

# Urdd Sport Competition Rules

## 2024-25

### Primary Schools Competitions



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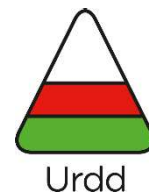


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## General Rules for Chwaraeon yr Urdd Competitions

### 1) Order of the day

The majority of competitions will be held during the school day and teams will be asked to register from 09:00 with the first games starting at 10:00. We ask that schools are punctual to ensure that the event runs on time. The officer running the event will share details regarding the finishing times with you prior to the event. Schools must be able to complete all of the games to be able to progress in the tournament and to qualify for the national finals.

### 2) Group game points

The following points structure will be adopted at each regional competition:

3 points for a win | 1 point for a draw | 0 points for losing a game

If teams are level on points within a group after all group games are finished, the following will determine who progresses:

- 1: Goals Scored (the team with the most goals scored wins)
- 2: Goals Conceded (the team with the least goals conceded wins)
- 3: Head to head results between the drawing teams
- 4: Coin toss between the two coaches

If a team withdraws from the competition before completing every group game, a 'bye' will be given for each game that they have played and are scheduled to play. A standard score will be given to each game recorded as a bye.

In the event of having to calculate the best 2<sup>nd</sup> place team where groups are uneven, the following will determine who progresses:

1. Number of games lost
2. Number of games drawn
3. Average of the goals scored
4. Average of the goals conceded
5. Toss of a coin

### 3) Final round results (different rule for cricket)

The winner of a game in the final rounds will progress to the next round, the losing team are out of the tournament.

If scores are level after full time in the final rounds, then the game will go to golden goal/try (except for Netball which will have extra-time before the golden goal). A coin toss before the extra time/golden goal will need to be done to find out who holds possession. In the football competitions, a penalty shoot-out will proceed the golden goal – best of 5 penalties and then knock out penalties if still even. In the rugby and netball, if a winner isn't determined by golden goal within the allotted time, a coin toss will decide the game, this will be done between both coaches.

#### **4) Players**

Each competition allows for a maximum of 12 in a squad.

Individuals from Year 4 are able to play in the football, netball and Tag rugby competitions for years 5-6 if an extra player is needed to make a team. The school will need to gain consent from the parent of the child that is in Yr.4 and return a signed letter to allow them to take part. Please contact your local sport officer for a copy of the consent letter.

Year 4 students are not allowed to take part in the open rugby competition for Yrs. 5-6. Students in year 2 are not allowed to take part in any of the competitions for Yrs.3-4.

The Urdd Primary Schools sports competitions offer a female category, mixed and an open category. Participants can compete within the category they identify with most. To see the Urdd sport competitions transgender statement please follow the link:  
<https://bit.ly/DatganiadCystadlaethau>

Mixed Competition: Please see how many boys and girls need to be in each team

Open Competition: Teams can be made up of any combination of boys and girls (teams can be made up of all girls or all boys)

Schools that are within a federation must comply with the Urdd Sport departments ruling to be able to take part: [Federation School Rule](#)

Teams must arrive with at least 7 players (except for 50|50 Cricket). In the event that a team doesn't have 7 players due to injury or illness on the day, both teams must start the game with an even number of players.

If a player receives a red card during a game, they will be sent off for the rest of the game and will not be allowed to play again during the tournament.

#### **5) Substitutes**

There isn't a limit on the number of substitutes a team can make, subs must be made during a break in play and the referee must be happy and aware of the change. Any substitutions in a Netball tournament must be made at half time (please see the rule below).

Any player that leaves the pitch due to a head injury must be assessed by the first aid team before being allowed to play again. It's the responsibility of the teacher/coach to make sure the player is assessed.

#### **6) Urdd Membership**

Everyone that takes part in an Urdd sport competition must be a member of the Urdd. We'd like to remind you that any student that receives financial support is able to become a member of the Urdd for £1. The Urdd are able to invoice the school if they are to find out that students taking part in the competitions aren't members of the Urdd. For further details on how individuals can become members of the Urdd, please follow the link:

<https://www.urdd.cymru/en/join/>

## **7) Referees and Umpires**

The referees decision **is final**. If any individuals or teams are disrespectful towards staff. Volunteers or referees/umpires it could lead to the team losing their place in the competition. Read more about our code of conduct here: <https://bit.ly/3qLe8ne>

Referees/umpires and Urdd staff are able to adapt the playing rules to meet the standard of play and the weather conditions.

## **8) Scoring**

Referees will score games (except for Netball where teachers will do so). Coaches/teachers must sign the score card following each game. If there are any disagreements over the score between coaches, the Urdd staff or referee/umpires decision is final.

## **9) Medical**

Teams must understand that there is an inherent risk of injury attached to participating in sport competitions. We ask that teams bring with them a simple first aid kit.

The Urdd will make sure that there is sufficient First Aid cover at each competition. It's the teachers responsibility to make sure that this service is used and that any health concerns are assessed.

Teams must contact the Urdd mentioning any relevant health conditions of people attending the event.

The referee/umpire or Urdd staff are permitted to prevent players from playing if they are worried for their safety.

## **10) Kit**

No items of jewellery, including earrings, or sharp items in the hair are permitted to be worn apart from for medical reasons.

Players must wear appropriate sports wear, which includes shoes/boots depending on the playing surface.

## **11) General**

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: [https://www.urdd.cymru/files/8617/1984/4910/Telerau\\_ac\\_amodau\\_2024-25.pdf](https://www.urdd.cymru/files/8617/1984/4910/Telerau_ac_amodau_2024-25.pdf)

Most competitions will take place in public spaces. It's the responsibility of the coaches/teachers to make sure that their students behave during the competition. We ask that schools put all of their rubbish in the bins provided.

It's the school's responsibility to make sure that the ratio of teachers/coaches to students is at the required level. We ask that there is at least one teacher/coach per team.

It's the responsibility of the coach/teacher to make sure that their team is next to the pitch on time. We ask that teams are ready by the pitch/court at least 5 mins before their next game so that they can decide who will take the kick off/centre pass.

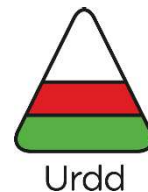
If teams are late, they are at risk of losing the game that they are scheduled to play.

The Urdd will confirm if parents/spectators are allowed to attend the competitions or not. The Urdd have the right to refuse entry to parents/spectators. Any communication regarding the competition should be made by the school, the Urdd will not except complaints from parents or spectators.

## **12) Fair Play**

We'd like to thank you for showing interest in our sport competitions. These competitions are designed to develop sport skills but also the social skills of the young people of Wales and sharing the importance of fair play. Please support us with this aim and contribute to a positive and respectful atmosphere for those taking part.

**Good luck and enjoy!**



## National Netball – Mixed

**Year 5 & 6** (Year 4 can only play with parent / school's permission)

Squad of 12, **there must be at least 3 girls and 3 boys on court at the same time**

**Competition Rules:** If there is a tied game in the final rounds, up to 3 additional minutes per half of extra time will be played before moving on to a maximum of 4 minutes of Golden Goal – the first team to score wins.

### General Instructions and Rules of the Competition

The following rules were provided to the Urdd by Wales Netball as a progression to the full adult game. The philosophy behind the rules is to encourage participation with the emphasis on fun, safety and development appropriate to the age and level of the player.

#### AREA OF COURT

GS = 1, 2 in Welsh **S** (Saethwr)

GA = 1, 2, 3 in Welsh **YG** (Ymosodwr Gol)

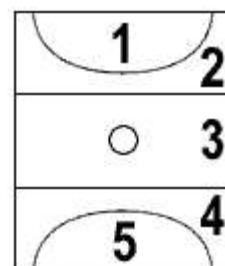
WA = 2, 3 in Welsh **AY** (Asgellwr Ymosodol)

C = 2, 3, 4 in Welsh **C** (Canolwr)

WD = 3, 4 in Welsh **AA** (Asgellwr Amddiffynnol)

GD = 3, 4, 5 in Welsh **AG** (Amddiffynnwr Gol)

GK = 4, 5 in Welsh **G** (Golgeidwad)



#### Competition Rules

Adult rules apply and are coached, however the following conditions are encouraged:

- Relax the 3 second rule (up to 5 seconds) to allow players time to gain their balance and make decisions - which take longer at this level
- Relax the footwork rule, allow players to gain balance, not progress down the court (this will be based on the umpires digression)
- Players are allowed to defend on court and are also allowed to defend the shot. Players must be 3ft away from the landing foot
- Relax the replayed rule, particularly if playing outside in wet / cold conditions
- Enforce the contact rule
- Do not penalise for incorrect throw-ins, instead - explain to players if needed. After two incorrect throw-ins, from the same player, a foul will then on be called.
- Allow players a moment to get back 'on-side', penalise if the player remains in an offside area and impacts on the non-offending team (play the advantage)
- Use a size 4 ball and the goal posts are at the correct height of 2.74m (9')
- The post which protrudes above the ring (when the posts are lowered) is 'out of court'

#### A player may not:

- (a) Deliberately kick the ball;
- (b) Hand or roll the ball to another player;
- (c) Place their hands on a ball held by an opponent;
- (d) Throw the ball while sitting/lying on the ground;
- (e) Use the goalpost as a support in receiving a ball going out of court or to gain balance.
- (f) Throw the ball over a third.
- (g) Regain possession of the ball, before it has been touched by another player.

#### General Rules

- There is no additional time due to injuries (unless the umpire decides otherwise)
- It is the teachers/coaches' responsibility to keep score of their game
- The rules regarding fingernail length, items of jewellery, earrings, sharp hair adornments etc will be enforced
- Substitutes must be made at half time (if half time isn't being played then substitutions must be made during breaks in play).