

The National Surveyors Sevens Women's Netball Tournament Friday 24 May 2024

Entry & Tournament Rules

I take pleasure in writing to you enclosing the rules of entry and qualification for this year's Women's Netball Tournament. The event will take place, as usual at The Richmond Athletic Ground, South West London.

To enter, please use do so by filling out the electronic entry form [here](#) The closing date for entries will be 14 March 2024. Due to limited spaces teams will be confirmed on a first come, first serve basis, therefore we recommend submitting your form ASAP.

We continue to raise as much money as is possible for charity and we will do so again this year. This year we shall be supporting Odd Balls.

The event will be held on Friday 24 May 2024. The day will commence in and around 1200 with the last game – the Men's final at 2000. It is expected that as a result the event will be attended by many throughout the day. I would ask you all to encourage your companies to try and participate in the event whether it is for the afternoon or the evening.

All entry forms and accompanying cheques must have been received no later than this date. This year, again Colliers International is to handle the Treasury function of the tournament. The committee would like to thank Colliers International for taking on this role.

I would like to draw your attention to point six on the accompanying notes of entry concerning entry qualifications which requires that team members are to be bona fide employees or partners/ directors of the firm in question. A squad sheet, together with photographs will be required one week prior to the tournament which will be verified.

I would also point out that each competing team is responsible for its own insurance for all players in their squad and it is up to the entrants to ensure they are fully and correctly covered. Each party will be asked to sign a form to confirm this.

I look forward to receiving your forms back. I hope that you will find the information to be self-explanatory, however should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

The National Surveyors Sevens Women's Netball Rules

1. START OF PLAY

- 1.1 The captains shall toss for choice of goal end or first Centre Pass and notify the Umpires and the Scorers of the result.

2. OFFICIALS

- 2.1 we endeavour to allocate two umpires per game, at least one of whom will always be a qualified. Occasionally, games may be played with only one umpire.

3. TIMING

- 3.1 Games will either be played in 2 equal halves, or 4 equal quarters depending on league.
- 3.2 If teams are more than 3 minutes late to the court after the timer has started, their opponent may be rewarded with 1 goal per minute after this time, until both teams are on court and ready to play.

4. CENTRE PASS

- 4.1 All players except Centres must be in their respective goal third for the Centre pass.
- 4.2 When the Centre who is taking the Centre pass steps in the Circle (on one or both feet) the whistle shall be immediately blown.
- 4.3 If players are offside when the whistle is blown, a free pass is given to the opposing team at the location of the breaking. If this is not a benefit to the team who are receiving the free pass, advantage shall be played.

5. OFFSIDE

- 5.1 A player, with or without the ball, shall be offside if that player enters any area other than the playing area for that designated position.
- 5.2 A player may reach over to retrieve a ball but must not step into an offside area for any reason (including retrieving a ball, or seeing to an injured player before time is called). Penalty - Free Pass to the opposing team where the offside happened.

6. OUT OF COURT

6.1 A ball is Out of Court when it:

- a) touches the ground out of court;
- b) touches an object or person in contact with the ground outside the Court;
- c) is held by a player in contact with the ground, an object or a person outside the Court.

6.2 A ball that hits a goal post and is rebounded into play is not Out of Court.

6.3 When a player has a Throw In from off court, their foot must not be touching the line. Penalty - Throw in to the team opposing the one who last had contact with the ball, to be taken where the ball crossed the line.

7. OBSTRUCTION

7.1 An attempt to intercept or defend the ball may be made by a defending player if the distance on the ground is not less than 0.9m/3ft from the landing foot of the player with the ball.

7.2 Players may defend by jumping upwards or towards the player with the ball as long as they are not within 0.9m/3ft.

7.3 The defender is not obstructing if the arms are outstretched to:

- a) catch, deflect or intercept a pass;
- b) obtain a rebound from a shot at goal. Penalty - Penalty Pass or Shot (where applicable) where the obstruction happened.

8. CONTACT

8.1 No player may contact an opponent, either accidentally or deliberately.

Penalty – Penalty Pass or Shot (where applicable) where the obstruction happened.

9. PLAYING THE BALL

9.1 A player may catch the ball, or direct it to another player, having bounced the ball once.

9.2 A player may lean on the ball to prevent going offside or falling over.

9.3 A player may not throw the ball from any position other than standing.

9.4 A player may not strike the ball with a fist, kick the ball or use the Goalpost as a mean of regaining balance or support.

Penalty - Free Pass to the opposing team where the infringement occurred.

10. FOOTWORK

- 10.1 A player may not take a second step with their landing foot after receiving the ball. This includes dragging, sliding and hopping.
- 10.2 If a player lands on both feet simultaneously, they may choose which foot to move. The foot remaining static will then be their 'landing foot'.

Penalty - Free Pass to the opposing team where the infringement occurred.

11. PENALTIES

- 11.1 The player taking the penalty must take up the position clearly directed and indicated by the Umpire. The penalized player must not move or attempt to take part in play either physically or verbally until the ball has left the hands of the thrower.
- 11.2 It is the responsibility of the person who is taking the penalty to ensure that the penalized player is in place before they take the penalty. If the penalty is taken before it is set correctly, a free pass may be awarded to the other team at the Umpire's discretion.

12. TOSS-UPS

- 12.1 The two players must be stood 3ft/0.9m apart with their arms by the side before the Umpire can release the ball.
- 12.2 The ball may be caught or batted in any direction except directly at the opposing player.

13. INJURY

- 13.1 Players must call 'Time' for the Umpires to stop the game in the event of any injury.

14. NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR 7-A-SIDE NETBALL

- 14.1 Teams are allowed seven (7) players on the court at any one time and up to ten (10) in a squad..

ENTRY RULES

1. DATE & VENUE

This year's tournament takes place on Friday 24 May 2024 and will be held as usual at the RICHMOND ATHLETIC GROUND.

2. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for entries this year is 14 March 2024

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

A timetable will be issued closer to the date of the tournament.

4. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee will be £1000. Classified as General

5. ENTRY APPLICATIONS

Entries should be on the attached form and sent in the first instance to:

Ani.Amatotsero@cbre.com

but your cheque for £1000 should be made payable to:-

"Colliers International Property Consultants Limited"

BACS details available upon request.

6. ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

The Tournament is open only to those firms of estate agents, Chartered Surveyors or valuers whose teams consist of bona fide partners/ directors or employees of that firm, as at the date of the tournament; or other teams at the sole discretion of the committee.

For the avoidance of doubt, in terms of eligibility, any player representing a team must obey to the following: -

- a. Currently working or studying within the property industry;
- b. A full time bona fide employee at the date of the tournament

7. INSURANCE

By entering the competition, it is the responsibility of each team and their players to be covered by necessary insurance with all necessary and appropriate insurance to cover all liabilities in case of injury to themselves or any third party. The National Surveyors Committee cannot be held responsible if appropriate insurance is not in place.

8. HEALTH & SAFETY

It is the responsibility of all teams, their staff, guests, and visitors to have honour to health & safety legislation and to act responsibly.

9. TROPHIES

It is the responsibility of each team, their participants and the company, should they be successful, to safeguard and to be responsible for any trophies received.