

# **U11 netball competitions - rules summary**

All IAPS competitions are run in line with national governing body (NGB) rules and regulations. Bee Netball is the format of the game for all children U11.

The U11 competition will play Stage 3 (Stinger) of Bee Netball. This incorporates a minimum squad size of 7 players (can take a squad of up to 9) with 5 on the court at any one time.

The U12 and U13 competitions will continue as 7-a-side competition.

## **Rules and regulations**

**Click here** for the full rule adaptations. In summary:

Number of players on court: 5-a-side
Squad size: Min 7, Max 9
Gender: Girls only

Post Height: 9ft Ball size: 4

Court size: Width: min 10m max 15m

Length: min 20m max 30m

Rule adaptations: No WA, WD

Pass within 4 seconds Defending is allowed

### **Rotations**

Click here for England Netball's rotation sheets for your use.

You will be asked to bring a copy of your rotations on the day. If you forget to bring a copy, you will be asked to complete one before matches start.

Teams must rotate before each match and at half time. Schools must continue to work through the rotations throughout the whole tournament. You must not restart rotations for the knockout matches.

## **Umpiring adaptations**

Guidance on how to umpire Bee Netball is available in the rule adaptations here.

#### **Fairness**

It will be impossible for IAPS, or the organisers, to police each tournament to ensure that schools are making the rotations that they have declared. We trust that by entering

the tournament, schools are doing so in the spirit of the game. If IAPS becomes aware of a school that is not rotating fairly, they may risk their place in the knockout stages and at future tournaments.

## Minimum squad size

Must have minimum 7 players in the team to follow the 7 player rotations.

Schools that bring less than 7 players will forfeit their place in the cup competition.

## **Substitutions due to injury**

When a player is injured during a match or a blood substitution is required, the player should, where possible, be replaced by the player off court who is due to come on in that position in the next rotation.

The players should remain in that position until the next rotation. This could be half time if the injury occurred in the first half of a match. At that time a decision is made as to whether the injured player is able to return to the tournament. If they are deemed fit to return, all players should return to their original place in the rotation. If they are not able to return, then the players will remain in their new rotation positions for the remainder of the tournament.

If the player is evidently going to be fit to return to play but the injury will take longer than the rest of that game to sort, they can be rotated back in as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

The injured player must take part in most of the pool matches to progress through to playing the knockout matches. If the player has sat out for most the qualifying matches, they cannot return to play in the knockout matches.

We trust that schools will follow this rule honesty and with integrity.

## **Ball hitting the post**

If the ball hits the post and comes back on to the court, it comes back into play. Play on.

"Bee Netball enables children to both learn and play the game in the most appropriate way for them. It promotes self-belief and can be enjoyed by all children regardless of their ability".

