



County League

<https://www.middlesexnetball.co.uk/county-league.html#/>

Guidance Notes 2023-2024

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) **by 6pm on Saturday 2nd September 2023** 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 2023 – 2024. This must be submitted to the Registration and Results Co-ordinator **by 6pm on Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

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 and play in any of their Club's teams in the County League.
- There are no restrictions on which team a player may be registered to within the County League for clubs who have Regional League players.
- 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 3.9.

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.

C PLAY UP GUIDELINES (Rule 3.7)

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 3.6 - 3.9)

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.**

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 active England Netball membership for the 2023/24 season on their team registration sheet. These umpires must be available to umpire matches as requested within the County League. **These umpires will be expected to join the central pool of umpires and to submit an appropriate bleep test submission form in line with County League fitness requirements.**

Umpires should not be nominated for more than one team. Please ensure you ask permission of the umpire before adding their name to the list.

There may be fixtures dates when the CLC are unable to provide umpires for matches from the central allocation pool and TEAMS will be asked to nominate their own umpire to cover these matches.

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.

In order 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. The Umpires are responsible for ensuring the timing of the intervals and any stoppages but will usually delegate this responsibility to the Scorers.

Scorers

Each team must provide a scorer for their match.

Scorers must be 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.

The scorers are not required to time the match but may do so if requested by the umpires and must ensure they understand these additional responsibilities.

Working with the umpires, the scorers should record any Game Management actions on the Game Management Record Sheet.

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

F RESULT FORMS and GAME MANAGEMENT RECORD SHEET (Rule 9)

This must be the correct Results Form for the 2023/24 season to ensure that all information is completed as required for this season. This season, match results forms are to be submitted electronically using the relevant Division form. Only the new electronic 2023/24 results forms will be accepted and penalty point deductions will be made for the use of old Result forms. **Only the first form submitted will be accepted.**

These forms will be emailed to all teams prior to the start of the league and will also be available on the County League page of the Middlesex Netball website. Please ensure this form is circulated to your team captains with clear instructions on how to submit.

Each team will be required to complete their OWN Results form for each match. The names of the Umpires, Scorers, Team players (including their playing position) and Team Bench (including their role) (FULL NAMES PLEASE) must be entered onto the Result form. Each team may declare up to twelve (12) players. Scorers will provide the match score details to the captains at the end of the match. **Please ensure that all details required on the Results form are completed otherwise penalty deductions will be applied (Rule 10.1.7).**

The results form can be completed away from the court side after the match but needs to be **submitted by 9pm on the fixture date.**

We would advise both captains 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.

Game Management Record Sheet – This season we are providing a separate Game Management Record sheet which is to be completed for all matches. This will be emailed to all teams prior to the start of the league and will also be available on the County League page of the Middlesex Netball website.

Only one sheet per match is required. It is the Home team's responsibility to supply the record sheet to the Scorers before the start of the match. All Game Management actions are to be accurately logged on the Game Management record sheet by the Scorers in conjunction with the Umpires and signed by both the Captains. Nil returns are required to be submitted.

G RESULTS PROCESS (Rule 9)

Please ensure all team captains and players are aware of the process:

- 1. All teams must complete and submit a Results Form after their match – to be received by 9pm on the fixture date.**
- 2. The Home team must submit the Game Management Record Sheet - to be received by 9pm on the fixture date. Nil returns are required to be submitted.**
- 3. The Home team must also text/What App the match results to the Results Service.**

The Results form should be emailed to both: registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk and to the Club Secretary of the opposition team. The title of the email should read: Results, division and your full team name. The reason for copying to your opposition team is in case there is a query after the match.

The Game Management Record sheet is to be emailed by the HOME TEAM only to both: registrationsandresults@middlesexnetball.co.uk and to the Club Secretary of the opposition team. The title of the e-mail should read: GM, division and Home team v Away team names.

Results forms and/or Game Management Record Sheets not received on the day will result in a deduction of 2 (two) league points. The CLC will not enter into any correspondence regarding late paperwork.

The **HOME TEAM ONLY** should also text or WhatsApp the match result to the Website Results Service **by 9pm on the fixture date.**

Mobile number - 07795 257837

Please send the following information:	League Division Name Date Home Team Name and Score Away Team and Score Name of Reporter	Middlesex County League Winter 2023 e.g. Division One e.g. 11th September e.g. Falcons 65 e.g. Hyde Park B 40 e.g. Jane Smith
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Results will be posted on the Middlesex Netball website. Any penalty point adjustments will be made only after consideration by and confirmation of the County League Committee and/or Middlesex Netball Management Committee.

H CONTACT DETAILS

Any amendments to your Club/Team contact details must be notified immediately to both: countyleague@middlesexnetball.co.uk and 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.

I COUNTY LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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