

2020 Outdoor Match Regulations

The Outdoor matches being organized by TWCNA are purely for recreational netball and to provide the opportunity for players to get back on court. **It is the responsibility of Team Managers, Coaches and Captains to ensure that all players and club officials are conversant with all the regulations and procedures around these matches. All clubs will be held responsible for the actions and behaviour of their players and officials.** The regulations are shown below and are very much pared down and purely in place to clarify the administration on the night.

Eligibility

All those taking part MUST:

- ✓ be members of England Netball;
- ✓ adhere to all the Covid-19 playing regulations that the County issue;
- ✓ play to the modified rules of Netball as published by England Netball;
- ✓ play for only one club/team;
- ✓ as this is not a league or competition there will be no regulations around playing up, however we do expect teams to have a squad and to use those squad members for all their matches. On occasion if any team are short for a match they may use players from other teams in their club or from other clubs subject to the one game per day regulation – there will be no requirement to submit squad lists;
- ✓ all players must be aged 14 years or over as at midnight 31st August/1st September prior to the commencement of the matches;
- ✓ adhere to the one match on any one day ruling from England Netball;
- ✓ ensure that their Covid Officer holds their up to date contact information.

All Clubs taking part MUST:

- ✓ have a Covid Officer registered on Engage;
- ✓ have undertaken the appropriate communication with all their players so that they understand the risks of playing netball at this time;
- ✓ ensure that all players have voluntarily 'opted in' to take part;
- ✓ ensure they have a risk assessment and mitigation plan in place to deal with issues as they arise;

Fixtures

Subject to entries teams will be organized into groups of 6 and a list of fixtures will be published. The aim is for each team to get 5 games, one per week starting hopefully the week of 26th October.

- Matches will consist of four 10 minute quarters with three intervals of 2 minutes and 4 minutes in-between matches – a very tight fit! But we must be finished by 9 as that's when the lights go off.
- Both Teams must provide at least one match ball and as many sets of bibs as they may require.
- Teams should take the court in similar kit and bibs
- There will be a limit of 5 people in the Bench Area – more detailed bench procedures are included in the Match Procedures.
- **Please read all the Match Procedures very carefully and share with all participants. Teams who do not follow these procedures and do not respect the safety of everyone may be asked to leave the competition or in extreme circumstances may be subject to disciplinary action.**

As this is not a league competition there will be no league table, etc.. However, the results of matches should be submitted and we will publish these on the Facebook page. **For Covid-19 purposes an attendance list MUST be submitted after each match detailing EVERYONE in attendance on the night associated with your team. This will be done electronically.** A link to the sheet along with guidance on how to complete the sheet will be posted on the website under the League Resources tab.

Officials

For every match played there will be a reciprocal requirement for a team to provide an umpire. **Due to Covid-19 requirements matches MUST have 2 umpires – matches cannot go ahead with just one umpire.** All costs associated with the provision of their umpire rests with the relevant club. It is recommended that:

- ✓ the Umpire provided is neutral to both teams;
- ✓ the Umpire provided is qualified to an appropriate level;
- ✓ trainee Umpires have a mentor with them and umpire at an appropriate level;

Unless otherwise notified the cost of the matches will be deducted from monies already paid by teams for the Rise Again League (which were in turn forwarded from monies paid for the Spring league!). If teams do not want to do this then they should inform

the County and pay the fee via BACS to the county account referenced with 'OUT (team name)'. No refunds will be offered where teams fail to attend for matches and teams who fail to attend on two occasions may be removed from the competition.

The decisions of the Tyne and Wear County Netball Association (TWCNA), or its nominee(s), in respect of these rules, regulations and match procedures or any other matter related to these matches not provided for below, shall be considered final and binding on all parties (subject to the right of appeal). A copy of the queries, complaints and appeals procedure is available on the TWCNA website under competition or on the England Netball website.

Please now read the Match Procedures and share with all your participants.