



## Netball Uniform Policy

WCNL want to ensure netball is an inclusive sport, we are sensitive to the needs of those from cultures and religions in line with our Equality and Diversity Policy, however, this policy has been written in line with England Netball current rules around netball uniforms with some minor changes to suit our local league.

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During a match players must wear:

- (a) Registered playing uniform and suitable sports footwear
- (b) A matching set of playing position initials 150 mm (6 in) high which must be clearly visible and worn above the waist, front and back.

Today's international netball players (and female match officials) wear dresses, skirts or skorts made of a lycra-based, light, durable material. Uniforms may be one or two-piece i.e. a separate skirt/skort and top.

Where traditional netball dresses or an official uniform is not appropriate for religious purposes, we would ask the club/team to approach the WCNL Committee to discuss this so an alternative arrangement can be put in place.

Uniform means to be the same, and without any difference and this is what the WCNL policy has been developed around.

In order to be more inclusive, it is perfectly acceptable for a team to wear shorts/t-shirt instead of the usual netball dress/two-piece, however, if this is to be a uniform, the whole team must wear the same-coloured shorts and t-shirt.

Many players choose to wear leggings or shorts under their dress and in the winter games played outside, many players will wish to wear a long-sleeved skin under their dress. Again, these must be in keeping with the colour of your netball uniform across the team e.g. if you wear a dark coloured dress, it would be expected leggings/skins would be a dark colour.

This policy will be updated regularly in line with any changes made by England Netball.

Clubs/Teams will have until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to ensure all players have the correct uniform available to play. Failure to comply with this policy will result in players not being allowed to play.