

Colchester Netball League
Winter League 2015-2016 - Information Sheet

September 2015

Dear All,
Welcome to a new season of netball.

We hope that you are all ready for the year ahead and that the weather will be as kind to us as it was last year (i.e. hardly any re-arrangements!!!!!!).

This year, instead of the Pre-Season meeting, we are sending this handy information sheet out to all teams so that every member of the Colchester League is informed about the latest and existing protocols in place.

Members of the Committee have submitted various reports to ensure that all players and officials, especially new clubs/teams, are aware of the most relevant details concerning Colchester League matters.

We are therefore asking team contacts that they pass this information on to **all** members of their clubs/teams so that each and everyone knows about changes that have been put in place.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

England Netball Affiliation.

1. All players must be affiliated with England Netball.
2. Under Colchester Netball League Rules, new players can play 3 games before being affiliated but must be registered with the Colchester Netball League.
3. If a player has played 3 games and the team intends this player to play again, they must then be affiliated with England Netball before they play a fourth match - this includes any Knockout matches as well.
4. Once affiliation has taken place the membership receipt received by the team must also be sent to the League's Affiliation Secretary - Donna Parker - dparkerevans@aol.com. This must be received by Donna before the payer plays the fourth match.
5. Failure to comply with 4 and 5 above can result in the following games becoming null and void i.e. the game is awarded to the opposing team and they receive the points. It can also result in a penalty fine.
6. If any problems occur with the affiliation process and this then delays the affiliation, please contact Donna so that she is aware of the problem.
7. If help and guidance is required regarding the affiliation process, please do not hesitate to contact Donna.

Supplementary Players

1. If a team wishes to register additional players during the season, they must complete the Supplementary Players' Registration Form - which can be found on the website.
2. The completed Supplementary Players' Registration Form can then be sent to Donna Parker (email address above) and she will return to the team the Players' Registration numbers to use on the score card.
3. The cost for each player is £2.
4. Please do not send any money with the Supplementary Players' Registration Form. An invoice will be sent out at a later date.
5. If there is a problem accessing the form from the website, please contact Donna Parker and she will send one out.

Knockout

Due to an increase in the number of divisions this year the handicap points awarded in each match has been adjusted. There will be one cup for divisions 1 & 2 and another cup for divisions 3, 4 & 5.

The handicap points will be awarded as follows;

1st Division 0

2nd Division 10

3rd Division 0

4th Division 10

5th Division 15

Umpiring Information for Colchester Netball League 2015/16

New umpiring Secretary – Hayley Martin hayleymartin21@hotmail.com 07813623847

Please feel free to contact Hayley if you have any questions, queries, ideas, concerns, or compliments for umpires that you would like passed on.

Umpires refresher Course 2015

- Booked for 22nd November 11am, run by Dawn Bullimoor and Maureen Lee. Venue - Gilbert School.
- It's a hope and expectation that all current umpires will attend.
- Emails to all umpires and teams has been circulated but if you have not received the email please contact Hayley.
- The course is to support our umpires to gain confidence and to be empowered to ensure the game is a positive experience for everyone.
- This course is for all umpires who have been on a beginners course and above, **NOT FOR NEW UMPIRES OR UMPIRES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ON AN OFFICIAL BEGINNERS COURSE.**

Beginners' Course

- A Beginners' umpiring course will be arranged for 2016 and you will be notified by Hayley.

Umpiring levels for each division

- Division 5 – 2 x competent beginners and above
- Division 4 – 2 x competent beginners and above
- Division 3 – home umpire qualified C and above, away competent beginner and above.
- Division 2 – both umpires must be qualified C and above
- Division 1 – both umpires must be qualified C and above.
- Any questions please contact Hayley.

Scorers

- For the season 2015/16 we are proposing the need for scorers for division 1 only, although we would encourage all teams to try and have a scorer across all divisions.
- Scorers provide a much needed service to all umpires (especially beginners), they support the umpires as well as allowing the umpires to purely concentrate on their job of managing the game. By umpires not scoring it also allows game to flow much easier, especially after a goal is scored.
- For division 1 this is a requirement. It is the team's responsibility to arrange a scorer. A scorer can be any body who can add and write! It may be the sub, the coach, the manager, a parent, a partner, a friend or spectator.
- It is the team's discretion on whether they pay their scorer.

- Scorers can coach during the game, they do not have to be silent!
- Scorers can change each quarter.
- There needs to be 2 scorers per match, there cannot be only 1 person keeping score as this is a conflict of interest.
- All umpires must inform me if a division 1 team did not provide a scorer.

Score Cards

- We will have new score cards for the season 2015/16
- There will be 1 score card per match which will be double sided.
- 1 side is for the home team, 1 side is for the away team.
- It is responsibility of the home team to provide the score card, they must fill in their details prior to the match and give the card to the away team on arrival to the game, away team to fill in their side and give to one of the umpires.
- We recommend getting stickers done with a list of players names, which can then just be stuck onto the card and anyone not playing can be crossed off – this saves time, just an idea for everyone.
- At the end of the game it is responsibility of the winning team to put the card in the post box located on the entrance gates to the court.

Payment for Umpires

- For all divisions umpires should be paid a minimum of £15 per match by the team they are umpiring.

Start of games

- Reminder all games start at either 7pm or 8.30pm – this means the first whistle for the first centre pass should be blown at 7pm or 8.30pm.
- Teams should be ready to take the court at these times.
- Last season this was fed back to the committee as lacking and causing issues with timings of matches.
- Umpires will be asking teams to take the court at the correct time and game will proceed if there are at least 5 players on the team – umpires do not have to wait for the whole 7 players to arrive before game starts.
- Umpires can give an extra 5 minutes for 5 players to arrive however if there are not 5 players on court by 7.05pm and 8.35pm the game will be awarded to the other team.
- 'on court' means in position awaiting centre pass.
- Courts are open and teams are encouraged to come and warm up from 6.30pm.

New Rules

- The new International Netball Federation game rules will be trialled at Superleague and International games from January 2016, new rules will be implemented in local league from September 2016. All umpires in Colchester must continue to use the current rules until further notice (new rules will be discussed briefly on the refreshers course).

Additional Information

Please remember that:

- The Gilbert School and Highwoods Sports Centre operate a 'No Smoking Policy' throughout it's premises and therefore smoking is not permitted at all!
- No pets are no allowed on the premises.
- Spectators are not allowed on the courts for the duration of the match. All spectators must remain outside the courts for this period of time.
- Games to start promptly at 7pm and 8.30pm.
- The website address is www.colchesternetball.org.uk.
- Score Cards and the handbook will be given out on Monday 14th September 2015 at the first games of the season.

This year there will be two post boxes - one located at courts 1- 4 and one located at courts 5 - 8. Please deposit your cards in either box - remember it is the winning team that places the score card in the post box.

On behalf of the Committee, we wish you a happy and safe netballing year and if you need any help at any time please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Happy Netballing!

The Committee