

**Jamaica Independent Schools' Association (JISA)
PREPARATORY SCHOOLS NETBALL COMPETITIONS**



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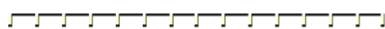
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Made pursuant to Section 5 of the Constitution of the JISA Preparatory Schools Division Sports Association.

1. START OF COMPETITION

The competitions will normally be limited to the Easter Term in each school year, or to such other time as determined by the Organizing Committee

2. PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS

A girl is eligible to take part in the competitions if she:

- a. is **in full-time attendance** for at least **one year** (3 full terms) preceding registration for the Championship at a J.I.S.A. member Preparatory School or in the preparatory division (grades 1-6) of a JISA member school; and in this regard, the school's Admission Register shall be proof of the competitor's attendance at the school. Transfer of students between JISA member Schools must be accompanied by letter of release which must be submitted with entries. Students transferring from a Primary School are NOT eligible to participate until completing a full year (3 full terms) in a JISA Preparatory School and in this regard must also submit with entries, a letter of release from the Primary School
- b. was residing outside of Jamaica prior to the start of the school year of the competitions and in this regard, proof of landed entry in their passport shall be sufficient.
- a. has been properly registered to take part in the competitions; and
- b. will not be 13 years of age before the 1st day of January occurring within the school year in which the respective competition is held.

3. REGISTRATION

All applications for participation in the competitions shall be accompanied by:

- a. a list of up to 14 in number representing the school, together with the names of three officials. At least one of these officials must be a member of staff from the school;
- b. birth certificate, passport or such other official proof of age in support of the age of each and every girl.
- c. two recent passport size colour pictures of each girl and official of the team, duly certified on the back by the Principal of the school and

- d. an Entry Fee as the Organizing Committee shall determine from time to time

The above documents and Entry Fee shall be submitted together with the Application by a date specified on the Entry Form

- e. Late entries will be accepted if submitted within 7 days of the due date together with an addition fee of \$1000.00. Late entries will include corrected Entry Forms which had originally been submitted on the due date for applications, but were deemed incomplete by the Organising Committee. An Entry Form will be deemed incomplete, if any of the requirements of Paragraph (a) above have not been provided or vital information omitted from it.
- f. In respect of Paragraph (a) above, changes can be made to the list of 14 players registered to represent the school, up to 14 days immediately before the start of the competitions.

4. GENERAL CONDUCT

- a. The Organizing Committee shall have the responsibility of circulating to each competing school, as soon as possible after the closing date for entries:
 - i. A copy of the Fixtures with dates, times and venues of all matches; and
 - ii. An identification card for each player and official of the team, duly certified by the Chairman of the Association.
- b. Reporting for Matches
 - i. If a team fails to report for a match 15 minutes after the scheduled start, the umpire shall blow off the game and as soon as possible thereafter report the matter to the Organizing Committee.
 - ii. Any team failing to report for a match shall appear before the Organizing Committee within 7 days of the date of the match to explain its absence. Except in the case of force majeure acceptable to the Organizing Committee, the team shall be considered as having lost the match and the opponent shall be awarded 2 points. The Organizing Committee may in addition refer the offending team to the Disciplinary Committee
- c. Any school found to have registered/used an ineligible player in the competitions contrary to Rules 2 and 3 hereof shall be immediately expelled. The Organizing Committee shall therefore refer the offending school to the Disciplinary Committee for further action.
- d. Only the umpire may call off a game in progress. An umpire may call off a game if there are any continued are any continued abusive remarks or unduly loud criticism of their umpiring or of the opposing team by any team or its supporters. Where a game is called off, the umpire shall immediately report the matter to the Organizing Committee, which shall refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee for further action.
- e. If a team calls off a game which is in progress, the opposing team shall receive 2 points. The Organizing Committee shall thereafter refer the team calling off the game to the

Disciplinary Committee for further action.

- f. Schools may ask in writing for certain matches to be re-scheduled to another day for special reasons. Any such request made after the publication of the official schedule, must be agreed between the schools concerned. This request should preferably be in the same week as the original fixture and must be approved by the Organizing Committee. As stated above, all requests for changes must be made in writing, signed by both Principals of the schools concerned and approved at least 48 hours prior to the original scheduled date of the match.
- g. Postponements will only be granted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, in cases of emergencies, for example, epidemics or illnesses in a school, upon application in writing by the Principal at least 24 hours before a match.

5. DISCIPLINE

- a. The Principals shall be responsible for the discipline of players, officials, parents and supporters of their school. However, any incident of indiscipline reported to the Organizing Committee by the Match Inspectors of Umpires shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- b. All complaints and protests must be submitted **in writing** to the Organizing Committee **within 48 hours** of the matter in issue. Failure to comply with these requirements will render the submission null and void.
- c. A right of appeal against any decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall rest with the JISA Preparatory Schools' Division Principals Association.
- d. Any appeal from a decision of the Disciplinary Committee must be made in writing to the Secretary of the JISA Preparatory Schools' Sports Association, within 5 days of that decision, outlining the reasons for the appeal.

6. DRESS CODE

- a. All teams must be in playing uniforms.
- b. Bibs must be worn. Initials on Bibs must be 6 inches high
- c. Shoes must be of lightweight material.
- d. No jewellery or protruding hair ornaments may be worn.

7. GAME CONDITIONS

- a. Teams must register each day on arrival at the Stadium Courts using the Match Forms, on which all the registered players and officials shall be listed for each match, for presentation, together with the Identification Cards of all the players and officials, to the umpire and/or any member of the Organizing Committee on request.
- b. No team shall begin a match with less than 5 players.

- c. A player arriving after the game has started may enter the court, with the umpire's permission, after a goal has been scored, but only immediately following an interval or at a stoppage for injury or illness. In this case the player must play in a vacant position.
- d. The names of up to twelve (12) players must be provided to the scorers before the start of the game. There shall be no limit to the number of substitutions which can be made in a game, in the event of injury, illness or during an interval. When a substitution is made playing positions may be changed.

8. FULL TIME

The duration of all league matches shall be 30 minutes, divided into 4 quarters of 7 ½ minutes each. There shall be a 5 minute break at the end of the 2nd quarter. The duration of the Rally Matches will be determined by the Organizing Committee, but will normally be less than 7 ½ minutes.

9. COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES

Coaching from the sidelines is prohibited and in this regard the names of all designated officials must appear on the Match Forms.

10. APPLICATION OF JNA RULES


All other rules pertaining to the competitions run by the Jamaica Netball Association (JNA) shall apply to these competitions.

11. REGULATIONS

The Organizing Committee shall have power to make regulations for the good management and proper functioning of these competitions.

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I. CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

- a Entrants will be divided into Zones
- b In Round 1 (also called "Preliminary Round") each Zone will be played on a Round Robin basis.
- c In Rounds 1 and 2, points will be awarded - 2 for a win and 1 for a draw.

II. ROUND 1 (PRELIMINARY ROUND)

- a Zone winners in the Preliminary Round shall be determined firstly on points, and in the event of a tie the winner will be the team with the better goal difference. If this method does not produce a winner, than a match will be played between the 2 teams to decide the winner of the Zone. If no winner is decided at the end of full-time then the rules of Play-offs (III) shall apply to determine the Zone winner.
- b The winner and runner-up from each Zone shall go forward to Round 2 (Semi-Finals).

III. PLAY-OFFS

If no winner is decided at the end of full-time then 2 extensions of 5 minutes each will be played, on a sudden death basis.

IV. ROUND 2 (SEMI-FINAL)

- a The Semi-finals will be divided into a maximum of 2 Zones.
- b The teams in each Zone will play on a Round Robin basis, with the teams gaining the most points form each Zone playing in the Final.
- c If 2 teams tie on points in any Zone, then these teams will replay and the rules of Play-off shall apply.
- d If more than 2 teams tie on points in any Zone, then the Organizing Committee shall draw lots to decide which teams play and which team gets a bye. The matches will be conducted on a Knock-out basis and the rules of Play-offs (III) shall apply

V. FINAL ROUND (ROUND 3)

If the Final ends in a tie, then the rules of Play-offs (III) shall apply.