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# Netball Netherlands

2023 League Rules



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# Policies

## Proposal

The NNB League competition shall be conducted in accordance with the following NNB League regulations, the NOC\*NCS general sport regulations, and the INF (International Netball Federation) Rules of Netball.

**1.1 A mixed gender league**

**1.2 Safe play**

**1.3 Code of conduct (also covers fair play)**

**1.4 *Informed by the Netball Netherlands Complaints Procedure***

**1.5 *Informed by the Netball Netherlands Disciplinary Policy (To Be Developed)***



# Position

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### 2. League position statements:

#### 2.1 A fun, social competition.

This first year will be a pilot for the League, the aim is to grow a healthy competition between the members with regular matches, create buzz around netball in the Netherlands and further membership growth. Feedback from the members is encouraged nearing the end of the season.

2.2 There is no requirement upon player selection from the clubs. It is suggested that **teams communicate timely with each other as to the skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced) to maintain the spirit of the competition** (see policies) but clubs can send any members and for multiple matches if so desired.



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### 3. The players

**3.1 Minimum number of players for a fixture to start** The minimum number of players per team required for a fixture to start will be 5. Maximum number of players is 12.

**3.2** If teams have less than **5 players**, the home team can provide extra players for the match to continue. If a team has less than 7 players, both teams can agree upon borrowing players or not.

**3.3. Postponing and/or cancellation** The team concerned shall be responsible for informing the opposition team of the requirement to postpone the fixture at **least 5 days in advance of the scheduled match**. Upon notification of the postponement, teams can organize a follow up game between themselves. If a match date cannot be made, then the team who instigated the postponement will forfeit the match and associated points.



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### 4. The hall

4.1 **Hall bookings** Court hire should be for a minimum of 1 hour and 45 minutes, to allow time for warm up, match play, breaks and any injury time.

4.2. **Duration of play** All matches shall consist of four quarters of 15 minutes, an interval of four minutes between quarter one and two and between quarter three and quarter four, and a half-time interval of eight minutes. Teams shall change ends each quarter. For league fixtures tied matches are permitted.

4.3 Venue rules need to be adhered to by members and supporters alike. For example, no outdoor shoes on the courts, no food on the courts etc. Home teams are responsible for communicating venue rules to traveling team in advance.



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### 5. The officials

5.1. **Match officials** Match officials should be capable volunteers from both clubs. Players can volunteer to umpire as long as they umpire both sides of the court (1 game half minimum) to ensure fairness. If there are no suitable volunteers from both team, volunteers can be provided from just one team, if both sides agree to this.

Match officials (umpires, time keepers and scorers) should be respected at all times, as outlined in Netball Netherlands Disciplinary Policy (*to be developed*).

5.2. **Scoring** Each team can provide one volunteer (this can rotate per quarter if they are players) to help score. Two people are required to score each match. If one team cannot provide a volunteer, the home team can provide scorers.



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### 6. Court and equipment

**6.1 Court requirement** All games should be played on a regulation size netball court, posts and rings. Wherever possible, games are to be played on an indoor court. Due to the phase of netball in the Netherlands, there is **no minimum run-off requirement**, but consideration should be taken with officials court side.

**6.2. Ball requirement** An INF regulation ball should be used for all fixtures where possible. Teams to supply at least two suitable match balls to officials before match begins.



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### 7. Matchday

**7.1 Coin toss and pre-match checks** The home team captain is responsible for ensuring the coin toss is carried out prior to the match commencing and informing the officials of the result. All teams must cooperate with the pre-match checks carried out by the officials.

**7.2 Clothing** Teams must carry an alternate set of playing bibs for use where a clash occurs. The home team is responsible for changing colour.

**7.3 Substitutions** There shall be **no limit to the number of substitutions** which can be made in a match.





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### 8. League points

**8.1 League points** For the win, the winning team will receive 3 points. If at the end of a match the score is tied, there will be no extra time. Both teams then receive 1 point. A loss or forfeit is worth 0 points. The team with the most points at the end of the season will be deemed the league winner.

**8.2 Calculating final league positions** Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be calculated as follows:

- The team with the higher goal difference shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists;

- The team with the higher number of goals scored shall be deemed the higher placed team. If a tie still exists;

- A NNB representative will toss a coin.

**8.3 Communicating match results** Once the match commences, it is suggested that the results are communicated separately and by both teams to the **Bond Whatsapp thread** within 24 hours/ or as soon as possible. Netball Netherlands is not responsible for the data provided.

The standings will be communicated through a leader board, provided by the Bond, for member use on their websites and social media.



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# Awards

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- MVP chosen by the opposing team. This is to be communicated on the Bond Whatsapp thread (along with the score).
- **Fair Play Award:** awarded to the player who shows good spirit, fairness and plays within the rules and values of the league. Awarded by the other team.

An accumulation of points will lead to an overall MVP and Fair Play player at the end of the season.



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### **9. Social media and photography permission**

- filming of matches for Instagram etc
- using images for member websites



# Participating clubs

Team 1: Maastricht

Team 2: Brussels

Team 3: Rotterdam

Team 4: Utrecht

Team 5: Amsterdam

Possible friendly matches - Den Haag



# Draw proposal

- 4x games per team
- Full matches (choice between 4x 15 minutes or 6x 10 minutes, to be agreed between teams. If agreement cannot be made, default is 4x 15 minutes. One substitution per quarter per team.)
- End with a tournament day/possible playoffs and MVP presentation/invitational NL team\* playing another country (ie France)
- Fair distribution home vs away

1. Maastricht
2. Brussels
3. Rotterdam
4. Utrecht
5. Amsterdam

Draw 2023/2024

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
5v1	3v5	2v5	5v4	4v1
2v4	1v2	4v3	1v4	3v2
3	4	1	2	5

\* please note, players do not need to be Dutch citizens for invitational match.

*Italics:* team has bye this round



# 2023

September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	
29	30	31				

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
2	27	3	29	30		

December						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

National League Match

End tournament for National League

Other NL tournaments  
- 28 October Amsterdam  
- February Utrecht\*  
- beg. March Rotterdam\*  
- 4-5th May The Hague  
- June Maastricht\*

\* dates approximate, not confirmed

# 2024

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	4			

February						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
6,7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

*maybe check other popular EU tournaments for conflicts?*

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8,9	10	11	12	13	14	10
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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# Draw

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**Bold:** home team

*Italics:* team has bye

\* Please note; for the June matches we would kindly ask home teams Utrecht and Rotterdam to book a session outside of their training slots to accommodate these matches in the weekend.

\*\* This match is relocated to June 15th due to conflict in schedule and available hall date Brussels.

1.	Maastricht	vs	<b>Amsterdam</b>	1st October
2.	Brussels	vs	<b>Maastricht</b>	26th November
3.	<b>Rotterdam</b>	vs	Amsterdam	28th November
4.	<b>Utrecht</b>	vs	Rotterdam	31st January
5.	<b>Brussels</b>	vs	Amsterdam	3rd February
6.	<b>Amsterdam</b>	vs	Utrecht	7th April
7.	Rotterdam	vs	<b>Maastricht</b>	7th April
8.	<b>Utrecht**</b>	vs	Maastricht	8th or 9th June
9.	Brussels	vs	<b>Rotterdam**</b>	8th or 9th June
10.	<b>Brussels</b>	vs	Utrecht	15th June 2024**