

Bournville & Selly Oak Little League

**Little League netball is about developing skills in a sport
and having fun.**

It is not about winning at all costs.

Rules for League Matches

(to be read in conjunction with the Fair Play Charter)

1. League matches are four quarters of 10 minutes with no more than three minutes' break at quarter time and five minutes at half time
2. All team players who turn up must have the opportunity to play for three quarters if possible. No player should play for all four quarters if there are players who will have played for fewer than three quarters. During a match players should change position after each quarter and not play more than two quarters in the same group of positions (GK/GD, WD/C/WA, GA/GS) in any one match.
3. Playing positions will be decided by Team Managers fairly and on a quarter by quarter basis. Over the course of the season, players must have played in every position. Players should not play at Centre until they have gained some experience in the game.
4. A valid team must have at least 5 players. A team that does not have at least 5 players on court within 5 minutes of the designated match start time will forfeit the match (a friendly match may be played with available players, including borrowed players). One goal is awarded against a team for each minute they are late, if the other team is ready.
5. Players may be borrowed to fill vacancies on the following conditions:
 - a. No more than two players may be borrowed.
 - b. The borrowing must be agreed by the Team Managers of both teams, after consulting the players,
 - c. No player may be expected to play against her own team.
6. If a team plays with 5 or 6 players, the opposing team must not field more than 6 players.
7. Points are awarded as follows: win – 5 points; draw – 3 points; lose – 1 point with an extra point for getting half or more of the winner's score.
8. Teams which are unable to field 5 players receive 0 points. The opposition will receive 5 points and 5 goals.
9. In the League Table a tie on points will be decided by goal difference.
10. Matches will be umpired by Team Managers, other Little League officials or umpires having - or working under supervision towards - the Beginners Umpiring Award.
11. Weather: matches will be cancelled only if there is persistent heavy rain. We will make the decision on a round by round basis and tell the Team Managers. All players should contact TMs to check if the match has been called off.
12. The current Fixtures/Results and League Table will be available on our web page:
<http://www.birminghamcitynetballclub.org.uk/BSOLL/BSOLL.html>

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