

Tyne and Wear Junior League 2023 – Match Procedures

In addition to the League Regulations already circulated all Clubs agreeing to take part in the Tyne and Wear County Netball Association Junior League, 2023, are required to abide by the following.

Please follow the current national guidelines for Covid 19 issues. There are no Covid 19 guidelines relating specifically to netball now but we expect everyone taking part to show due respect and care towards their fellow participants.

Venue Specifics:

- Please follow any directions given by Blue Flames, Gateshead Stadium or John Spence High School staff and follow any instructions marked in the venue. Please only gather in the areas that have been designated for netball users. This is particularly important as there may be other users in the venue at the same time.
- Please place all your litter and rubbish in the bins at the venue or take with you when you leave, please don't leave anything for someone else to pick up.

Bench areas, personnel and spectators:

- Club personnel (coaches, subs) must remain in their bench area during matches. Specifically, no one must stand or move behind the umpire's running area.
- Spectators – if there is space in the bench area then a Club may decide to allow spectators to occupy those spaces. If not then spectators must ensure that they do not stand or move behind the umpire's running area. Clubs are responsible for their spectators and their behaviour at all times. Spectators must show respect to ALL the players on court. They should offer encouragement and praise from the side, negative and disrespectful comments will not be sanctioned.
- Spectators and club personnel must respond to any requests made by the Umpires who are in charge of the matches.

Get Out:

- At the end of each match players should vacate the court quickly to allow the following teams to warm up and set up for their match.
- Please conduct all post-match chats away from the court area.
- It is each Club's responsibility to ensure that players are collected safely after matches – ideally someone should be available on the day to supervise younger players leaving the venue and being collected.

Photography and Video Recording:

- Please refer to the TWCNA website for further details and links to the official England Netball policies which TWCNA abides by. Put simply, No photography or video recording is allowed at matches in the Tyne and Wear Junior County Leagues. Club Coaches/Officials must ensure that all parents/spectators are aware of this rule and abide by it at all times. Clubs will be held responsible for any action by their spectators and this may lead to disciplinary action. The only exception to the above is:

Team/squad photographs may be taken at the start or end of a match as long as no one else is included in the background, eg: other players, umpires, spectators, etc. No photographs must be taken during matches. Team/squad photos may be posted on "official" Club social media sites but Clubs must ensure they have all appropriate consents in place before they publish. Check the England Netball website for examples of forms that can be used to gain photographic consent from club members. Clubs who publish team/squad photos must ensure they retain control of these photographs, their use and distribution therefore all Club members should be informed not to share photographs on personal social media as the Club then has no control over their distribution.

Safeguarding:

Although the England Netball CAPS club accreditation is currently under review, all clubs are responsible for the safeguarding of all their players and personnel at competition events.

Specifically:

- All active participants at matches must be members of England Netball. Anyone undertaking a formal role within the club **must** be a member so that they are insured in the event of any issues arising – Coaches, Umpires, Team Managers.
- Teams containing young players **must** be accompanied to matches by an adult who has been DBS checked. It is not necessary for a team to be accompanied by a Level 2 Coach as matches are classed as Umpire led (training sessions are classed as Coach led hence the requirement for a Level 2 Coach at all training sessions). Alternatively, all the young people in the team may be accompanied by a parent, that's a parent for each child.
- For a Coaches qualification to be valid they must have:
 - appropriate and up to date First Aid certificate
 - attended a Safeguarding course
- The Coach or Team Manager on the day of matches should be able to access details of emergency/alternative contacts and medical/disability information for all players in the event that an issue arises.
- All Clubs **must** ensure that DBS checks have been undertaken for all relevant club personnel. Responsibility for ensuring that anyone accompanying a team containing young people to a match, rests with the Club. Clubs must allocate a suitably qualified club member to the role of Safeguarding Officer on ENgage. As a minimum all Coaches and the Safeguarding Officer require a DBS check, check the England Netball guidance to see if other volunteers require checks.