



# County League

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## Guidance Notes 2024-2025

### A ENGLAND NETBALL & MIDDLESEX MEMBERSHIP (previously termed AFFILIATION)

The MEMBERSHIP process is completely different and separate to the player REGISTRATION requirements of the County League.

All players **MUST** be Members of England Netball & registered to Middlesex County Netball Association **BEFORE** they are submitted for registration to the County League.

Please contact England Netball Membership department directly if you require assistance with the Membership process.

### B COUNTY LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Rules 2 and 3)

The Team Registration Form for the County League must be **fully** completed and returned to the Registration & Results Co-ordinator ([registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk](mailto:registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk)) **by 6pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024** at the latest. Penalty point deductions will be applied for late submission.

The Club roster report (from the England Netball membership system ENgage) shows players flagged as 'active' for the current Membership year 2024 – 2025. This must be submitted to the Registration and Results Co-ordinator **by 6pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

Each team must register a minimum of 10 active players.

Once registered, players are eligible to play up ONCE for another of their higher club teams during the first half of the season. If a player plays up on a second occasion for that team, they will then become registered to the higher team and unable to play for their own team again during that half of the season.

PLEASE NOTE THE RULES REGARDING THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS:

- No player registered to a NSL team may play in the County League.
- Clubs who have National Premier League Players within their club will be requested by the County League Committee to nominate their core 7 players before the start of the season. Any player submitted as a core 7 National Premier League player cannot participate in or be a registered player of a County League team.
- Players who play in the National Premier League, but are not named in the core 7, can be registered to play in the MCNL Premier Division and Division 1 only: they are not permitted to play in Divisions 2 and 3.
- Clubs who have teams in a Senior Regional League may field registered players in the MCNL Premier Division and Division 1 only; they are not permitted to play in Divisions 2 and 3.
- There are no restrictions on which team a player may be registered to within the County League for clubs who have NPL players.

For full details please see Rule 2.2 & 2.3, and Rules 3.1 through to 3.12.

Talented youngsters over 14 years of age, but under 16 years of age, at midnight on 31 August/1 September prior to the commencement of the League may play in the County League if an Age Banding Form has been completed which has been individually signed (**no electronic signatures accepted**) and submitted with their Team Registration to the Registration & Results Co-ordinator **AT REGISTRATION OR AT THE LATEST 6PM ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE PLAYER WISHES TO TAKE THE COURT**. Athletes should not take the court until notification has been received from the Registration & Results Co-ordinator that their Age Banding Form has been accepted. All paperwork must be accurately completed by this deadline otherwise the player will not be able to participate until the next fixture date.

No player under the age of 14 at the date defined in Rule 2.11.1 may play in the MCNL.

For season 24/25, it is strongly recommended that only 3 age banded players be listed per squad on a match day.

All players under the age of 18 must carry with them some photographic proof of age (e.g. copy/image on mobile phone of passport, driving licence, Oyster photocard) as random checks may be carried out.

### C PLAY UP GUIDELINES (Rule 3.10)

A player who plays up will always go to the higher team that they have played up to. e.g. play up to A and B teams, would become A team player.

C team player	1. Play up to B			
	2. Play up to B	Become B team player	1. Play up to A	
			2. Play up to A	Become A team player
C team player	1. Play up to B			
	2. Play up to A	Become A team player		
C team player	1. Play up to A			
	2. Play up to B	Become A Team player		

**For unregistered players, they will automatically be registered to the team in which they first played.**

Play-up on same day: The first occasion is fine. On the second occasion, they can only play up at a time after they have played for their own team. E.g. 1 September play up for A team. 8 September play for B team at 11 and A team at 2pm.

Clubs with multiple teams may re-register their teams mid-season. The play-up eligibility will recommence at this point.

### D ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS (Rules 3.9 - 3.12)

Players may be added to a team at any time providing they are Members of England Netball and Middlesex County Netball Association before submission.

Full details of additional players (name, England Netball Membership ID, DOB if under 21) must be lodged with the Registration & Results Co-ordinator at the latest by **6pm on the Wednesday evening** prior to the fixture in which they intend to play. These will be acknowledged by the Thursday evening. If no acknowledgement is received by the Friday morning, the matter should be followed up **prior to the fixture** to ensure no penalties are incurred. A copy of the England Netball Club roster report should also be provided or the England Netball additional Membership notification.

After the first half of the season, each team will have the opportunity to re-register their players.

### E UMPIRES / SCORERS (Rule 8)

#### Scorers

Teams must ensure that Scorers present themselves promptly for their allocated match. Do not disrupt the fixtures for other teams. **THERE IS NO TIME ALLOWED FOR LATE STARTS.**

Please ensure that whoever is nominated to score has read and understands the MCNL Instructions to Scorers guidance notes.

#### Umpires

For ALL Divisions, umpires will be centrally allocated.

All TEAMS must provide details of at least one suitably qualified umpire for their Division with full, active England Netball membership for the 2024/25 season on their team registration sheet.

Please ensure you ask permission of the umpire before adding their name to the list. All umpires nominated by teams must sign the umpire declaration form to ensure they agree to the required commitment. This will be circulated directly to the umpires by the County League Umpiring Co-ordinator.

Umpires should not be nominated for more than one team

All umpires will be expected to join the central pool of umpires and must meet the fitness requirements as specified by the league for the current season. In addition, the expectation is that they will be available for at least 80% of the fixtures during the season. If a team is unable to nominate a suitably qualified umpire by the MCNL registration date, there will be penalty points deducted.

All nominated umpires will receive full briefing details on any World Netball or England Netball specific rule updates.

All Teams are required to pay umpire expenses. This is a set fee of £25 and the money should be placed in an envelope and handed to the umpires BEFORE the start of the match.

To support the development of Middlesex Netball umpires, the County League Umpiring Co-ordinator may allocate umpires who are working towards a qualification level to league matches. This is discretionary on the part of the CLC.

It is the Umpires' responsibility to ensure the match starts at the allocated time; to ensure provision for the timing of the match and ensure it is completed within the appropriate time scales.

### Scorers

Each team must provide a scorer for their match.

Scorers must be over 16 years of age, competent and may be active team members. Scorers must stand/sit together, away from their 'team benches', but may be changed at an interval or stoppage for injury/illness if a substitution on court is called for and an alternative scorer is provided promptly by that team. If changes are made, the scorers must ensure that their administrative duties are completed accurately. Scorers **cannot** be involved for tactical changes during the play.

Scorers are required to time the match and will be provided with timers by the umpires.

Working with the umpires, the Scorers should record any Game Management actions undertaken in the match on the Results form.

If more than one Scorer is used by a team during a match, additional names should be written on the reverse of the Results form.

Please ensure Scorers are familiar with the Instructions for Scorers guidance notes issued by the County League.

### F RESULT FORMS including Game Management Actions (Rule 9)

This must be the correct Results Form for the 2024/25 season to ensure that all information is completed as required for this season. This season, match results will be completed on a **joint Results form** for each match. **The HOME team is to supply the form.**

The full names of up to twelve (12) players for each team must be listed (starting positions) on the Result Form together with details of Coach, Primary Care Person, Captain and Scorer. All those players who have been age banded to play in the MCNL must be ticked on the form by the Captains. This must be completed and handed to the Scorers before the match. A team cannot take to the court until this has been done and the umpires will employ World Netball Rule 3.4 if necessary. **Please ensure that all details required on the Results form are completed otherwise penalty deductions will be applied (Rule 10.1.7).**

We would advise the **HOME team captain** to ask both umpires for their EN membership number and qualification before the start of the match so that this can be completed on the Results form. Failure to do so will result in Penalty point deductions.

All Game Management actions are to be accurately logged on the Results Form by the Scorers in conjunction with the Umpires and Captains. Captains should tick or cross to confirm that Game Management actions were taken as applicable.

It is the responsibility of the **HOME team** to submit the Results form electronically **by 9pm on the fixture date** to [registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk](mailto:registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk). **Only the first form submitted will be accepted.**

The **HOME team** should also text/What App the match results to the Results Service. Mobile number - 07795 257837

<b>Please send the following information:</b>	<b>League</b> <b>Division Name</b> <b>Date</b> <b>Home Team Name and Score</b> <b>Away Team and Score</b> <b>Name of Reporter</b>	<b>Middlesex County League Winter 2023</b> <b>e.g. Division One</b> <b>e.g. 11th September</b> <b>e.g. Falcons 65</b> <b>e.g. Hyde Park B 40</b> <b>e.g. Jane Smith</b>
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Results forms not received on the day will result in a deduction of 2 (two) league points **to the HOME TEAM**. **THE CLC WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LATE PAPERWORK.**

We would recommend that the AWAY team captain takes a photograph of the Results form once completed at the end of the match for their records and in case of any later query.

Results will be posted on the Middlesex Netball website.

## G VENUE DETAILS

<b>Brunel University</b>	<b>Kingston Lane, Uxbridge UB8 3PH</b>
<b>Harlington Sports Centre</b>	<b>Pinkwell Lane, Hayes UB3 1PB</b>

## H CONTACT DETAILS

Any amendments to your Club/Team contact details must be notified immediately to both: [countyleague@middlesexnetball.co.uk](mailto:countyleague@middlesexnetball.co.uk) and [registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk](mailto:registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk)

Please only use these email addresses to contact County League Committee members. Do not send messages to their personal email addresses.

For any other correspondence relating to Middlesex Netball, please email [secretary@middlesexnetball.co.uk](mailto:secretary@middlesexnetball.co.uk)

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