



# WOLVERHAMPTON CITY NETBALL LEAGUE

## Welcome to the new season - 2019-2020

PLEASE READ ALL OF THIS !!! Reading the preamble to any fixture schedule can seem a bore but please make sure you do peruse **all** of the following so that the season may proceed smoothly - and to your advantage - and so that misunderstandings may be avoided. **There is no excuse for 'not knowing'**.

In your league wallet you should find :

- Annual Report for Season 2018-2019
- The League Handbook (for new teams only)
- Your Player Registration Spread-Sheet – IF returned to me (please inform of any changes during the season – eg address, etc).
- The playing schedule for the first four weeks.

### League registration

**NB - EVERY PLAYER GOING ON TO COURT **MUST** BE REGISTERED !**

Please keep your Player Registration Spread-Sheet in your folder - this is an important record for you. Any further Registrations can be added during the season by using an Individual Registration Slip (in the Cabin) - BUT - **PLEASE maintain up to date records for your team/club.**

**Every player **must** be registered **BEFORE GOING ONTO COURT****

### Affiliation with England netball (via County)

As per League Rule 8h, ALL players **MUST** be Affiliated by the third time of playing !

**£44 for over 18's      £19.50 for Under 18's      £10.80 for Under 14's      £5.80 for Under 11's**

Dates as per midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

Please sort these out well in advance as points **WILL** be forfeited **IF** playing a player a third time without affiliation.

### League Under 16 parental permission proformas

These need to be completed for every player under 16.

Forms can be found in the cabin.

**Administration** is very important if the League is to function efficiently and effectively. Hence teams are asked to become acquainted with League Rules, to keep up to date with Bulletins and to ensure that match sheets, player registration slips, etc, and any other forms issued during the season are completed and returned promptly - and that emails are responded to appropriately. In this way, hopefully, each team and the League as a whole will operate smoothly. Please abide by any deadline dates given throughout the season. Receipts will **ALWAYS** be given for any amounts paid in - just check your pigeon holes.

### Club Compliance deposit

All **CLUBS** deposit £15 with the League at the beginning of the season as a '**Compliance Deposit**' - this will cover any £1 fines or extra registrations which may occur during the season - should the whole £15 be used up during the season then a further £15 must be submitted Secretaries will continue to receive the blue fining slips so that reasoning for same (as well as Right of Appeal) can be itemised - but they are just for information.

**Bulletins** are issued regularly during the season and are intended to promote good communication throughout the League. Secretaries are asked to ensure that every player has the opportunity of keeping abreast of current information by having sight of same. Likewise items for inclusion are always welcomed (including wedding, births, sales, etc)

**Fixture schedules** : obviously it is important that your players are kept informed as to times/dates of matches - and that they **arrive at least 15 minutes beforehand to warm up**. The Court/Umpire fee of £18 per match **MUST** be handed in **before each match** and likewise the 'match sheet' completed with players

names in full **before each match**. Should actual players on court differ from those entered beforehand then sheets **MUST** be amended immediately the match is finished (or email the info by noon the following day). **Any default regarding this may incur forfeiture of points as well as the usual fine** ..... PLEASE make sure that Match Sheets are filled in correctly **AND SIGNED BY THE PERSON COMPLETING THE SHEET**.

## NON-APPEARANCE OF TEAM - **VERY IMPORTANT**

Should any team fail to turn up OR cancel any fixture (even in advance), **whatever the reason**, then double costs **MUST** be paid the following week (i.e. **£36** from the previous cancelled week **PLUS** normal costs for that evening (total £36+£18 = £54) .... Please do not 'whinge' at this as the court and umpires must still be paid and please do not make the League chase for this payment. The non-offending team will **obviously be reimbursed**. Sorry if this sounds pedantically dramatic but once the fixture list has been issued then booked courts and umpires **MUST** be paid for.

**Remember - OUTSTANDING MONEYS MUST be paid before going on court again or points will be forfeit.**

## DESK DUTY

Teams are allocated one evening (when not playing) on which they will be responsible for 'manning the table' and undertake the general running of the evening. Everything will be prepared in advance and the team will be expected to provide two 'bodies' to be on duty for that evening - 6.30 to 9.30p.m. (**preferably the same two throughout** the evening or with only one change over). £20 fine for any team not complying. 'Thank you' to all those helping.



**Timing** is extremely important so do make sure you have at least five players on court when the 2 minute warning hooter is sounded so that umpires may check players and start the game promptly on the bell. **Any team not taking to the court when the bell is rung will forfeit the points if BOTH umpires write 'late' on the score card.**

**Change of secretary** - Should this happen during the season then the 'New Secretary' proforma must be signed by the new secretary on behalf of the team.

**bad weather** - Should really bad weather be a cause of cause - the Centre will be telephoned by 4.00p.m. at the latest - to ascertain the state of the courts - and ALL secretaries will be phoned - please ensure I have a '**landline**' telephone number to ring, rather than a Mobile and if you know you will be away at the time of dodgy weather conditions please let me have a substitute 'landline' number (I'd like to avoid discovering I'm phoning someone in Brazil) Every effort will be made to ensure safety and well-being of all participants whilst endeavoring to abide by the fixture list schedule. Taking such decisions is not enviable.



## inSURANCE

Whilst the League seriously recommends that personal insurance for all players and officials be taken out, it is a matter for each individual team to decide. Public Liability and Personal Insurance (for very serious injury only) are included with England Netball Affiliation but negotiation for any compensation must be undertaken by individuals and is not the responsibility of the League.

Remember that whilst the League makes every effort to ensure health and safety for all players and umpires, please understand that neither the League, nor its officers, can be held responsible for any accident, injury or loss. However, **please record any incident in the 'League Incident Folder' which is available in the Cabin.**

**Players' player** - When you go to thank umpires at the end of any **LEAGUE match** simply let them know which player from the opposing team you wish to nominate - and this will be recorded on the score card. **PLEASE DO REMEMBER TO THANK UMPIRES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH DECISIONS TAKEN.**

**BELONGINGS** - These should be deposited on the **goal side OPPOSITE** to where the Umpire runs - see diagram at end.

**dinner dance and presentation evening** - This is scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 so do encourage all your players and supporters to start saving pennies ready for this special evening - and do please try to arrange your holidays to allow you to come along - whether you think you'll be in line for receiving a trophy or not - bring aunts, uncles, friends, etc. Please ask your folk to enter



the date in their diaries now.

## SAFETY AND HEALTH

With safety and health in mind the League asks players to **desist from chewing on court** and umpires will be supported in such matters. Likewise please do not stand on the court areas and if bringing children do ensure that they play outside the wire netting or in the walk-way (The walk-way will also act as a 'Team Bench' area for both teams). Please keep opened umbrella's back from courts and remember that only players on court, umpires and anyone directed by the League Committee is allowed on the court area during play - everyone else behind the barriers please. No-one sitting on barriers please – especially children. Also please keep gates closed during play.

## TEMPORARY TRANSFERS - **Only for Clubs with more than one team** :

Obviously CLUBS with more than one team **may Temporary Transfer** a player **UP** four times but the player will be **permanently transferred** to that Team on the fourth time playing up to the higher team.

The following are the only Temporary Transfers allowed (but remember the **fourth occasion automatically permanently transfers that player up**) :

Breezers may Temporary Transfer to Crescent

Crescent may not Temporary Transfer

Chasetown Diamonds may Temporary Transfer to Chasetown Royals and Chasetown A

Chasetown Royals may Temporary Transfer to Chasetown A

Chasetown A may not Temporary Transfer

Dolls 2 may Temporary Transfer to Dolls 1

Dolls 1 may not Temporary Transfer

Jets Ravens may Temporary Transfer to Jets Eagles, Jets Falcons and Jets Hawks

Jets Eagles may Temporary Transfer to Jets Falcons and Jets Hawks

Jets Falcons may Temporary Transfer to Jets Hawks

Jets Hawks may not Temporary Transfer

Kodiak Stars Orion may Temporary Transfer to Kodiak Nova and Kodiak Luna

Kodiak Stars Nova may Temporary Transfer to Kodiak Luna

Kodiak Stars Luna may not Temporary Transfer

Phoenix Scorpions may Temporary Transfer to Phoenix and Phoenix Hornets

Phoenix may Temporary Transfer to Phoenix Hornets

Phoenix Hornets may not Temporary Transfer

Thundercats may Temporary Transfer to Ladybirds

Ladybirds may not Temporary Transfer

Sam 6 may Temporary Transfer to Sam 5, Sam 2, and Sam 4

Sam 5 may Temporary Transfer to Sam 2 and Sam 4

Sam 2 may Temporary Transfer to Sam 4

Sam 4 may not Temporary Transfer

Whitmore B may Temporary Transfer to Whitmore J, Z, T, X, Y

Whitmore J may Temporary Transfer to Whitmore Z, T, X, Y

Whitmore Z may Temporary Transfer to Whitmore T, X, Y

Whitmore T may Temporary Transfer to Whitmore X, Y

Whitmore X may Temporary Transfer to Whitmore Y

Whitmore Y may not Temporary Transfer

**INJURIES/ACCIDENTS** - Because of Central Timing there is **NO INJURY TIME** - hence **players with minor injuries (the walking wounded so to speak) must leave the court** – with sympathy but within reasonable time – whilst play then continues. Obviously, where a serious injury occurs, especially involving back, neck, head, then umpires will take whatever decision is deemed necessary for the health and safety of that player and the League will resolve matters. **Serious**



**head or back injuries should not be removed.**

## FIRST AID

Although the League carries some First Aid items and the Centre has First Aiders for more serious incidents, please remember that **First Aid is deemed the responsibility of each team** (including own tape for wedding rings) and **the League CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY, ETC.** Please also remember –



**no jewellery, sharp adornment or gloves – nails should be cut short** – no delaying of games for any suchlike reasons – players stay off court until the problem is resolved - whilst play continues – re-entering as directed by umpire at next goal.

ENGLAND NETBALL RULES - Will operate and all players are expected to be aware of any special measures as per the League rulings - such will be indicated in Bulletins. Rules books are on sale at £4.50 each (only a few left)

## UMPIRES



These are arranged for you and we do thank them for their efforts during these evenings. It is hoped that there will be no untoward incidents to deal with. There is the 'Green Slip' system of reporting disciplinary problems.

**PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOING** - Should any team member/parent/umpire have any objections to this then such should be registered with the Chairperson before the start of the League. Otherwise such will be allowed – but usually checked by Chair or Vice-chair.



## Social media

This League absolutely condemns unsporting/criticising/adverse personal remarks/comments appearing on Face Book, Twitter, etc - about a team and/or their players and any umpires. Any evidence presented to the League will be treated as 'bringing the League into disrepute'.



## DISCIPLINE - SPORTSMANSHIP

Players, spectators and anyone else within the Netball Courts or Walk-way MUST conduct themselves in accordance with the League's expectations

Further to this - everyone is reminded that unsporting (bad) language is NOT acceptable - whether from players OR spectators - likewise are off-putting remarks or noises when shooters are attempting to shoot at goal.

Also NO reactionary actions (physical or verbal) will be accepted - should anyone be subjected to any suchlike intimidation then please appreciate this advice to TAKE A STEP BACK !!! Umpires are always asked to be firm but fair and to deal with anything untoward in a common-sense fashion - and players and spectators are similarly asked to pursue the same standards of sportsmanship whilst still playing in a competitive way.



## POINTS

Win = 5, draw = 3, losing but within two goals = 2, losing but gaining 50% or more of opponents score = 1. Results as per score cards will be entered on Master Sheets and displayed each week for you to check.

### Knock-Out competitions 2019-2020

Knock-out competitions were drawn at the Committee Meeting on 25.7.19 and these can be found in Bulletins.

Week 1 - Open Knock Out as detailed above PLUS TWO League matches.

Week 2 – League Matches

Week 3 - Non-Winners K.O. as detailed above PLUS FIVE League Matches.

Week 4 - League Matches

## Please take note :

Remember to check your 'pigeon holes' as you pass (in the Cabin) every Netball evening. Remember to keep receipts (usually pink or lilac) as proof of payment.

Any **player suspended** **MUST stand off court furthest away from the walk-way** - and diagonally opposite to where players belongings are deposited - see diagram below.

The League is providing six numbered **MATCH BALLS** (one for each court - umpires will bring these onto court and will collect them at intervals and at the end of each match.

There is a Compressor in the Cabin - to help inflate balls to the correct pressure.

**Lost Property** - deposited in the pink basket in the cabin and disposed of at the end of each half-term.

**South Africa** - if wishing to donate any obsolete kit - please deposit in the box labelled South Africa and when sufficient is collected - the contents will be boxed and passed to England Netball to post on.

**Bibs** - there are 7 sets of bibs hanging in the Cabin - for use at any time - **please leave hangers on the hooks.**

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## Remember players may play for **ONE CLUB ONLY.**

