



# #FELMERCH

## Urdd Secondary Schools Netball General Rules and Regulations

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November | Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

### **1) Competition Order**

Registration will open from 9:00am with games starting at 10:00, running through the day until 16:30. More information about timings will be put on our website or through the SOCS platform.

Games will be a maximum of 7 minutes per half with a maximum of a minute for half time. No additional time due to injuries will be added.

### **2) Draw**

#### **Year 12-13 , House of Sport, Cardiff CF11 8AW**

- 40 teams competing – 8 groups of 5
- Each team will play against the other 4 teams in their groups
- 1<sup>st</sup> in each group goes through to the cup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group goes through to the plate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group goes through to the bowl
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are out of the competition

#### **Year 10-11 , Talybont Sports Centre, Cardiff, CF14 3UX**

- 40 teams competing – 8 groups of 5
- Each team will play against the other 4 teams in their groups
- 1<sup>st</sup> in each group goes through to the cup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group goes through to the plate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group goes through to the bowl
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are out of the competition

### **Year 8-9 , House of Sport, Cardiff CF11 8AW**

- 40 teams competing – 8 groups of 5
- Each team will play against the other 4 teams in their groups
- 1<sup>st</sup> in each group goes through to the cup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group goes through to the plate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group goes through to the bowl
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are out of the competition.

### **Year 7 , Talybont Sports Centre, Cardiff, CF14 3UX**

- 40 teams competing – 8 groups of 5
- Each team will play against the other 4 teams in their groups
- 1<sup>st</sup> in each group goes through to the cup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in each group goes through to the plate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group goes through to the bowl
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> are out of the competition

### **3) Points in the Group Stages**

- 3 points for winning a game, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss
- If teams are equal on points after all games are played the following guidelines will be followed. The order below shows priority.
  - Goal Difference
  - Most goals scored
  - Least goals conceded
  - Head-to-Head result between the teams
  - Toss of a coin between the coaches
- If a team withdraws from the competition before completing every game a bye will be given for every game played and to be played. This equates to a 10-0 win for the team still in the competition.

### **4) Final rounds results**

- The winner of a final round game will go through to the next round, the losing team will be out of the competition.
- If a game is tied at the end of regulation time the following guidelines will be applied to decide the winner.

- A maximum of 5 minutes each way of extra time will be added
- A maximum of 5 minutes each way of golden goal will be added
- Toss of a coin between the coaches
- If a team withdraws from the competition before playing a final round game a result of bye will be given for the game. The opposing team will be through to the next round.

## **5) Registration**

- A max of 12 players per team.
- Schools will only be permitted to register one team per age category to begin with. There will be an opportunity to enter a second team if the competition isn't full by the 8.11.2024.
- Players are not permitted to play outside of their competition year group
- Players are not permitted to play for more than 1 team
- Federalised schools are not permitted to combine and produce a single team
- A player registration form must be filled out with player names and dates of birth before the competition.

## **6) Substitutions**

- Substitutions can be made during half time, because of an injury or after a goal is scored
- If a player is substituted because of an injury, they must be assessed and cleared by a member of staff before being allowed to play again

## **7) Payment**

- Payment of £120 must be made at least a fortnight before the start of the competition.
- Schools are eligible to receive a refund of £10 for each player already registered with the Urdd prior to the competition. To claim this refund please contact [chwaraeon@urdd.org](mailto:chwaraeon@urdd.org) after the competition.

## **8) Refereeing**

- Referees will be appointed by the Urdd.
- Referees must have a Welsh Netball certified 'Introduction to Umpiring' qualification or higher level of training.
- **The Urdd will follow the World Netball Official Rules**
- The referee's decision is final. Disrespectful behaviour towards staff or referees could lead to the team being disqualified from the competition. Read more about the Urdd's code of conduct here: [CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

## **9) Scoring**

- Each court will be controlled by a member of Urdd staff. These staff will provide score cards to coaches before the start of their game(s).
- It is the coach's responsibility to score their game(s)
- Following the game both coaches and the referee will compare score cards. The referee has the final say on the correct score if there are any discrepancies.

## **10) Medical**

- Players should be aware that taking part in sports competitions brings with it a risk of injuries. We ask that teams bring basic first aid supplies with them such as plasters or sports tape.
- The Urdd will ensure that professional first responders are present at the event to attend any injuries or medical emergencies.
- Teams should contact the Urdd mentioning any relevant health conditions that could require attention, of people attending the event.
- The referee is permitted to prevent players from playing if they are worried for their safety.

## **11) General**

- It is the coach's responsibility to ensure their teams are by the court on time to play, at least 5 minutes before the start to decide who takes centre.
- The Urdd must be made aware of any pupil(s) who do not want to have their photo taken. More information is available on The Urdd's Photography Policy:
- The event will take place in a public area. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure the children under their care behave respectfully. Disrespectful behaviour could lead to the team being disqualified from the competition.

## **12) Dress Code**

- Bibs may be given out for teams with similar colours. The Urdd asks that teams bring their own bibs with them to reduce the risk of transmitting germs and diseases.
- Players to wear appropriate sport shoes, tied correctly in front of the tongue in the appropriate way.
- Players are to ensure their fingernails are cut short following the rules of the game. This will be checked before games start.
- No items of jewellery or sharp items in the hair are permitted to be worn apart from for medical reasons. This will be checked before games start.