

All tournament rules will be run to the All England Netball Association official rules. Further clarification and interpretation available from:
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AGE GROUPS FOR THE TOURNAMENT AND LEAGUES

Year 7	on the 1 st September 2016	Year 10	on the 1 st September 2016
Year 8	on the 1 st September 2016	Year 11	on the 1 st September 2016
Year 9	on the 1 st September 2016		

Pupils may only play for the year group they are in at school.

KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT

- The tournament rules are in line with the Code of Rules of the International Federation of Netball Associations
- The tournament draw will be made by Martin Wright
- **SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER THE COMPETITION MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE LEAGUE.**
- A pupil may play for only one team throughout the whole competition (1st round/semi-finals/finals)
- Each team must provide an umpire who has attended the Manchester Schools Umpiring Standardisation Course or an independent 'C' grade umpire
- There will be neutral umpires at the semi-finals and finals.
- Nails must be cut
- No Jewellery should be worn
- All team members must wear matching kit; they must all wear skirts, shorts or tracksuit bottoms of the same colour.

EVENT OF A DRAW IN THE ROUNDS

If there is a draw on points, goal difference will decide the result. If there is still a draw, goals scored will decide.

EVENT OF A DRAW IN THE SEMI-FINALS + FINALS

If there is a draw, the game will be stopped and play will be re-started. The first team to score will be the winners.

LATE ARRIVALS

Any team without a minimum of 5 players on court, 2 minutes after the start of a game will forfeit the match, giving the opposition a 6-0 win. In cases of goal difference being decisive ALL scores by all teams against the team that was late will be discounted.

CHANGES

The Tournament Organiser **MUST** be notified immediately by the staff concerned, of any changes made to the original venue, teams entered, or any non-adherence to tournament rules. 24 hour notice must be given so necessary changes can be made.

FINES

Schools who withdraw from the competition with less than 24 hours' notice will not be able to enter a team into the competition the following year.

REARRANGED FIXTURES

All school wishing to rearrange a semi-final or final fixture must direct a letter to the committee.

If pupils are involved in school trips during any of the stages they must not be entered as they will not be able to play – If this happens you must enter a team or forfeit.

If there are prominent competitions on the same night as semi finals/finals the committee will make a decision.

KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

- Entries and fixtures will be co-ordinated by Martin Wright. The deadline for entry will be: Friday 27 January 2017
- Wright Robinson and Whalley Range will ensure that their facilities are available on the competition dates
- The first named school in each group will be responsible for sending the results grid to Martin Wright after the tournament has taken place

KIT REGULATIONS

- All team members must either wear all skirts or all shorts and bibs of the same colour
- Cycling shorts may be worn, but must be worn by all team members and be the same colour.
- Tracksuit bottoms may be worn by individual team members but must be of a uniform colour.
- Nails must not be seen over the top of fingers.
- Players must not play with false fingernails.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure that pupils are only playing for their school year team
- Ensure that netballs are pumped up and size 5.
- All teams must wear bibs with letters on the front and back.
- Any players wearing jewellery will be removed from the court and not allowed back on until a goal has been scored.
- Earrings may not be covered with plasters

Any complaints or queries to be made to the tournament organiser

All results to Martin Wright please:
martinwrightcompetitionmanager@googlemail.com

Commitment to Fixtures and the Knockouts

Fixtures must be cancelled by 12noon on the day of the fixture. A date agreed to replay the fixture must be set within 7 days of cancellation.

Teams can report schools for failing to fulfil or rearrange fixtures. If a team is repeatedly let down by a school they will be awarded the points for the fixture.

If a team persistently fails to commit to fixtures it may result in that year group not being able to enter the league or knockouts the following season. The panel below will make all the decisions with regards to awarding points and refusing schools entry to the league.

Sarah Hall (MCMA) : Sarah Roberts (St Peters) : Rachel Fitzgerald (Wright Robinson)