



Avon Junior League Handbook

2015-16 Season

Avon Netball Association
Junior League Rules & Regulations
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- 1) The Junior League is governed by the Avon Netball Association League Regulations. Additional regulations listed below apply to the Junior League only.
- 2) The number of teams entered in each age group will determine the size of Divisions. Team placements will be decided by the Junior League Committee after the seeding tournaments, held in September & will be given careful consideration in order to provide balanced divisions.
- 3) Matches will be played on dates issued by the Junior League Secretary at venues stipulated by the League .
 - U16 & U14 matches will consist of four quarters of 15 minutes, U12 matches will be four quarters of 12 minutes.
 - Points will be awarded as follows: - 5 points for a win, 3 for a draw, 2 points if **within** 5 goals and 1 point if the losing team scores **over 50%** of the winning team's score.
 - Winning sides must submit match results to their Division Rep by **6.00pm on match day**. If you are unable to contact your representative, then please notify the Junior League Secretary. In the event of a draw, both teams should pass on the result. Failure to comply with this may result in a fine & or point deduction after an initial warning.
- 4) Umpiring Requirements: Under 16 - C Award or above
 Under 14 - C Award or above
 Under 12 - Beginner Award or above
- 5) No requests for match postponements will be allowed (except in exceptional circumstances) when permission must be sought from the Junior League Secretary/Committee. If you need to cancel a match, please notify the your Division Rep & Junior League Secretary & your opponents **immediately**. Teams providing umpires for your match will also need to be informed. You will still be required to fulfil your umpiring duty **and** provide an umpire on behalf of your opponents. If you cancel, 5 points will be awarded to the opposing team. In the event of bad weather, the decision to postpone fixtures will be made as soon as possible by the Junior League Secretary/Committee or by an Avon Committee member.
- 6) Nominated Player Forms (NPF) must be submitted to your Division Rep **within 7 days of the match** (preferably electronically). Please complete the forms correctly, giving **full** names of players and umpires. Failure to return your NPF will result in a fine.
- 7) **No player is allowed to play in more than one junior match within the Avon Junior League on the same day,**
- 8) All players should carry their EN Affiliation Number with them. Random checks may be carried out and any Club found to be fielding non-affiliated players will be penalised (loss of points/fine).
- 9) The League will not tolerate any unacceptable behaviour by spectators, coaches, players or umpires. Any behaviour deemed to be unacceptable **must** be reported to the Junior League Secretary immediately. Any disciplinary matter will be dealt with by the Avon Netball Committee and in accordance with EN guidelines.

- 10) Please ensure you leave your court area free of any litter by using the bins provided at each venue.

Junior League Committee

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Duty of Care

All Junior Clubs have a Duty of Care to their young players and officials. Please ensure the following guidelines are adhered to.

- a) Please do not leave your team under the sole charge of anybody under the age of 18. A responsible adult must be present at all your team's matches.
- b) If you provide an umpire who is aged under 16, please ensure a responsible adult is also present at the match.
- c) Consent for photography and/or video may only be given to personnel having completed the appropriate form. The form must be obtained & submitted to the Senior League Secretary (Julie Dyer) whereupon consent may be given to the named person only.

Under no circumstance will photography / video be allowed without prior consent of the opposing team.

Please do not use images of young players on publicity material or web sites without the consent of the Avon Netball League.

- d) If you deem any behaviour at Junior matches to be inappropriate, please notify the Junior League Secretary immediately.
- e) Any query in relation to Duty of Care should be forwarded to the Avon Netball Association Child Protection & Duty of Care Officer:

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Avon Netball Association
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- f) Additional information regarding Duty of Care can be found on line using the following link:
www.England-netball.co.uk/membership

Avon Junior League Dates for 2015-16

These have been provisionally booked at the Grange School, Warmley, BS30 8XQ on the following Sundays (working along the lines of last seasons league structure of 6 teams in 4 Divisions):

First half season

4th & 18th October

1st, 15th & 29th November

6th December is the reserve date for outside courts (in case of bad weather on an earlier date)

Second half season

17th & 31st January

7th & 28th February

13th March

20th March (reserve date for outside courts)

These may be additional dates once the division sizes are confirmed & a Junior Netfest tournament is planned for just after the Easter school holidays (details nearer the time).

U16 & U14 Seeding Tournaments are booked for Sunday 27th September (U16's in the morning & U14's afternoon)

All teams wishing to play in the U16 or U14 Leagues must play in the seeding tournament.

League Divisions for the season

The top two teams in each age group will be invited to represent Avon in the U16 Regional League & this season, there will also be an U14 Regional League.

The Junior League Committee will decide divisions for the season after the seeding tournaments & regional places have been confirmed.

Avon Division sizes will be dependent on the number of teams in each age group & there will be a maximum of two teams from any one club allowed in the same division.

Guide to Junior costs for the 2015-16 Season

Cost	Estimate for 2015-16	Notes
England Netball affiliation fee	U18 - £16 + £4 county/regional levy = £20 U14 - £8.40 + £4 = £12.40 U11 - £5.20 (no levy)	Annual fee per player
Avon League Entry fee	£15 per team	Payable with League entry

Deposit	£25 per team	Payable if joining the league for the first time or additional team. Rolled over if re-entering from previous season
League Court fees	£100 aprox per team (subject to change depending on Division sizes)	Avon Treasurer will request this at some point during the season
Umpire fee	£12 - £15 per match	To cover required umpire duties & paid directly to the umpire. Umpires are arranged directly by clubs for each team entered.