



Gloucestershire Netball

Summer League Rules 2021

A – GENERAL

1. Matches shall be played according to INF and England Netball rules and adhere to England Netball policies and rule directives, including the England Netball guidance on pregnancy.
2. Matches are to be played to the Modified Rules (until at least 21st June) If EN and government restrictions allow, we will revert back to standard rules, but will send an email communication nearer the date to confirm updates.
3. All attending players will continue to adhere to all the latest and updated Covid guidelines set by both the Government and EN.
4. Entry and court costs for the 2021 Summer League are free.
5. All attending players, coaches and umpires will need to download the NHS track and trace app and scan the QR code displayed at the venues.
6. There will no collection of results or results sheets.

B – ORGANISATION OF MATCHES

1. Matches will consists of four quarters, each of 10 minutes playing duration, with an interval of 2 minutes between the first-second and third-fourth quarters. The half-time interval is 5minutes.
2. All matches shall start at the specified time. If at least 5 players are available to take the court from each team, the game will commence immediately.
3. Each team will submit via email, a squad list for Covid purposes to the League Secretary on the date of fixture. (nicola.parry@glos-netball.org.uk)

C – PLAYERS

1. Only players affiliated and registered with England Netball are permitted to participate in these matches.
2. Players may play for more than one club, but are only permitted to play one game per day due to ongoing Covid restrictions
3. All players shall be 14 years of age or over (as at 1st September in the year of registration) to play in the League.
4. There will be no divisional restriction on players during Summer League.

D – MATCH OFFICIALS

1. Teams are responsible for organising umpires for their own matches. Due to the friendly nature of summer league, these umpires do not need to be independent

2. Umpires may be permitted to umpire no more than 2 games per day

Umpire eligibility:

- Umpires shall be affiliated to England Netball and registered with the Officiating Group Lead/Umpiring Secretary
- Umpires shall meet the minimum qualification of an Into Officiating Award to umpire Summer League Matches
- Umpires in training are permitted to umpire Summer League Matches, under the supervision of a qualified mentor on the match day

E – MATCH HYGIENE AND SAFETY MEASURES

1. All clubs must have an appointed Covid Officer. The appointed person(s) are responsible for ensuring all players undergo a weekly Covid health screening prior to arrival at venues. **(We have attached a questionnaire to support your Covid officers with this task)**
2. Players are required to sanitise their hands at the start and end of each quarter.
3. A freshly cleaned/sanitised ball should be used for each quarter (same ball can be used but must be cleaned during quarter breaks). Spare 'clean' ball to be kept in reserve.
4. Match officials will be required to be at least 2m from activity where possible.
5. The post/protector at the each goal should be sanitised prior to the start of the match
6. Team talks should be conducted socially distanced on court to avoid congesting court side area.
7. Bibs (both overhead and patch) should not be shared unless wipeable. Wipeable bibs are now an approved alternative to normal netball patch or overhead bibs.

Wipeable bibs may only be used if the following conditions are met:

- Bibs are thoroughly sanitised both front and back following the sanitisation protocol in the Restart Guidance.
- Bibs are not passed hand to hand between players and instead placed on the floor to swap ensuring social distancing is maintained whilst off court.
- The corners are not sharp and therefore rounded off

There are a number suggestions included within the Restart Guidance for bib alternatives. Netball organisations should not use safety pins to attach any positions to playing kits.

Restart Guidance V3

<https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/the-countdown-less-than-one-week-to-go-until-community-netball-can-restart/>

England Netball Covid 19 Support:

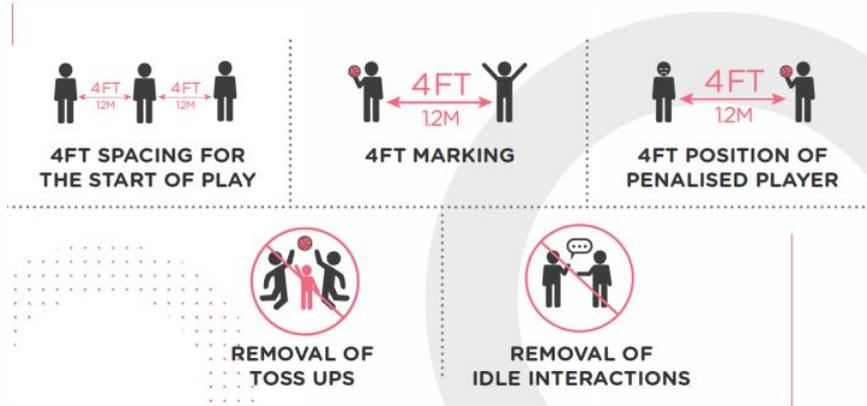
<https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/>

Latest Government Covid 19 Guidelines:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



RULE MODIFICATIONS SUMMARY



SPRING 2021

MAKING NETBALL HAPPEN

12 TOP TIPS TO PREPARE FOR NETBALL



DO NOT ATTEND TRAINING OR A GAME IF YOU ARE UNWELL OR SHOW ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS



SHOWER AT HOME BEFORE AND AFTER ALL NETBALL ACTIVITY



ARRIVE AT THE VENUE READY TO PLAY IN YOUR KIT



AVOID CAR SHARING OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT IF POSSIBLE



WASH OR SANITISE YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER PLAY



SANITISE YOUR NETBALL BEFORE AND AFTER PLAY



AVOID UNNECESSARY BODILY CONTACT INCLUDING HANDSHAKES, HIGH FIVES AND HUGS



TRAVEL DIRECTLY HOME IN YOUR KIT AFTER PLAY AND WASH YOUR KIT ON ITS OWN AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE HOME



DO NOT SHARE PERSONAL ITEMS SUCH AS YOUR DRINKS BOTTLE AND TOWELS



BREAK TO CLEAN THE BALL AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS EVERY 15 MINUTES



AVOID USING BIBS UNLESS IT'S YOUR OWN



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEREVER POSSIBLE (2M)