

## Tyne and Wear County Netball Association 2020 AGM – Competition Report

Adult Winter League ran to conclusion and fairly uneventfully. Once again this is due to everyone involved taking responsibility for ensuring the matches go ahead as planned and everyone co-operates on the night, turning up in good time, organising umpires, etc.. So **BIG THANKS** are due to everyone in all the clubs and all the roles for ensuring the league is so successful.

### **Congratulations go to winter league winners:**

Division 1	Stadium A
Division 2	Greencroft A
Division 3L	Riverside F
Division 3R	Jesmond Purple
Division 4L	Tigers B
Division 4R	Freeman Knights
Division 5L	EY
Division 5R	GALS Black
Division 6	Midget Gems

The Junior League also ran to conclusion – just! Again, **BIG THANKS** are due to all the coaches, umpires and helpers, parents and players who make this league work. Congratulations to all the winners too:

Under 11	Consett
Under 12 Group 1	Great Park Blacks
Under 12 Group 2	Seatonians
Under 14 Left	Riverside B
Under 14 Right	Consett A
Under 16 Group 1	Ponteland
Under 16 Group 2	Riverside B

There were some issues with the scheduling of the junior league matches due to availability of suitable courts and clashes with other junior netball events like County Matchplay and County training. Hopefully if the Youth Secretary post is filled at the AGM that person will be able to pull this all together and work with other junior organisers to find a solution so that the young players aren't missing out.

Sadly, the Adult Spring League and the Summer League haven't gone ahead as planned and a couple of decisions have been made by the committee as a result. So, to confirm what has been agreed:

1. The Adult Spring League divisions as they stood for the 2020 season will carry forward to the 2021 competition. If teams don't re-enter for the 2021 season then appropriate changes will be made based on the final tables of the 2019 season.
2. Fees paid for the Adult Spring League will be carried forward and credited in full against fees due for the Adult Winter League. Some costs were incurred for courts that couldn't be cancelled right at the start of the season but those costs will be met from County funds. Teams who paid for the Spring League but who don't enter the Winter League or Spring League next season may apply to the Treasurer to have those fees refunded.

## **Facilities and Match Nights**

A few reminders to pass on to your players and coaches please.

**Ice Packs** – you should find a supply of these in the Duty Box if any players pick up injuries. Please use these rather than asking reception for bags of ice. If for some reason one of your players has to resort to using a bag of ice please make sure they clear it away when they are finished, rather than leaving it to melt on the side of the court. This often results in water running onto the court or being walked onto the court and players and particularly umpires slipping as a result.

**Rubbish** – please ensure that your players and spectators take away all their rubbish when they leave. This will be even more important in the future when hygiene will be so important. It is not acceptable to expect someone else to clean up your used Elastoplast, dirty hankies or abandoned water bottles and food waste!

**Floor Surface** – the courts are swept regularly but dust and dirt does build up. Please try not to go on court with muddy trainers or wet trainers and remember only trainers are allowed on the court area no heeled shoes or trainers with any kind of stud.

**Water** – please remind coaches, captains and players that at quarter time all team talks should take place well away from the court to ensure that drinks aren't spilled on the court surface. Players should also ensure that water bottles are sealed or closed and stood well away from the court side and shouldn't be thrown from the court! Water on the court or around the immediate surround is a hazard for players and umpires and accidents have happened due to this.

## **Plans for the 2020 Season**

It is still difficult to outline any firm plans for the 2020 season. If we are able to return in late September or slightly after, very close to the normal start time, we will run a full winter league and hopefully spring league. However, if that isn't possible then the current plan is to run a full winter league starting as soon as we can and then review options for the spring league, possibly utilising extra court time that becomes available in the spring and summer months and using a slightly different fixture format.

Following this meeting we will be asking all Clubs to indicate what their Winter league entry would be and based on these replies the divisions for the 2020 Winter League will be drawn up and published. Draft fixtures will be developed and once the likely start date is clearer these will be published.

We know that players like to have as much notice of match dates as possible, so to help - if your team is playing in a division scheduled for a Wednesday night for example, then there will be 15 Wednesday's of scheduled league matches and you will have matches on 9 of those 15 dates. Matches aren't scheduled for school holiday weeks and a couple of weeks are usually left free before and after Christmas. However, if the league is forced to start late then the weeks either side of Christmas could be used to catch up a bit. The winter league usually starts in the last week of September and is complete by the half term week in February. Note that Division 1 and 2 are slightly different with a mix of matches on Wednesdays and Thursdays. So hopefully even without the actual fixtures it is possible to pencil in some likely match nights.