

# Netball Netherlands National League 2024/2025

## Policies

### 1. 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)

## Positions

### 2. League position statements

- 2.1 A fun, social competition.

*With the Netball Netherlands League, the aim is to grow a healthy competition between the members with regular matches, creating buzz around netball in the Netherlands and further membership growth. Feedback from the members/clubs is encouraged nearing the end of the season.*

- 2.2 There is no set rule surrounding the standard of players selected for each match, however all participants need to be 16 years or older.

### 3. Players

- 3.1 The minimum number of players per team required for a fixture to start will be 5. The maximum number of players permitted is 10.

- 3.2 If a team has fewer than 5 players, the home team can provide extra players for the match to continue. Please note that the match will then be played as a friendly match and winning points will be awarded to the full team. Votes for player of the match and fair play players are still required.

- 3.3. In relation to 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 organise 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 the associated points.

### *3.4 Team list*

3.4.1 Before the first match, a squad of maximum 15 players will be submitted to the League Administrator or Bond. All players must be active members of a relevant club and have all memberships up to date (including the €14 annual player contribution fee).

3.4.2 Each match must consist of 50% (minimum) of the submitted squad players. For example, if a team is playing with 10 players, 5 players must be named in the squad. If a team is playing with 7 players, 4 players must be previously named in the squad.

3.4.3 Teams will submit a team list at each match, which are to be forwarded (with the scoresheet) to the League Administrator within 12 hours.

3.4.4 If a team does not consist of a 50% minimum of named squad players, that team will forfeit the match.

3.4.5 If teams are experiencing injury or extenuating circumstances, these must be communicated to the League Administrator in a timely manner to arrange substitution.

3.5 For mixed teams, the International Mixed Netball rules will apply. A team must start with at least one male on the court, with a maximum of three males may be on the court at any time. Teams may use more than three males during the game but must only have three on at any time with any extras being used as substitutes. If during the game any males are injured which results in the team being left with no males then play may continue.

Male players shall play one in each area of the court (mid court, goals, and defense). The combination is:

- o GS or GA
- o WA or C or WD\*
- o GD or GK \*

#### **4. Venue**

- 4.1 Hall bookings/court hire should be for a minimum of 2 hours, to allow time for warm up, match play, breaks and any injury time.
- 4.2. 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 the traveling team in advance.

#### **5. Officials**

- 5.1. Match officials (time keepers and scorers) should be capable volunteers from both clubs. Qualified umpires from Netball Netherlands will be assigned to each league match. We will also aim to assign umpires with no connection to the playing clubs. In the unlikely event that no Netball Netherlands umpire is available, a capable umpire will be assigned to officiate the match. 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. 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 two scorers. The official Netball Netherlands scorecard is to be used and signed by both umpires. The scorecard MUST be submitted to the Netball Bond app within 12 hours after the match by both participating clubs.

#### **6. Court Equipment**

- 6.1 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. An INF regulation ball should be used for all fixtures where possible. Teams are to supply at least two suitable match balls to officials before the match begins. Umpires are in charge of quality assessment of the playing ball.

## 7. Match Day

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

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

7.4 No jewellery of ANY kind is permitted, including smart watches or taped piercings. Players will not be allowed on court if they do not adhere accordingly.

7.5 Players from one team should be dressed in the same colour for matches.

## 8. League Points

8.1 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. At the end of the league the top 4 teams will go through to the play-offs. Teams ending the league in position one and two will host the semi-finals. The final will be hosted by the team on the top of the log.

8.2 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 Once the match concludes, it is suggested that the results are communicated separately and by both teams to the Bond Whatsapp thread within 12 hours. 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.

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

9.1 By entering the league, clubs agree to the filming and photography of matches for use on Instagram and other social media platforms, such as websites and newsletters.

## **10. Costs**

10.1 All costs regarding any league aspects will be borne by the clubs itself and not the Netball Netherlands Bond. This will all be included in the contribution model that will be implemented for the 2024/2025 season.

10.2 Entry fee for the league will be 250 Euros per team.

10.3 Each player entered into the league MUST have paid the €14 annual player contribution in order to play in the league. If not paid, you will not be allowed to play in the league.

### **Awards**

- Most Valued Player (MVP) should be chosen for the opposing team. This is to be communicated on the Bond Whatsapp group, along with the scorecard.
- Fair Play Award is awarded to the player who shows good spirit, fairness and plays within the rules and values of the league. This is to be awarded by the umpires.
- An accumulation of points will lead to an overall MVP and Fair Play player at the end of the season.

### **Administration**

#### **Participating clubs:**

Team 1: Maastricht (MNC)

Team 2: Brussels (BNC)

Team 3: Rotterdam (RNC)

Team 4: Utrecht (UNC)

Team 5: Amsterdam 1 (ANC1)

Team 6: Amsterdam 2 (ANC2)

Team 7: Den Haag (DHNC)

Team 8: Amersfoort (AFNC)

**Matches:**

- 7x games per team
- Full matches (4 x 15 minutes)
- End with Finals and MVP presentation
- Fair distribution home vs away matches

**Play-offs to determine league winner:**

1 vs 3

2 vs 4

**Netball Tournaments throughout 2024/2025 season will be:**

Amersfoort: 16 September 2024

Amsterdam: 2nd of November 2024

Den Haag: 16 November 2024

Utrecht: To be confirmed

Rotterdam: March 2024

Maastricht: Weekend of 21/22 June 2025

**Schedule:**

[2024/2025 NNB Draw](#)