

Netball League Pilot

The rules of the netball league are governed by Netball Netherlands recently drafted policies. The following slides provide an overview of Netball Netherlands's key policies, and the **values and standards** expected from the league.





Diversity and Inclusion Policy

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- *Netball Netherlands is fully committed to the principles that **anyone*** should be encouraged and **able** to participate without prejudice and in a welcoming and inclusive environment*
- **Anyone = regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, pregnancy, political convictions, socio-economic background, ethnic origin, nationality, or age*

Netball Netherlands Position Statement on Male participation in Netball

- ***Rules** of netball clearly state the Game may be played by teams of the **same gender** or may be **mixed**.*
- *Netball Netherlands has the **right to decide** our position and guidelines on men's involvement in netball. We have the right to decide a women's only/ men's only/ mixed league, for example.*
- *Our position is:*
 - *The empowerment of women (leadership, players, officiates, volunteers) will remain a major focus*
 - *We should remain conscious of our Diversity and Inclusion commitment*
 - *How? Show our feminist values of power sharing = to ensure men / gender diverse people have fair opportunities to play*



These 2 policies informed League Rule # 1: A MIXED GENDER LEAGUE PILOT

In summary: Netball Netherlands has the **right to decide** if a competition is mixed gender or same gender. We will remain conscious of our commitment to diversity and inclusion (*that anyone should be encouraged and able to participate without prejudice and in a welcoming and inclusive environment*). Our priority is to support **women's empowerment through sport**, whilst being deeply conscious of **involving and growing men's and gender diverse participation in netball** in a range of opportunities. On this occasion, **the League has been assigned as a mixed gender competition**. This is also a pragmatic decision informed by the fact that the League is in a growth phase. In future we hope through the growth of the sport to provide same gender opportunities / competitions too.

** If you're participating in the League Pilot, you agree to participate in a mixed gender league*



Code of conduct Policy Informs League Rule #2: FAIR PLAY

Code of Conduct

Governs behaviour in order to meet the values and standards expected including:

- *Refraining from any form of abuse towards others, including physical or verbal, and generally refrain from any unsportsmanlike behavior.*
- *Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.*

Complaints and disciplinary procedures

The league will be governed by the code of conduct and associated complaints and disciplinary procedure to meet the values and standards expected by Netball Netherlands.



International rules apply to (mis)conduct

All people in the League are actively reminded of the following rules on player misconduct:

- 1. Caution a player** – call time. The player is advised that the behaviour specified must change
- 2. Issue a warning** to a player – the player is warned that suspension will follow if the player continued to infringe the foul play
- 3. Suspend a player** – a player who is suspended takes no part in playing for 2 minutes. This decision should be made in joint decision with both umpires.
- 4. Order a player off** – a player who is ordered off takes no further part in the match. You remain at 6 players. This decision should be made in joint decision with both umpires.

Additional guidance to clubs:

Abandonment of matches

- In extreme circumstances, in consultation with the both umpires and event organiser, the match can be abandoned if the safety of players and/or officials is considered to be a risk

Dissent with the umpire

A player may not dispute a decision by the umpire, or direct any offensive, insulting, or abusive language, or gestures at an umpire. If infringed, the sanctions are a penalty pass, or given a warning.



Rule #3 – safe play

(under development)