



The FIAT Netball Superleague 2012 is set to be the most exciting yet with the new approved structural changes!

With teams having undergone an application process this year where they were judged against a list of criteria- the first and probably most noticeable change of all is that the league has been reduced to just eight teams. Unfortunately the league bids farewell to Glasgow Wildcats, but says hello to a brand spanking new franchise by the name of Yorkshire Jets.

It is intended that this re-structure will promote an increase in the number of matches played between sides of a similar standard. The new format will also include a mid-season competition split, a revised Play-Off structure which will more closely represent major World events and you could see the top four teams play each other up to three times before the Play-Off stages.

The New Structure

There are now three phases to the FNSL Superleague.

Phase 1: (7 Rounds)

- All franchises play each other once in a league format. At the end of the 7 rounds the Phase 2 'Supersplit' occurs with the top 4 and bottom 4 separating.

Phase 2: (6 Rounds)

- The top tier and bottom tier play each other home and away in a league format. At the end of the 6 Rounds, the top 3 of the top tier qualify automatically for the Semi Finals on the 'Superleague Showdown Weekend', and the 4th placed team of the top tier and 1st placed team of the bottom tier progress through to a one off

'Eliminator' match.

Phase 3: 'Eliminator', Semi-Finals and Finals.

The 'Eliminator' match will be played to decide the 4th team to make up the Semi Finalists on the Showdown weekend where the 1st place team from the top tier will take on the winner of the eliminator, and the 2nd and 3rd placed teams from the top tier will battle it out for a place in the Grand Final.

