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Urdd Secondary Schools Netball General Rules and Regulations

Thursday 23rd of November 2023, Cardiff

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.

Schools can only enter 1 team into each competition

2) Draw

Year 7-8, 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
- 1st in each group goes through to the cup
- 2nd in each group goes through to the plate
- 3rd, 4th & 5th are out of the competition

Year 9-10, Sport Wales Centre, Pontcanna, Cardiff, CF11 9SW

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- 3rd, 4th & 5th are out of the competition

Year 11-13, Talybont Sports Centre, Cardiff, CF14 3UX

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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.
- 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 only be made during half time or because of an injury
- 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 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 International Netball Federation 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: <https://bit.ly/CodYmddygiad>

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.