Introduction

Welcome to the BTSS Ladies' Netball League.

This league is facilitated by the BTSS, with the participating teams arranging and funding the fixtures themselves. The BTSS will assist in the organisational aspects and will act as the arbitrator of disputes.

[Anna Dabek](#), the BTSS Sports Secretary ("the BTSS Sports Secretary"), will have responsibility at the BTSS.

The team captains are also listed in the Team Information Table together with their contact details.

Team captains should circulate a copy of these rules to all team players prior to the start of the league.

This document will set out the basics of the competition but the word of the BTSS Sports Secretary will be overriding.

Fixtures

See separate fixture list.

The fixture list does not specify the exact date on which games must be played, but rather a 2 week window within which games should be played. The fixtures must be played in the specified fortnight.

In order to fix the date of each fixture, each team should use its best endeavours to contact the opposing team for that fixture and both teams shall negotiate in good faith to arrange a mutually convenient time and date. If the time and date cannot be fixed, the matter shall be referred to the BTSS Sports Secretary. (In order to prevent fixture congestion, matches should be arranged as early in the 2 week period as possible).



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Home and Away Matches

There will be “home and away” matches. The designated home team will be responsible for the following in respect of each fixture:-

- (a) Booking and paying for the venue (suggestions in Schedule 1)
- (b) Providing a netball.

There will be one umpire per game although 2 may be used with the agreement of both sides (in which case the cost will be split).

The ‘home’ team will be responsible for arranging and paying for the umpire to attend the game. All umpires used must be qualified.

Both home and away teams in each fixture should bring their own netball bibs.

Please refer to the Team Information Table to note the opposing team’s bib colours in an attempt to avoid a clash.

Matches

The normal rules of netball, as interpreted by the attending referee, will apply.

Matches shall, subject to the referee’s discretion, be played for 4 quarters of 10 minutes each.

Each team will play with a full compliment of 7 players unless both teams agree otherwise.

Where one team has 7 players but the other has less than 7 players, the team with 7 players shall, at its own option, be entitled to play with a full complement of 7 players against the other’s depleted numbers. For the avoidance of doubt, this will be completely fair and the other team’s fault for not bringing sufficient players.

Reserves can be used. There is no restriction on the number of reserves that may be used.

Postponement of Matches

(a) Games may be postponed by agreement between the team captains. The team requesting the postponement must have a ‘good reason’ for doing so (not having enough



players is not a 'good reason' if the team has had sufficient notice of the pending fixture).

(b) The team wishing to postpone the game must endeavour to give the opposing team adequate notice of their intention, the latest time for such notification being by 4.00 pm on the working day falling one working day prior to the match day. Such notice must be sent to the team captain at the address set out in the Team Information Table and copied to the BTSS Sports Secretary.

(c) If a team attempts to postpone a match otherwise than in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b), that team will forfeit the match.

(d) Each team may postpone a fixture on 1 occasion only. On the 2nd occasion that team will forfeit the match. If one team (Team 1) approaches the other (Team 2) to postpone a game and Team 2 agrees, the same degree of co-operation must be employed if subsequently Team 2 needs to postpone the re-arranged fixture.

(e) Postponed matches must be played within the scheduled fortnightly fixture slot or within the period of 2 weeks immediately following the scheduled slot (this does not apply to the last fortnight of the league, as no games can be played after this time). Matches played outside this 4 week period will not count towards the league and points will be awarded, if at all, by the BTSS to the team it considers in its absolute discretion the more deserving.

(f) Matches scheduled for a particular 2 week window must take priority over postponed games. If a team fails to observe this, 2 points will be deducted.

(g) If it is reported to the BTSS Sports Secretary that a team is consistently postponing games with the effect of creating a backlog in the fixture list, a five point fine will be imposed on that team. This will be down to the discretion of the BTSS Sports Secretary.

Stopping Play during a game

If for any reason it is necessary to stop a game during play, i.e. due to weather conditions, and either the umpire rules that the game cannot continue or the captains agree that it is unsafe for the game to continue, the game must either be re-arranged or the points will split between the teams with zero goals allocated to each.

If however the umpire does not stop the game but one team captain wishes to call the game off and the other wishes to continue, the game must continue or the game is forfeited by the team that stops the game. In the event of a forfeited game, the goals will stand as at the point the game is stopped.



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Results

After each match, it is the duty of the home team captain to inform the BTSS Sports Secretary of the result of that fixture. This must be done by 4.00 pm on the last working day prior to the last date in the two week window in which the game is played. If the home team fails to do this 2 points will be deducted.

At the end of each two week fixture window, the BTSS Sports Secretary will update the table on the BTSS website to reflect the results.

3 points are awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.

Fair Play

If the conduct of a team is the source of a complaint (e.g. Frequently postponing matches to the inconvenience of opponents, frequent failure to comply with any of the rules as written herein etc) then the BTSS may impose a penalty on the offending team as it sees fit.

Provided all teams are courteous to their opponents and observe fair play, there should be no need to resort to this.

End of Season

In the event that two teams are tied with equal points at the end of the season, the overall winner will be decided on goal difference.

In the unlikely event that both teams have the same goal difference, there will be a play-off between the 2 teams to decide the championship.

At the end of the season, there will be a social arranged for all those who have played in the league at which the trophies for the league and the cup will be presented to the winning teams.



Schedule 1

Venues

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| 1. Aston Villa Leisure Centre | 0121 246 6040 |
| 2. Aston University | 0121 359 3611 (ext 4889) |
| 3. Monrow Sports Centre, Birmingham University | 0121 414 4118 |
| 4. Blue Coat School, Edgbaston | 0121 410 6800 |
| 5. King Edwards School (Girls) Edgbaston | 0121 472 1834 |
| 6. National Indoor Arena | 0121 644 7134/7130
0121 200 2200 |
| 7. University of Central England, Perry Barr | 0121 331 5000 |
| 8. Birmingham Sports Centre, Balsall Heath | 0121 464 6060 |

Umpires

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| 1. Sue Holding (limited availability) | 0121 422 1864 (home) |
| 2. John Sproson (Birmingham County Netball Association) | 0121 382 6553 (after 6)
07787 103472 |
| 3. Simon Vale | 0121 303 5838 (Work)
0121 605 5674 (Home) |
| 4. Paul Simmott | 07802 439075 |
| 5. Patricia Okunnu | 07760 227269 |
| 6. Selina Okunnu | 07760 227 269 |
| 7. Norma McLean | 07956 403817 |
| 8. Paul Whittaker (last resort – frequently out of the country) | 07863 168089 or
0121 477 3790 |



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9. Patricia Howell (not Thursdays)

07984 869114
0121 520 1052 (home)

10. Jacinth Francis
(Available for Birmingham Uni/KE Region)
(Only for matches beginning 6.30 p.m. or later)

0121 242 6374 (home)
0121 625 8407

11. Vicki Barton

07971 960 165

12. Daphne Cross
(South Birmingham; not Monday or Thursday)

0121 445 4714 (home)

Feel free to use any other qualified netball umpire contacts that you have.