



WOLVERHAMPTON CITY NETBALL LE7AGUE
BULLETIN 15

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“The man who is always losing his head probably has a screw loose”
Anonymous

New players interesting in playing ;

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Keen to join a team. Pre-COVID I was playing in the back-to-netball in Tettenhall - great fun but I really want to take it more seriously.
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Congratulations to :

Kate Woods who has recently been appointed as the Warwickshire Netball Development Officer. She is due to start her new role on 1st April, but she will still be around to support South Staffs until a replacement is recruited.

Anyone interested :

In a very part time netball coaching job at WGS (2/3 afternoons and Saturday morning matches - but not v many)- there's an opportunity. For further details contact Beck Bradley - Head of Girls games: reb@wgs-sch.net 🤝 it is a paid position for a qualified coach.

Please will each team/club let me know the name of their designated 'Covid-19' Officer – just email.

Thanks

So far only 13 clubs/teams have responded - please do so a.s.a.p.

You also need to inform EN.ENGAGE.

Hands Face Space

It is appreciated that the following may appear somewhat daunting but it is hoped that you will read through and that you will ensure that all players, coaches, etc. will have access to it. It is hoped that all aspects will have been covered.

Sections :

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Moneys outstanding

Reminder - EN Rules modifications re Covid-19 play

Reminder - Summary of main IFNA/EN changes to Rules

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Covid-19

Whilst the League will continue to take every precaution for the health and safety of all its members – the ultimate responsibility must lie with all individuals and clubs to ensure that they have full knowledge of the risks involved and the precautions which must be taken.

These are especially difficult times and everyone must be aware that they MUST OPT IN' (or 'Opt Out') of Netball activities - this must be done through Covid-19 Officers).

Please be patient, co-operative and understanding - we, as the League Committee – as well as your club Covid-19 Officers - will be doing our utmost to keep us all as safe as possible.

However, should anyone show any disturbing symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours after any League night then please consult the NHS Test and Trace and inform your Covid-19 Officer immediately.

The role of Covid-19 is extremely important and demanding – and we thank them for volunteering.

Covid-19 officers

Every Club MUST have appointed a COVID-19 OFFICER. It is extremely important that ALL EN directives, protocols and precautions concerning Covid-19 MUST be adhered to.

COVID-19 can be transmitted in 3 ways;

- Droplet transmission when in close contact with others
- Fomite transmission by sharing of equipment like netballs and bibs
- Airborne transmission which is a risk particularly when indoors.

Anyone who has had recent contact with, or experienced any sign of, Covid-19 - MUST stay away from Aldersley/Netball on a Thursday Night.

For the sake of the health and safety of the rest of the League - any such infringement will be taken very seriously.

Any person found to have attended on a Thursday night whilst knowingly to have symptoms of Covid-19 will be suspended for the remainder of the Summer.

Covid-19 health declaration – netball fitness activity

ALL players MUST have signed the 'Opt In - Opt Out' proforma as organised by the COVID-19 Officer.

Please note that this process may be 'done' by phone - if interested please contact

Nicola Roden - by 07711 605939 or email nicolaroden@hotmail.com

Nicola has produced an easy method of this - then all I will need will be confirmation from each Covid-19 Officer that all are 'Opted-in'. (Thank you Nicola for this help).

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The League relies that Covid-19 Officers will ensure that all concerned with their team/club will be kept updated - and that likewise the League Chair will also be kept updated on any relevant problems.

IT IS IMPORTANT for covid-19 officers

To go into EN then go onto COVID Officers responsibilities before netball activity

Scroll down to 'What do I need to do?'

Go down template to Symptom Checking and Personal Risk

click on NHS COVID 19 information which takes you to Coronavirus

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That takes you to Main symptoms of Coronavirus

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The league

You will remember that in Bulletin 3 the following appeared :

Please note

As something of a booster for everyone it has been agreed to GIVE each team a FREE match on their first appearance - ie. no paying of the £18 match fee ie.

EVERY TEAM WILL BE GIVEN THEIR FIRST GAME FREE

This means that NO £18 to be paid for your first Match

This will be regardless of whether this is the first, second or third Thursday night of appearance in the League.

Hence if teams still collect their match fees on the first time of playing, this could help teams build up a kitty in advance of when needed.

This will still apply when we start the Winter League in September.

Meanwhile, as a further show of the League's support and consideration of the past year's sufferance of the pandemic - for the forthcoming Summer 'Friendlies' the Match Fee for each game will be reduced from £18 to £10 per game (ie each team will pay only £10 per game).

Moreover, the Entry Fees already paid last year will be retained as the Entry Fee for the Winter League 2021-2022 (as per September) - ie there is no entry fee for regular teams for this Summer.

As you may imagine this bites into the League's finances somewhat - but it is hoped that all of the above will be appreciated by all teams - in appreciation of the recent/present situation.

Furthermore there will be no 'checking of Affiliations' until we start 'proper' in September.

sanitizing - You are all reminded that Everyone should 'sanitize' their hands and any personal equipment). Clubs/umpires will be responsible for providing their own sanitised wipes and sprays as appropriate.

This should be done before leaving home/work - again when arriving at Aldersley - again at intervals - and again at the conclusion of the event.

Driving to the venue - EN advise only one person per car. However, should it be necessary, a passenger could sit in the back of the car diagonally away from the driver - and preferably both using face coverings.

On arrival at aldersley - On arrival at Aldersley, please park sensibly using social distancing (common sense), and repeat sanitization (hands, equipment, etc).

PLAYERS please approach the courts on the car-parking side and using 'social distancing' wait in single file at the gate nearest the car park - lining up (still social distancing) behind the cones which indicate Court 1, Court 3 or Court 5 on the outside of the courts..

DO NOT enter the passageway to the courts until checked/indicated by those on duty.

Come already changed for play.

COACHES, RESERVES, etc please approach as above BUT move along the OUTSIDE of the fencing (social distancing).

UMPIRES, OFFICIALS please park 'up by the cabin' and approach courts from the cabin gate (social distancing).

COACHES, reserves, ETC. - All coaches, etc. must stand outside the netting observing social distancing - and there should be no shouting or cheering. Only players and umpires will be allowed along the 'passage-way'.

Passageway (between courts) : Follow the green arrows

PAYMENTS - Please put your £10 Match Fee (and any other moneys) in an envelope and place in the designated container at the gate entrance.

Entry FOR **PLAYERS** - to the 'Passageway' (and courts) must be made through the gate nearest the car park - using 'social distancing' - and only as and when directed by the person on duty there (temperatures may be taken using 'non-contact thermometers' - the League has now purchased 4 of these in order to facilitate a speedy entry - but this process may not be necessary - info as per EN -

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No-one may enter the court area until ALL previous players have vacated the courts and passageway except for **Umpires**.

Access for players will be timed as : 6.45p.m. for 7.00p.m. // 7.40p.m. to 7.50p.m. // 8.30 for 8.40

Please note that Officers may allow players to enter courts 4 and 6 if appropriate (to prepare for the following round) - but social distancing at all times - and no calling out.

Common sense at all times please.

Players' Entry to courts - On entering courts (remember social distancing) - look for team name on netting at one end of the court - please lay kit (spread out) at that end (away from umpiring route as usual) and sanitize that post BEFORE THE GAME AND AT HALF-TIME (so do ensure that your team has sufficient and variety of sanitizing items. It is suggested that at half-

time the captain/secretary simply **sprays** each players' hands once post is cleaned. The team with name furthest from the passageway has the **FIRST CENTRE PASS** (no tossing).

Entry for umpires - should enter via the gate at the Cabin side once checked by the person on duty - preferably ahead of any players from the other end as umpires are relied on to ensure players abide by the safety measures.

Exit - from the 'Passageway' must be made via the gate nearest the Cabin. Please exit as quickly as possible and move away from the court area. Personal and equipment sanitization should be repeated (please change and shower at home).

Passageway (between courts) : No taking advantage of this please and anyone coming off-court MUST retire to outside the netting. There will be strict adherence to social distancing and 'common sense'.

AND no gathering round any injury - minor injuries must retire from the court a.s.a.p. (wheel chair will be at the ready - sanitized) whilst any serious head or back injury will stop play on that court as previously. Aldersley First-aiders, if summoned to help, will follow their own Covid-19 procedures.

BALLS - The new match balls will be wiped beforehand, and at each interval a new set of 3 sanitized balls will be delivered to umpires – with the used ones collected for sanitizing for the forthcoming round.

POSTS - Each team must sanitize the post at the end of court as named - BEFORE the game and at **HALF-TIME**

WASTE - As well as Aldersley's bin in the Passageway - There will be two black waste bags tied to the netting on each set of courts (by the court-end of courts 2 and 5) for any used wipes, etc, to be deposited.

Face masks - Face-masks should be worn by anyone on surrounding areas (coaches, reserves, etc outside the netting).

HOWEVER – look for hand signals from Umpires as they will be wearing protection too.

BIBS - Teams should bring 2 sets of bibs (or more) in case of injury or change of position. Should there be a need for a change of players - then a fresh bib MUST be used (even if a different colour) (If all else fails, EN suggests writing at the top of a player's arm or leg - but simply use common sense and ingenuity. Teams will still be able to borrow a set of League Bibs when necessary BUT after use they must be dropped into the carrier bag at the Cabin window - these will be taken home and washed ready for the following week.

IMPORTANT - Players may play for only ONE team PER NIGHT.

RECEPTION BUILDING

No-one will be allowed into the main Reception building without prior permission from Aldersley Leisure Village Management Team.

However, **there are now outside toilets available** - to the left of the Reception Building (left of Costa) - and I'm told there is a sink within. Do remember to take sanitization items with you should you wish to use these facilities.

Also, Costa will still be providing refreshments but only on a 'take away' basis.

There will be no penalising should anyone wish to wear a face-mask and/or surgical-type latex gloves - on court.

AND – look for hand signals from Umpires as they will be wearing protection too.

Injury/accident - ALL injuries and/or accidents MUST STILL be recorded in the appropriate folder at/in the Cabin as usual.

CABIN - Only one team representative will be allowed in the Cabin for whatever the reason - and should wear a face-mask when entering the cabin. However, if not raining, the side window will be open for any consultation.

DESK DUTY - As usual teams will still be asked to provide two folk to do this duty - BUT - the same two throughout the evening please - no swapping half-way through the evening - one seated behind the 'desk' (for recording, etc) - the other one can be seated behind the 'table' and attend to timing, and checking sanitising tasks. (Please bring own Face-Masks to be in place ready for when folk enter the Cabin.)

On court - Players MUST follow 'social distancing' when entering the Passageway and their designated Court - whilst playing (see court plan) - and when exiting from the Court and Passageway.

Remember - as always - Umpire's decisions are FINAL and remember to use COMMON SENSE in all matters. (This is even more important than ever.) Also, there must be no shouting, cheering, hugging, high fives, etc.

Timing - Games will be played in two halves as in the past. Hence timing will be changed to :

Entrance allowed	Warning Hooter	1 st Half Bell	Interval Bell	2 nd Half Bell
6.45 - 7.00	6.58	7.00 – 7.19	7.19 – 7.21	7.21 – 7.40
7.39 - 7.50	7.48	7.50 – 7.09	7.09 – 8.11	8.11 – 8.40
8.29 - 8.40	8.38	8.40 – 8.59	8.59 – 9.01	9.01 – 9.20

This really does mean teams need to be in position ready to start 'on the bell' (but as per the Umpire's whistle) so that players may not waste any playing time (especially at Intervals).

ALL players MUST vacate the courts and passageway as quickly as possible on conclusion of their match - and then MUST move away from the court area (back to cars) immediately - but still using 'social distancing'. Please move in the direction of the arrows.

MATCH SHEETS - There will be no Match Sheets to be completed on arrival - BUT - Players names and starting positions should be emailed to me by 2.00p.m. on the day of playing and any alterations by noon on the Friday following the Thursday.

Please include full names and positions and the team name of anyone from another team. Secretaries and COVID-19 Officers must co-operate fully so that paper-work can be completed and emailed in before 2.00p.m. on the day of playing.

PLEASE REMEMBER : - Umpires may umpire more than one game...
Players may play only ONE game per night...
Playing umpires may play only ONE game as well as umpiring several on the same evening...

UMPIRES - Please bring own face masks - BUT - there will be 'visors' should you wish to make use of them - in which case please write name on yours and leave somewhere in the cabin (eg. hang on a hook, or place on filing cabinet, etc.).

Moneys in your 'money bag' will have been sanitized.

Score cards will be sanitized and will be 'pegged' as usual or placed on chairs outside the cabin in fine weather. They will be collected at the end of each round.

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Outstanding moneys to be paid :

The YELLOW highlighted column shows the total (Summer League + Julio and/or Handicap) already paid for 2020 - these moneys are already deposited in the League's bank and are still in your credit.

The **GREY highlighted column** shows the 2020-2021 Winter League entry plus the Open and/or Non-winners K.O. as entered on your 2020/2021 entry form which would have been subtracted from any credit (yellow column) - which never happened due to Covid-19 so yellow column is STILL the amount in credit). The **GREEN column** shows the amount to be paid for Winter entry (i.e. Grey column minus the Yellow column). These amounts show ONLY those teams/clubs who have sent in their Winter League entry forms - but when the time comes I hope you will all be entering as usual and I will ensure you receive credit. The **FINAL BLUE column** shows the 'amount to be paid' to bring your outstanding **COMPLIANCE** up to date. It would be appreciated if this could be handed in on your first evening at Aldersley. Where the Compliance is concerned you may remember that last season the £10 deposit was increased to £15 in the hope that this would result in less 'chasing' - however, it actually caused more work - so I trust you will be happy to go back to £10 and the column between the Blue columns below shows the 'Compliance' amount needed, at this time, to balance things up to £10 - BUT - please pay this on the first night (as totalled in Blue) so we can start on a level playing field. Obviously this needs to be added to your Match Fee - so your envelope could contain a £10 note and any coins as per shown in **Blue**. Anything not clear - just phone me for further explanation - although it is hoped that the explanations above will be fairly easy to follow.

So envelopes should contain £10 Match Fee PLUS any amount in **Blue** (if any shown).

Team	Paid by you back in 2020		Still held as your credit TOTAL Held in hand 2020 CREDIT	Would have been for 20/21 Will now be for 20/22 should you enter IGNORE				AMOUNT To be Paid for next Winter League	Entry Summer Friendly Games 2021	Any Compliance To be paid 20/21	Pay £10 match fee plus amount in blue
	Summ Entry 2020 Paid	Julio And/or H'cap Paid		Winter League Entry 20/21	Open K.O.	Non-Winners K.O.	TOTAL Winter Fee 20/21				
Allsortz	20	10	30	30			30	None	No entry	£1	No entry
Blue Lightning									£20	credit	
Breezers	20		20	30			30	10	£0	£1	
Chasetown A	20	10	30	30	3		33	3	£0	Credit	
Chasetown Royals	20	10	30	30	3	3	36	6	£0	***	
ChasetownDiamonds	20	10	30	30	3	3	36	6	£0	***	
Crescent	20		20	30	3		33	13	£0	Credit	
Diamonds			None	30			30	30	No entry	Credit	No entry
Dolls 1			None				30	30	£0	Credit	
Dolls 2			None	30			30	30	No entry	***	
Fielders									£0		
Flames			None	30			30	30	£0	Credit	
Ice	20		20	30			30	10	£0	Credit	
Inspire	20		20	30			30	10	£0	£1	PAY
Jets Hawks		5	5	30	3	3	36	31	No entry	£12	No entry
Jets Falcons		5	5	30	3	3	36	31	No entry	***	No entry
Jets Eagles		10	10	30	3	3	36	26	No entry	***	No entry
Jets Ravens		5	5	30	3	3	36	31	No entry	***	No entry
Jupiter	20	5	25	30			30	5	£0	Credit	
Katz (Thundercats)			None	30	3	3	36	36	£0	Credit	
Kodiak Luna		10	10	30	3	3	36	26	£0	£4	PAY
Kodiak Nova		10	10	30	3		33	23	£0	***	



- **4ft spacing for the start of play** – GS and GK are required to start inside their respective goal circles, GA, GD, WA and WD on the transverse line and the centres in the centre third. The modification requires all players to position themselves a minimum of 4ft away from their opposing players and teammates at the start of play. This will be managed by umpires at the start of play.
- **4ft marking** – the defending distance has been increased from 3ft to 4ft. Particular attention must be paid in the goal circle when defending or waiting for a rebound under the goal post. This will be blown as distance.
- **4ft position of penalised player** – penalised players for major infringements are required to position beside the player they infringed but from a distance of 4ft away. This will be managed by umpires when an infringement occurs.
- **Removal of Toss Ups** – No toss ups are permitted, the team who had the ball directly before the action that caused the toss up to be awarded will retain possession. The umpire will briefly hold time, instruct the ball to be returned to the relevant team and play will be restarted on the umpire’s whistle.
- **Removal of idle interactions** – Players not engaged in play or who are stood still are required to be positioned 4ft away from another player. This frequently happens on the circle edge, on the transverse line, whilst walking back to centre pass and returning to the team bench at the end of a quarter. Managed by umpires and supported by players and coaches.
- Check out our video for further information on the modifications [here](#).

Despite the changes, the modified game still looks and feels much like the version we know and love. Contesting for the ball is very much permitted providing players are involved in the phase of play. Over the coming weeks we’ll be providing hot topic videos and hints and tips on playing, coaching and officiating the modified game.

IN ADDITION TO MODIFIED RULES WHAT WILL NETBALL SESSIONS LOOK LIKE?

- Groups of no more than 30 people (including coaches, officials and support roles) per court
- Regular breaks for hand and equipment sanitisation (every 15 mins)
- Off court, normal social distancing applies, common netball behaviours involving close contact (pre-match team huddles and high fives) are no longer permitted.

The following has been copied from an EN link and only deals with the main changes to the Rules.

(d) Roll the ball to another player

NOTE: Deliberately has been removed

Passing distances When a player passes the ball there must be sufficient space for an opposing player on the court to be able to intercept the ball with a hand as it moves from the hands of the thrower to those of the receiver.

Sanction: Free pass where the thrower was standing.

Requirements for Taking a Shot A defending player may not: Cause the goalpost to move so as to interfere with a shot at goal.

NOTE: And cause it to miss has been removed

Obstruction of a player in possession of the ball 3 feet distance is measured on the ground from the nearest part of the landing foot of the player with the ball to the nearest part of the opposing player's nearer foot.

(i) One foot landing by the player with the ball:

(a) If the player remains in the landing position: from the nearest part of the landing foot to the nearest part of the nearer foot of the opposing player.

(b) If the player lifts the landing foot: from the point where the nearest part of the landing foot was grounded to the nearest part of the nearer foot of the opposing player.

(ii) Two feet landing by the player with the ball:

(a) If the player does not move either foot: from the nearest part of the foot that is closer to the nearest part of the nearer foot of the opposing player.

(b) If the player moves one foot: from the nearest part of the foot that remains grounded to the nearest part of the nearer foot of the opposing player.

(iii) If the player with the ball pivots on the landing foot, the nearest part of the landing foot may change and the opposing player must adjust so that the nearest part of their nearer foot is not less than 0.9 m (3 ft) from the nearest part of where the landing foot is now grounded.

(v) A defending player may be within 0.9 m (3 ft) of an opponent with the ball provided there is no interference with the throwing or shooting action of this player. The defending player may not make any effort to deflect or intercept the ball or defend the player with the ball.

Obstruction of a player not in possession of the ball

(i) A player who is within 0.9 m (3 ft) of an opponent (measured between the nearest part of the nearer feet on the ground) may stretch out arms to:

(a) Catch, deflect or intercept a pass or a fake pass.

(b) Catch, deflect or bat a rebound from an unsuccessful shot at goal.

(c) Momentarily signal for a pass or to indicate the intended direction of a movement.

(ii) A player who is within 0.9 m (3 ft) of an opponent (measured between the nearest part of the nearer feet on the ground) may not, whether attacking or defending, use movements that take the arms away from the body so as to limit the possible movement of an opponent, except as required for natural body stance.

Game management

(i) To manage a match the umpires may, in addition to the normal sanction, use any of the following actions:

(a) Caution a player: a player is advised that the behaviour specified must change.

(b) Issue a warning to a player: a player is warned that suspension will follow if the player continues to infringe the foul play rule.

(c) Suspend a player: a player who is suspended takes no part in play for 2 minutes playing time.

(d) Order a player off: a player who is ordered off takes no further part in the match.

(ii) Normally an umpire will work through these actions in the order indicated unless an offence is serious enough to require a higher level of Game Management to be applied immediately.

(iii) A decision to give a caution, a warning, to suspend a player or order a player off will be considered to have been made jointly by both umpires and is binding on the co-umpire.

(v) The co-umpire may hold time if an act of foul play is observed that is not seen by the controlling umpire and a sanction has not already been awarded for an infringement. Such cases should be limited to serious actions which require a warning, suspension or ordering off.

(a) The co-umpire will immediately blow the whistle to hold time and provide details of the foul play to the controlling umpire with a recommendation of the action that should be taken.

(b) The controlling umpire will make the final decision about any action to be taken and will restart play.

13.1.1 Caution An umpire may give a caution to a player and advise that a specified behaviour must change.

(i) Only one caution may be given to a player for a specific instance of foul play.

(ii) If a player is given a caution for different instances of foul play, the umpire must consider escalating this to a warning.

13.1.2 Warning If a player continues to infringe after receiving a caution for a specified behaviour, the umpire will issue a warning to the player.

(i) Where appropriate a warning may be given even if no caution has been issued.

(ii) Only one warning may be given to a player in a match.

13.1.3 Suspension The umpire will suspend a player following a warning if the player continues to infringe the foul play rules.

(i) Where appropriate the umpire may suspend a player even if no warning has been given.

(ii) Only one suspension may be given to a player in a match.

13.1.4 Ordering off The umpire will order a player off the court following a suspension if the player continues to infringe the foul play rules.

(i) Where appropriate an umpire may order a player off the court even if no suspension has been given.

(ii) A player who has been ordered off may not take any further part in the match.

(iii) A player who is ordered off must immediately leave the court.

(iv) The player reports to the appropriate team officials on the team bench and may not re-enter the field of play.

13.2.2 Dangerous Play A player must not take any action, either reckless or dangerous that could affect the safety of another player.

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(i) Punching, kicking, tripping or striking a player with any part of the body.

(ii) Causing a player in the air to fall by moving into the path of that player.

Sanction: Penalty pass and the player is either warned, suspended or in a serious case ordered off.

Appendix A – match guidelines - replace the Match Protocols and these have been rewritten

Appendix B – Umpire hand signals Hand signal text has been changed for

10 Centre positioned incorrectly

11 Offside or breaking

12 Ball over a third or untouched centre pass

Appendix C – Umpire terminology Umpire terminology for infringements has been defined

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Meanwhile - it is sincerely hoped that each and everyone in our Netball family remains safe and strong - and enjoys the change of weather .

Stay safe and strong