



## U19 Netball Performance League 2017

### REGULATIONS

#### 1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. The U19 Netball Performance League (hereafter called "U19 NPL") is a national competition organised by England Netball to enable teams of Under 19 year old athletes in the Performance Pathway to compete against each other to determine a national winner whilst developing the appropriate skills and experience required to perform at national level.
- 1.2. This national competition is organised by England Netball but the development of the teams and the athletes within the teams is a collaboration between the 8 English Superleague Teams, invited Teams and England Netball. Either the Superleague Teams or invited Teams will take the lead for the team management in relation to this competition.
- 1.3. These regulations set out the Rules and Protocols upon which the U19 NPL should be run and how it connects with England Netball's Performance Pathway Programme.
- 1.4. It is the responsibility of all Team Officials, not England Netball, to ensure that all players and relevant parties within the team are fully conversant with these regulations.

#### 2. AIM OF THE NETBALL PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

- 2.1. The aim of the U19 NPL is to provide the game's outstanding Youth (U19) players with a performance environment and to organise for them regular, highly disciplined and intense competition.
- 2.2. The competition shall be known as the U19 Netball Performance League or U19 NPL and the name shall be preceded by the name of such sponsor as England Netball may direct from time to time.
- 2.3. The competition and all rights and properties associated with it shall be owned, controlled and managed by England Netball through its Board of Directors. They have authorised as part of the Your Game, Your Way Strategy, the CEO and Executive Team the powers to develop an open, fair and transparent competition for performance athletes.
- 2.4. A fundamental principle of the U19 NPL is for the Superleague Teams, invited Teams and England Netball work in collaboration for the betterment of the athletes in the Performance Pathway Programme. Decisions will be based initially to ensure an open, fair and transparent competition but the secondary criteria will be the betterment of the athletes in England Netball's Performance Pathway Programme.
- 2.5. The strategic and operational responsibility for the effective development of the U19 NPL will sit with the Competition and Events Delivery Manager (or their nominated appointee), the Performance Pathway Manager, and the National Academy Head Coach who will advise the Director of Performance.
- 2.6. The U19 NPL season shall run from January to April, unless otherwise agreed with the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager.

### **3. ENGLAND NETBALL SUPPORT**

- 3.1. England Netball will provide a subsidy for Season 2016/17 of £2,000. This is in accordance with the principle that England Netball will subsidise the costs of teams participating in the U19 NPL in order to achieve the competitions overall aims and will be paid under the following conditions:
  - 3.1.1. In one tranche at the start of the season.
  - 3.1.2. If fixtures are not fulfilled, England Netball reserves the right to claim back up to 50% of the subsidy (or withhold future payments in relation to the U19 NPL).
  - 3.1.3. Remaining income is the responsibility of the Team, but is a local issue to resolve.
  - 3.1.4. Teams shall provide England Netball, on request, with a financial statement evidencing the expenditure of these funds supported by receipts in a format to be determined.

### **4. ENGLAND NETBALL U19 NPL ORGANISATION**

- 4.1. Except where stated within these regulations, England Netball's CEO will delegate authority for the management and administration of the competition to the Competition and Events Delivery Manager or a nominated alternative.
- 4.2. The Competition and Events Delivery Manager and other staff and volunteers under the guidance of the Competition and Events Delivery Manager shall organise, manage and administer the U19 NPL. The Competition and Events Delivery Manager will have the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on any matters arising throughout the U19 NPL including, but not limited to:
  - 4.2.1. Altering or amending the playing schedule as necessary;
  - 4.2.2. Determining if teams and/or players are in breach of these Regulations and imposing an appropriate penalty (including disqualification of any individual or team).
  - 4.2.3. Determining the action to be taken if a player is suspended from a game, or ordered to leave the court and take no further part in the game.
  - 4.2.4. Instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour including instances of teams predetermining the outcome of a match.
  - 4.2.5. Any matter not covered by the Regulations.
  - 4.2.6. Consult with additional people to assist with the U19 NPL, but the final decision and accountability will lie with the Competition and Events Delivery Manager or their nominated appointee.

### **5. TEAM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

- 5.1. U19 NPL teams is a partnership between England Netball's Performance Pathway Programme and the 8 English Superleague Teams and invited Teams. Within this partnership, the 8 English Superleague Teams and invited Teams take the lead and are accountable for the team's adherence to these regulations, however the principle of joint input is fundamental where applicable.
- 5.2. The teams will appoint an U19 NPL Head Coach and a point of contact for the Competition and Events Delivery Manager (and other England Netball assigned personnel), through whom all U19 NPL correspondence will go.

- 5.3. At the heart of this partnership, sits the training schedule for the athletes involved. It is a clear principle of this structure that regional flexibility should be supported – to ensure the best possible environment for the athletes (recognising differing opportunities in each region – e.g. different club competitive opportunities etc.). The Performance Pathway Coach and U19 NPL Head Coach should work collaboratively to ensure this.
- 5.4. Training times must therefore be controlled and managed with the long term interests of the athlete’s development at heart. For each athlete, the Performance Pathway Coach and U19 NPL Head Coach will be expected to jointly plan competition and training activities. Where necessary, the National Academy Head Coach (NAHC) will support and advise. Should a situation arise when the commitment of a National Academy athlete – clashes with a U19 NPL commitment, the National Academy commitment will take priority.
- 5.5. To allow a full understanding of the Performance Pathway and the link between Academies and U19 NPL, the U19 NPL Coach will link with the National Academy Head Coach (NAHC) through regular communication to support the development of National Academy players and drive up the standard of Performance Netball in England.

## **6. COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

- 6.1. The competition will be made up of two stages; Stage One League Competition, Stage Two; Cross Sectional Playoffs.
  - 6.1.1. Stage One: Teams are split into two groups of five and will play in a single round robin format.
  - 6.1.2. Stage Two: Teams finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in their group will play the same placed team in the opposite group for 10<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> overall position. There will be a North Elimination match between the teams who finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North group and a South Elimination match between the teams that finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the South group. Teams who finish in 1<sup>st</sup> position in both groups will automatically go through to the semi-finals. The winners of the North and South Elimination Match will also progress to the semi-finals. Runners up in the North and South Elimination matches will play each other for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> position. Runners up in the semi-final will play each other for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position and the winners will contest the final for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position.
- 6.2. Each team will play 2 home and 2 away fixtures in stage one. In Stage Two for the North and South Elimination matches the highest placed team will play at home. All other matches in Stage Two will be played at a central venue, unless otherwise agreed with the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager.

## **7. PLAYER AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- 7.1. Membership of the U19 NPL in the first instance shall be open to:
  - 7.1.1. The eight English Superleague Teams.
  - 7.1.2. Any invited team or teams (in 2017 this will be Yorkshire and Humberside and London Pulse).
- 7.2. These ten teams will be required to demonstrate their capacity to fulfil the regulations of the U19 NPL and to provide the human and financial resources. England Netball reserves the right to refuse entry to any team or organisation which in its opinion cannot prove their ability to meet the requirements of the competition or have failed to meet the requirements in either of the previous 2 seasons.
- 7.3. By entering a team in the U19 NPL, teams/lead organisations agree that:
  - 7.3.1. They will abide by these regulations.

7.3.2. They are able and willing to fulfil the costs and commitments of participation in the U19 NPL.

7.4. In order to participate in the U19 NPL, the Players and Team Officials must:

7.4.1. Be affiliated to England Netball. The appropriate affiliation fee must be received by EN Head Office (Membership Services) not less than four days before the deadline for the appropriate Team Registration Sheet specified in 7.4.2 and be in receipt of a valid membership card for the appropriate season before the affiliation will be considered complete.

7.4.2. Be included on Team Registration Sheet which must be submitted to the Competition and Delivery Support Manager at EN's Head Office by 5pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. All players on the Team Registration Sheet must hold active affiliations when the forms are submitted.

7.4.3. All players must be aged under 19 at 23:59 on 31st December 2016 (i.e. for the 2017 season players must have a date of birth from 1998 or later).

7.4.4. The use of a Non-EEA national in the UK on Tier 2 (Sportsperson) or Tier 5 (Creative and Sporting) visa that plays in the Netball Superleague is not permitted by the Home Office under the terms of their visa and will result in disqualification of the team.

7.5. Teams must appoint a main contact who is accountable for both match and non-match day matters. The name of such person must be notified to England Netball on the Team Contact Form. This person alongside Team Officials should be in attendance at games, and will be the principal point of contact for England Netball for all matters in relation to the U19 NPL.

7.6. The U19 NPL Coach must hold a current UKCC Level 2 Qualification.

7.7. Each participating team is responsible for conducting satisfactory disclosure and barring services searches for each coach and member of its Team Management and Primary Care Personnel prior to their appointment and responsible for complying with the England Netball Safeguarding Policy.

7.8. England Netball recommends that individuals (player, coach, umpire) if pregnant should only participate with approval from their doctor and in accordance with any guidelines issued by itself.

The England Netball Personal Accident cover excludes any loss or expense due to pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage or any consequence thereof. However if for example, a member who is pregnant is involved in an accident not related to the pregnancy, subject to the conditions of the policy, the relevant benefits would be payable. However if any situation (such as hospitalisation) was prolonged as a direct result of pregnancy, pregnancy complications or even early childbirth, then this portion of any claim is not covered.

## **8. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

8.1. Team Registration list for each participating team must be completed fully for each player and lodged with England Netball's Competition and Events Officer via email on [competitionandevents@englandnetball.co.uk](mailto:competitionandevents@englandnetball.co.uk) by 5pm on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016.

8.2. The squad registration list may contain up to 15 players. At any stage during the season each team shall be entitled to register an additional 5 players but shall not be permitted to exceed 15 registered players at any time during the season. Each squad may de-register up to 5 players per season, allowing for 5 'new' players to be added to a squad. Those de-registered player may not subsequently be re-registered into the U19 NPL squad.

- 8.3. Any additions to the Team Registration lists must be lodged with England Netball's Competitions and Events Officer by Thursday 5pm prior for those changes to take effect for the competition weekend immediately following.
- 8.4. In the event that an athlete changes her residence or there are other extenuating circumstances which in the opinion of England Netball's Competition and Events Delivery Manager justify an athlete changing teams in mid-season, a team may register that athlete who was previously registered by another team subject to receiving the formal consent of both the athlete and the team which previously registered her.

## **9. COMPETITION VENUE**

- 9.1. The venue for U19 NPL fixtures shall wherever possible be the home venue of a Superleague team and shall represent a performance environment appropriate to the fulfilment of the aim of the competition. Should it be necessary to play fixtures at an alternative venue, this should be agreed by England Netball's Competition and Events Delivery Manager.
- 9.2. The home team is responsible for arranging the venue, and for the cost of this. In Stage Two where a central venue is used England Netball will be responsible for this cost.
- 9.2.1. It is the responsibility of the home team to conduct a risk assessment, using the standard issued form, prior to each match and ensure that the umpires countersign this document. Umpires will undertake pre-match checks to ensure the match is safe to play. It is within their jurisdiction not to allow a match to go ahead, if not deemed safe to do so. In instances where risks have been identified, a copy of the risk assessment should be sent to England Netball alongside the INF Official Scoresheet
- 9.2.2. For all 'incidents' on or off the court at a Match an England Netball Accident Report form must be completed, and a copy sent to the England Netball Competition and Events Officer with the INF Scoresheet which will be stored for insurance purposes.
- 9.3. The home team is responsible for providing hospitality for both Teams and all Technical Officials in the form of suitable and substantial refreshments served in a timely fashion after the match.

## **PLAYING AND COMPETITION**

### **10. COMPETITION SCHEDULING**

- 10.1. All matches must be played as per the fixture schedule published by England Netball and take place on Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the Competition and Events Delivery Manager.
- 10.2. The home team must provide their opponents and umpires with confirmation in writing of the fixture, its start time, and travel directions (including a map) ten (10) days prior to the date of the fixture.
- 10.3. The start time of each match will be mutually agreeable between the teams. Any dispute over start times will be determined by the Competition and Events Delivery Manager.
- 10.4. The away team will be responsible for arranging its own travel and the cost of this. The away team should allow sufficient travelling time to cover any unexpected delays. If a team is delayed in arriving for a fixture, the following protocol must be observed:
- a) Inform the opposing team and umpires as soon as they are aware of a delay
  - b) Any team which fails to arrive on time must take the court and be ready to play as soon as possible and in any event within 30 minutes of the agreed start time.

c) Any team taking to court more than 30 minutes after the agreed start time will concede the match, unless otherwise agreed with the Competition and Events Delivery Manager.

10.5. No team may play a match with less than 5 players; any team with less than 5 players will automatically concede the game.

10.6. No team may postpone or rearrange a fixture (including time and venue changes from the fixture schedule published by England Netball) without the agreement of the Competition and Events Delivery Manager. In the event of extreme or unforeseen circumstances (e.g., flash flood, heavy snowfall, etc.) the team affected by the circumstances must inform England Netball, their opponents and the umpires of the situation. England Netball should be contacted on 07909251285 for all of these issues. Failure to inform England Netball (a voicemail or text is appropriate if there is no answer) will result in the affected team conceding the fixture.

The primary responsibility for rearranging matches that are postponed in these circumstances shall reside with the home team and should be a mutually convenient date and time, any dispute over rescheduling shall be determined by the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager at their absolute discretion. Injuries do not quantify unforeseen circumstances, and in these instances failing to fulfil the fixture will result in the affected team conceding the match.

10.7. In the event of a game being conceded:

a) The non-offending team will be awarded five (5) league points for the match, and the team which conceded will have five (5) league points deducted from their total

b) The team which conceded may be liable to pay any costs which the non-offending team has incurred, subject to the determination by the Competition and Events Delivery Manager.

10.8. In the event that a match is abandoned for any reason (e.g., because of serious injury), the result of that match will be determined by the Competition and Events Delivery Manager, having regard to the score at the time at which play was suspended.

10.9. Both home and away teams should play in kit which is appropriate to the standard of the competition and, where relevant, reflects the Superleague team with which they are associated.

10.10. The balls used in U19 NPL matches will be supplied by England Netball.

## **11. MATCH RULES AND FORMAT**

11.1. All matches shall be played to the INF Rules of the Game currently in force in England at the time, except where specific regulations may apply. For the avoidance of doubt, these will be the INF Rules of Netball 2016.

## **12. MATCH OFFICIALS**

12.1. Appointed umpires will be allocated to each fixture by England Netball, or its nominee(s) as follows:

a) Umpires who hold a current Netball Europe 'A' Award or above and who have been identified by England Netball will be allocated to each fixture.

b) Umpires who actively hold a Netball Europe 'B' Award and who have been identified by England Netball may be allocated to fixtures as appropriate.

12.2. Teams will be notified of the umpire appointments in advance of the fixtures. Any change made immediately prior to the fixture will be notified to teams by England Netball.

12.3. In the event that an umpire fails to arrive, or is injured or taken ill during a match, the following procedure will be applied:

12.3.1. If another umpire of the appropriate standard is available then she/he will umpire the match

12.3.2. Failing that, the next best-qualified umpire should be used

12.3.3. England Netball's Competition and Events Support Manager must be informed immediately after the match.

12.4. England Netball reserves the right to undertake any umpire assessments/ tests on U19 NPL matches.

12.5. England Netball will have responsibility for procedures which ensure that umpires conform to a standard of physical fitness which allows them to keep pace with the speed and variability of the game(s).

### **13. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

13.1. Technical Officials are the Scorers and Timekeepers. The two scorers and two timekeepers shall between them constitute the Officials Bench, unless otherwise agreed with the Competition and Events Delivery Manager. Where possible it is hoped that the umpire alert system will be used.

13.1.1. Each team must provide a competent scorer, either an umpire, Technical Official or other person who has either attended at Technical Officials Course or has a working knowledge of scoring. Scorers will be required for all fixtures.

13.1.2. Each team must provide a timekeeper for each match played. The time keeper must have a working knowledge of the INF rules currently in force.

13.1.3. If agreed in writing (email sufficient) between both teams and England Netball, the home team can provide all Technical Officials for a fixture. England Netball, through the Competition and Events Delivery Manager must provide written approval of this.

13.2. Scorers are required to utilise the INF Official Scoresheet for their home matches.

13.3. England Netball reserves the right to undertake any training for Technical Officials on U19 NPL matches, such as the use of training tables, as long as this does not encroach on the field of play.

### **14. TEAM OFFICIALS**

14.1. A team may have up to five (5) Team Officials. These will include a coach and at least one primary care person.

14.2. A primary care person:

- Must be qualified to diagnose and treat injury or illness (for example, doctor or physiotherapist) with first aid as a minimum qualification, unless otherwise agreed with the Competition and Events Delivery Manager.
- Must wear identification as specified by England Netball
- Is permitted on the court during a stoppage for injury/illness of a Player or blood issues
- Must advise the umpires if a Player is too ill/injured to be removed from the court within 30 seconds and/or if assistance is required

14.3. Team Officials may be fewer than specified and may therefore undertake several duties. However, primary care person/s must not also be Players and it is preferable that they do not hold any other role.

14.4. The Team Officials and up to five (5) players not on court shall constitute the Team Bench.

14.5. The Team Bench will be situated in the area at the Team's defending half at the start of the Match to the right of the netball posts, unless otherwise agreed with the Umpires.

## 15. MATCH TIMINGS

15.1. All matches shall be of one hour's duration (i.e., four quarters of 15 minutes each) with 4 minutes at quarter (1/4) and three quarter (3/4) intervals and 8 minutes at half time. In the event of a tie remaining at the end of normal time, a visual signal shall be used to indicate that play shall continue until one team has a two (2) goal advantage.

15.2. Each participating team may declare up to twelve (12) players prior to the start of each match by completing a U19 NPL Team Sheet at least 15 minutes prior to the start of play.

## 16. SCORING

16.1. Teams will be awarded points as follows for Stage One:

16.1.1. 5 points for a winning team

16.1.2. 2 points to the losing team, if within 5 goals of the winners' score i.e. 50-46 = 2 pts, 50-45 = 1 pt

16.1.3. 1 point to the losing team if they obtain more than 50 per cent of the winners' score

16.1.4. 0 points for a loss other than 16.1.2 and 16.1.3 above.

16.2. For Stage One a league table will be determined on the basis of total league points awarded. During and at the conclusion of the U19 NPL Stage One; if two or more teams are level on points, the position in the table will be determined by:

16.2.1. Goal average (i.e., goals for, divided by goals against to two decimal places)

16.2.2. If goal average is identical, then goal difference will be applied (i.e. the difference between goals for and goals against)

16.2.3. In the event of a further tie, the team scoring the most goals will be placed higher

16.2.4. In the event of teams scoring equal goals, the result of the match between the two teams will decide.

16.3. Stage Two is a knockout competition with the winning team progressing into the next round. The losing team will play a final match to determine their overall position.

## 17. REGISTRATION OF RESULTS

17.1. The score sheet must be completed in full, including the names of each player and Team official, on court positions and the final scores.

17.2. The official score sheets must be checked and signed by the Technical officials and signed by both team captains in the Comments box. It must then be sent separately to England Netball's Competitions and Events Officer to be received within three (3) working days of the match. These official results sheets must be fully completed in order to provide full details of the game.

17.3. Each team must text their match result directly to England Netball's Performance Results Line (07858 161075) within two (2) hours of the end of the match.

## 18. INSURANCE

18.1. England Netball provides Liability and Personal Accident insurance as a benefit to all members, for more information regarding the extent of this insurance cover, please see England Netball's website.

## 19. COMPETITION COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

19.1. Throughout the U19 NPL, all queries and complaints (“a complaint”) should be directed to the Competition and Events Delivery Manager in the first instance, which will be dealt with as follows:

19.1.1. Where the query or complaint relates to the competition format or management, including (but not limited to) the schedule, the opposing team, playing surface or other playing arrangements, a protest must be made, before the start of the match (or as soon as possible after the issue becomes apparent during the match) to the Competition and Events Delivery Manager by a Team Official. The query or complaint must then be acknowledged within 72 hours by the Competition and Events Delivery Manager, who will decide within 72 hours what action should be taken.

19.1.2. Where the query or complaint relates to the playing of a match, the scoring, and/or its result, the relevant team or match official, must do the following:

- 19.1.2.1. Inform their opponents and the umpires of their complaint;
- 19.1.2.2. Mark the INF scoresheet with the words “Under Protest” in the Comments Box
- 19.1.2.3. Send the marked Scoresheet to the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager, within seventy two (72) hours of the match.
- 19.1.2.4. Attach a letter to the Scoresheet to explain the issue in full to the Competition and Events Delivery Manager.

19.1.3. The Competitions and Events Delivery Manager will acknowledge receipt of the query or complaint and make a decision within seventy two (72) hours of receipt of the query or complaint.

19.2. The Competition and Events Delivery Manager’s decision in relation to decisions taken under the above provisions and elsewhere in these regulations is binding. Parties to the complaint shall have the right to appeal the decision under Section 20 below.

19.3. Where the query or complaint relates to complaints about the governance or administration of the Competition by England Netball, such complaints will be dealt with under the Complaints Procedure to England Netball

19.4. Where the query or complaint relates to the behaviour of an individual or team participating, volunteering or attending an U19 NPL event which could be considered as a disciplinary offence under England Netball’s Disciplinary Regulations, such complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the processes set out in the Disciplinary Regulations.

## 20. APPEAL OF COMPETITION AND EVENTS DELIVERY MANAGER’S DECISION

20.1. The decision of the Competition and Events Delivery Manager in relation to a Complaint submitted in accordance with 19.1.1 shall be final and binding on all parties save that a party has a right to appeal in the following circumstances:

- 20.1.1. If the decision has a potential impact on a match result, a league table, or the outcome of the Competition; AND
- 20.1.2. If there has been a failure by the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager to follow or act in accordance with these regulations and/ or the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact.

These are the only grounds for appeal and any appeal must be submitted in accordance with the appeals process set out below:

- 20.2 An appeal should be forwarded in writing from the Team Manager of the appealing team to the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager within 72 hours of receiving the decision of the Competitions and Events Delivery Manager.
- 20.3 The appeal shall be accompanied by a cheque of £100 which shall be returned if the appeal is upheld or if there are any extenuating circumstances. The Competitions Appeals Committee (CAC) will decide whether the extenuating circumstance warrants the cheque being returned.
- 20.4 The Competitions and Events Delivery Manager will establish a CAC which will consist of individuals that are independent of and not connected to the Competition. One of those individuals will be appointed as Chair. The CAC will usually but not exclusively be three members of England Netball's Executive Team.
- 20.5 The Chair of the CAC will give notice of the appeal to the opposing team and any other team the CAC believe could be affected by the outcome of the appeal. These teams will be permitted 72 hours, from the time that the appeal notice is sent from the CAC to submit any evidence or submission that they wish the CAC to consider.
- 20.6 All submissions and evidence must be submitted in writing. The chair of the CAC will otherwise have the discretion to determine the process, procedure and direction of the appeal.
- 20.7 The CAC shall meet and reach a determination within 72 hours of receiving all the evidence and submissions.
- 20.8 The CAC will notify all the parties that made submission and presented evidence of its decision and any penalties and sanctions (including but not limited to reprimands, the deduction of points, fines, suspensions and expulsion from the Competition) relation to the appeal. There is no further right of appeal on this decision.
- 20.9 The procedures set out in this section 20 shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 (the act) and amount to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of Section 6 of the Act.
- 20.10 The parties also waive irrevocably their right to any form of appeal, review or recourse to any court or other judicial authority, or under England Netball's Disciplinary Procedures Manual or otherwise, insofar as such waiver may be validly made.
- 20.11 The seat of arbitration shall be England, the language used shall be English and the governing law of the regulations and these proceedings under Section 8 shall be English Law.
- 20.12 If the circumstances require a decision to be taken sooner than provided for by this Section 20, and all parties to the appeal consent, the timetable within which an appeal is raised, submissions made and the decision taken can be shorter than the 72 hours stated in this Section 20. In such cases the CAC shall issue a revised directions timetable which shall be binding on all parties.
- 20.13 In order to adhere to the timescales set out in this Section 20, all communication will take place via electronic mail to the contact held on England Netball's administration system for the Competition, which is confirmed in the Registration Pack at the start of the season or if this is left blank, the contact provided to on MyNet. It is the participating Teams' responsibility to ensure that these contact details are kept up-to-date.

## **21. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISOS**

- 21.1. England Netball will not be liable to any person, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise for any direct or indirect loss or injury of any nature, howsoever caused and howsoever arising from the matters covered by these Regulations, provided that

nothing in these Regulations excludes or restricts England Netball's liability for any personal loss or injury caused by England Netball's own negligence, the negligence of its employees, or for fraud.

21.2. If any of these Regulations are held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Regulations shall not be affected thereby.

21.3. These Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.

21.4. All teams/organisations will be held responsible for their players, officials and spectators.