



KENT COUNTY SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

Handbook 2019-20

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July 2019.

Dear Captains/Managers

Please find enclosed your handbook for the KENT COUNTY SENIOR NETBALL LEAGUE. Last year's competitors should replace all handbook pages with these enclosed.

We have two divisions of 6 teams this year who will play home and away matches. Both Division 1 and Division 2 umpires will be allocated by Keeley Smith from those nominated.

Preparation now!

- Look at the changes to the league rules highlighted in purple.
- Provide match venue and times to Dawn Cox ASAP. Those with home matches on 12th January 2020 do not need to book a venue as matches will be held centrally at Polo Farm as shown on the fixtures.
- Provide top 7 players' details to Joan Mills
- Affiliate and provide confirmation to Joan Mills
- Submit your player registrations to Joan Mills
- Make sure you have two people on stand-by to attend the AGM at 7.30pm on 12th September (all details sent via separate email)
- Print your match cards
- Action any age banding requirements

Remember

8.3 The home team must provide their opponents and the two umpires with confirmation via email of the fixture, its start time, and travel directions (including postcode) ten (10) days prior to the date of the fixture.

Match days

You will need to complete a **Match Result Card** prior to each game. Note that you now need to provide information on any Warnings issued and there is a separate **Game Management Form** that needs to be emailed to Keeley Smith. This should be completed by the scorer/umpires and should be submitted by the home team. As many of you are sending these electronically, I have created them as A4, which you can scan/photograph whole or fold to post if need be.

Table Officials

We have a number of qualified Table Officials in the county who may wish to practise their skills on your game. They will contact you directly if this is the case. We ask that you accommodate their request where possible.

Competition Referee

In the event of any queries, complains or appeals please note the strict conditions and how to do this detailed in the rules.

29/07/2019

Accidents

Please return an Accident Report sheet with your Results Sheet for any incidents that occur. Please note England Netball's revised procedure for injury reporting and insurance claims here: <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/membership/insurance/> and here: <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/competitions/administration/>

Press

Any information you could provide on the game would be most useful for publication on the Kent Netball website or social media. Perhaps you could delegate the job of writing a report to one of your group? Send photos or match reports to Jenny Fissenden jfissenden@kentnetball.co.uk you can Whatsapp her on 07894 061636.

Regional play-offs

Winners of the league qualify for the regional league play offs. The date for this has currently been set as 9th May 2020, but the region will confirm the details once they are known.

KCSNL Play offs

Note changes to the eligibility rules in 2019-20 in purple text. For 2019-20 teams will play off on 7th June 2020.

IMPORTANT!

AGM

May I remind you of the rule:

- 5.4 Teams entering the League must be represented at the Kent Netball Association Annual General Meeting held in September prior to the start of the season. **Failure of a representative to attend for the duration of the meeting will result in expulsion from the competition.**

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
KENT COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19:00 for 19:30 Thursday 12th September 2019
The Learning Resources Centre, Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham,
Kent ME8 0BX

I wish you every success this season.

Good luck!

Dawn Cox
Secretary

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CODES OF CONDUCT

England Netball has Codes of Conduct across all aspects of the sport, which is driven by its' core values of leadership, integrity, teamwork and excellence. The codes require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in Netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times. Kent Netball supports these codes, some of which are detailed below.

6.1 Code of Conduct for Athletes

6.1.1 As an athlete I will:

- be affiliated to EN and comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions in which I participate respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust, or position of power, or influence held by me within my team, club, League, County, Regional or National Association
- always conduct myself in an appropriate manner
- cooperate with my Coaches, team mates, Officials and Administrators
- never argue with an official during a game
- control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of Officials, Coaches, Spectators or other athletes, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- treat all athletes with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage of another athlete
- work equally hard for myself and my team, show my determination and passion to learn and do well
- display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- comply with all anti-doping policies and regulations
- abide by any disciplinary sanctions that might be imposed on me
- promote this code of conduct to other athletes, especially those new to the sport of netball

6.1.2 I will not:

- consume alcoholic drinks, or illegal substances, or smoke either immediately prior to or whilst playing
- wager on any match or at any event where I am playing
- offer or attempt to offer, or accept either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match
- use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a fellow athlete, Coach, Official, volunteer or the NGB.

6.2 Code of Conduct for Coaches

6.2.1 As a Coach I will:

- be affiliated to EN and comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me within my Team, Club, League, County, Regional or National Association
- always conduct myself in an appropriate manner
- treat all athletes, Coaches and Officials with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage
- control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional, and physical abuse of coaches, athletes, spectators, or other officials is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- be a positive role model for netball by acting in a way that projects a positive image of coaching and being fair, considerate and honest with athletes
- display high standards in my language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation ensuring that an athlete's time spent with me is a positive experience
- provide athletes with planned and structured training programmes appropriate to their needs and goals, ensuring equal attention and opportunities are available to all
- accurately represent personal coaching qualifications, experience and competence
- keep up to date with the latest coaching practice and developments by taking up further coach education and other personal and professional development opportunities
- ensure that the training and/or competition environment is safe and appropriate for the age, physical and emotional maturity, experience and ability of the athletes
- provide a modified training programme for sick and injured athletes and encourage them to seek medical advice where required
- exercise reasonable care and skill when carrying out my duties
- comply with all anti-doping policies and regulations
- abide by the "safeguarding best practice guidelines" for children and young people
- promote this code of conduct to other coaches especially those new to the sport of netball

6.2.2 I will not:

- consume alcoholic drinks or illegal substances or smoke around athletes
- wager on any match or at any event where I am coaching
- offer or attempt to offer, or accept either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match
- disclose any confidential information relating to athletes without their prior consent
- use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a fellow Coach, athlete, Official, volunteer or the NGB

6.3 Code of Conduct for Umpires

6.3.1 As an Umpire I will:

- be affiliated to EN and comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions in which I umpire
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me within my team, club, League, County, Regional or National Association
- always conduct myself in an appropriate manner and cooperate with other officials and administrators
- exercise self control; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of coaches, spectators, athletes or other officials is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- treat all officials with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage of another official
- umpire consistently, independently and with complete impartiality and exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game, to apply them fairly and to effect control of the game so as to ensure the safety of the players at all times
- abide by the "safeguarding best practice guidelines" for children and young people
- ensure that I will maintain the level of knowledge required by attending appropriate and approved EN courses
- conform to the appropriate standard of mental and physical fitness defined by EN which will enable me to effectively control matches
- be appropriately dressed whenever I umpire
- abide by any disciplinary sanctions that might be imposed on me
- promote this code of conduct to other umpires and officials

6.3.2 I will not:

- consume alcoholic drinks or illegal substances or smoke either immediately prior to or whilst
- umpiring
- wager on any match or at any event where I am umpiring
- offer or attempt to offer, or accept either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match
- coach during any match at which I am umpiring
- use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a fellow official, coach, athlete, volunteer or the NGB

6.7 Code of Conduct for Team Managers

6.7.1 As a Team Manager I will:

- be affiliated to EN and comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me within my team, club, League, County, Regional or National Association
- always conduct myself in an appropriate manner
- treat all Coaches, Officials and athletes with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage
- exercise self-control; I understand that verbal and physical, emotional abuse of Coaches, athletes, spectators, or other Officials is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- display high standards in my language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation ensuring that an athlete has a positive experience when in my care
- exercise reasonable care and skill when carrying out my duties
- abide by the "safeguarding best practice guidelines" for children and young people
- comply with all anti-doping policies and regulations
- promote this code of conduct to other team managers especially those new to the sport of netball

6.7.2 I will not:

- consume alcoholic drinks or illegal substances or smoke around athletes
- wager on any match or at any event where I am involved
- offer or attempt to offer, or accept either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match
- disclose any confidential information relating to athletes without their prior consent
- use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or the NGB

6.7.3 Clubs are encouraged to add to this document their own requirements regarding Training times; Kit; Transport etc