

Student Sport Ireland

NETBALL League

2022-23



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Standard Rules

The Student Sport Ireland Netball League shall be run under Netball Northern Ireland rules and the Federation of European Netball Association's Match Regulations. Regulations 2 through 8 (below) shall also apply and where any conflicts arise, the regulations below shall supersede all others.

2. Groups

SSI shall run the SSI Netball League over one group.

3. Teams

3.1 Teams shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players and a maximum of twelve (12) players.

3.2 Each Team shall appoint a fixtures secretary.

Fixtures Secretary's Role:

- Act as primary contact between their teams, opposition teams and the SSI office
- Booking appropriate court times (see 6.1)
- Confirm all fixture dates, times and venue with opposition teams and SSI office within designated time period (see 4.1)
- Take responsibility for correctly completing match cards and returning to SSI office within 5 working days (see 4.2)
- Maintaining contact with SSI office throughout academic year

3.3 Institutions are permitted to enter multiple teams into the league. However, please note that additional teams will be playing in the same group as a club's first team.

4. Matches & Scoring

4.1 The SSI office shall set the fixture list for the duration of the league. A week long period will be allocated for each fixture or set of fixtures to be played, however Wednesday afternoon / evening shall be set as the provisional day during each allocated week for each fixture to be preferably played. The home team is responsible for the confirmation of the fixture with the away team(s), be it on the allocated Wednesday or another day during that same week. Once finalised and agreed between each team, the date, time and venue shall be emailed to the SSI office and cc'ed to the away team(s) by the home team. The deadline for confirming the aforementioned information shall be 2pm on the Wednesday of the week prior to the fixture.

4.2 Scorecards

Prior to each match, the team captain shall enter their team on an official score sheet and exchange it with the opposing captain. Following hosting a league round each hosting captain is responsible for returning all score sheets to the SSI office within 5 working days. It is the responsibility of the home team captain to ensure that the score sheets are correct and are returned.

4.3 Each match shall be 4 quarters x 12 mins.

4.4 Substitution

In the event of a player not arriving on time or a player being injured, a substitute may be introduced provided that they have been registered. In the event of a player who is listed to play two games being injured in the first, no additional player (beyond the 12 named on the scorecard) may be introduced to the team during that first game, but they may be replaced for their second game. Players may substitute up from lower teams but only twice over the course of the league. If a player subs up three times it will be taken that they can now only play on the higher standard team.

4.5 Scoring

Five (5) points will be awarded to the winning team

Three (3) points will be awarded for a draw

Two (2) points will be awarded to the losing team if they lose by five (5) goals or less

One (1) point will be awarded to the losing team if scoring over 50% of the goals scored by the winning team

One (1) point is deducted for any team that withdraws from a fixture

Five (5) points are awarded to the non-offending team for a walkover

5. Registration & Eligibility

5.1 All registered players must satisfy SSI's Eligibility Guidelines for Domestic Competitions, which may change from time to time as per SSI regulations. The Eligibility Guidelines document is available for download from SSI's website. All players must also be aware of and compliant with all rules and regulations of Netball Ireland.

5.2 A student must be fully registered and hold a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered. All players must carry their student card with them to all fixtures.

5.3 No "year of grace" shall exist in the SSI Netball League.

6. Equipment & Facilities

6.1 The following minimum court time MUST be booked by the host team for a fixture:

6.1.1 A minimum of 1 court for 3 hours MUST be provided.

6.1.2 Failure to book the minimum prescribed above will result in the home team forfeiting any games not completed should the match not be finished.

6.2 An appropriate number of tournament balls must be supplied by BOTH teams playing.

6.3 Recognised sportswear must be worn – college colours are especially encouraged.

7. Rescheduling of Fixtures

7.1 Any team wishing to withdraw from a fixture shall (save in truly exceptional circumstances) inform the opposition and SSI office by email and phone at least one week prior to the date of the fixture. Any necessary rescheduling of this fixture shall be undertaken by the SSI office if the teams involved can't agree to a rescheduled date between themselves. Rescheduled dates must not interfere with league fixtures already in place.

7.2 If less than one week's notice is given the said team will forfeit the match and be deducted 1 point. The non-offending team(s) shall be awarded a walkover(s) and 5 points. If this happens more than once during the course of the league the offending team may be removed from the competition and may not be allowed to enter the league the following year.



8. Enforcement of Rules & Regulations

8.1 SSI shall have the power to enforce all regulations concerning this competition and to decide for any matters not provided for in the rules. No organiser may be involved in decisions concerning their own college.

9. Appeals Process

9.1. Appeals must be submitted via email by the college Sports Officer to the SSI Hon. Secretary copying the SSI office by 5pm the day after the fixture was played or a decision communicated.

9.2. Please follow this link to refer to the [SSI Appeals Procedure](#).

9.3. The Hon. Secretary has the authority to dismiss an appeal received within one week of a scheduled knock out match if s/he is of the view that the appeal may result in the match not proceeding as scheduled.