# Summer 2021 Outdoor Competition guidance

# Overview

Following the government’s announcement that competitive netball can re-start following the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Huddersfield Netball League is running a summer league. Due to the unavailability of courts and potential risks of indoor transmission we have decided to use an outdoor venue.

This breaks from the usual tradition that we have in Huddersfield of running home and away venues, and we have chosen a central organised venue. This document provides you with some key supporting information.

This league will be run as a friendly competition but we will still adhere to the England Netball rules, and currently these include COVID-19 modifications. We will continue to review the situation and follow the guidance provided by England Netball, and update further when required.

As per the EN guidance dated 19.07.21 the committee has decided that we will continue to observe the COVID-19 modifications for the remainder of the fixtures. This is because the guidance does say “for any competition that has commenced using the COVID-19 rule modifications it is strongly recommended that these rule modifications be used to conclude the competition. This is to protect the integrity of any netball competitions, avoid mid competition rule changes and reduce the risk of people being deemed as close contact and having to self-isolate.”

You must please ensure you have read the England Netball Restart Guidance and all updates on their website about returning to netball safely. Each team is responsible for carrying out their own risk assessment and risk mitigation plan as per England Netball’s guidance. We may ask teams to submit these prior to the first game. Templates for both are available on the England Netball’s website.

# Communication

We will create a Whatsapp group for team secretaries, so that we can communicate key updates or notices in relation to matches.

All teams have provided us with contact details for a secretary and a second point of contact. We will use email to send out most notices, but use Whatsapp for any daily updates such as potential weather or court issues.

# Committee Members

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# Venue

The league will be played across three courts. The courts will be numbered 1, 2 & 3 from top to bottom and there will be committee members present directing and supporting teams. The venue is:

* *Salendine Nook High School, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4GN.*

The netball courts are behind the school at the bottom of the fields. Please enter and exit to the bottom of the school and avoid the football fields and New College due to other activities taking place and increased numbers of people.

Nominated Committee Members will review the local weather prior to the Saturday morning and communicate via the group Whatsapp if any fixtures are cancelled. If the weather deteriorates on the day, umpires will be responsible for cancelling/stopping any games.

# Game Information

Games will be played on Saturdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Fixtures commence on Saturday 3rd July and run to Saturday August 28th.

If you can’t field a team due to COVID infection or quarantine, please confirm by midday on the Friday before the game (when you should be carrying out team health checks). In this scenario we will try to re-arrange the game if we have available court time.

Each game will run for 4 quarters x 12 minutes, allowing time for changeovers and sanitisation.

Game 1 - 9.00am – 10.00am

Game 2 - 10.15am – 11.15am

Game 3 - 11.30am – 12.30pm

All games should start within five minutes of the allotted fixture time. No team may take to the court with less than five players.

Points will be awarded: - 4 for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 for half score or above.

If teams have to forfeit a game because they can’t field a team, a score of 0-20 will be awarded in the opposition’s favour. If games are cancelled due to the weather (and can’t be rearranged), a score of 0-0 will be awarded.

There will be Committee Members on site to ensure things are running smoothly, but it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that players come off and on court promptly, ensuring the previous teams are clear prior to entering.

# Registration

All players and umpires must be fully paid-up members of England Netball for the relevant Membership Year.

A team registration sheet must be submitted electronically before the first game, to the membership secretary and your division results secretary. Any additions to the registration sheet must be made and sent electronically to both the membership secretary and your division results secretary before fielding the player. Please also send a screen shot from ENgage showing your members’ names and their status as paid-up active members.

As this is a friendly league, teams can borrow players from other clubs when needed, but they must be declared on the score sheets with their EN registration numbers so that we can ensure they are members of England Netball. A team can only borrow up to two players from other teams per game.

Updated England Netball guidance (19.07.21) confirms that there is no longer a limit on the length of time or number of matches an individual can attend in a single day. The committee has taken the decision that players can play a maximum of two games per day. Umpires are still able to umpire two games in one day. If you are a player/umpire, you can play in one game and umpire one game on the same day. We still need to remember that increased contact time and increased interactions pose a greater risk of transmission and the need to self-isolate if someone subsequently tests positive.

# Divisions

As most clubs have only registered one team, we are unable to place teams into appropriate divisions as we would normally do based on previous seasons’ results. We have therefore randomly mixed up all the teams into two divisions.

# Kit

Team kits and colours should be worn wherever possible, however additional warm kits can be worn if required (leggings etc.)

# Costs

The court cost per team will be £15 per game. The first week’s court cost needs to be paid in advance please by bank transfer by the 29th May to secure your place.

The subsequent weekly fees need to be paid in advance to the HNL Bank account, by the Friday before each match. Please email Sophie Byram, Treasurer ([sophie@sbhomes.co.uk](mailto:sophie@sbhomes.co.uk) ) to confirm you have sent the money. If you would like to pay in bulk please arrange to do so. The bank details are as follows:

**Account Name:** HNL

**Sort Code:** 30 94 43

**Account Number:** 72166668

Please pay your umpire directly on the day.

***If a team fails to turn up on or the day or field a team without notifying us within the required timescales, then they must pay their opposition’s court costs and their umpiring fees.***

# Results

Score sheets for every game must be returned **electronically** to the relevant results secretary within seven days of the game being played. Players’ names must be recorded with first names and surnames as per the registration sheet and all sections completed fully. There is no requirement to countersign score sheets to minimise any risk of infection.

Please also submit scores via text message (07545 916346), or via the HNL website within seven days of the game being played.

Each team can declare up to 12 players on the score sheet.

# Umpires/Scorers

For each game both teams must provide an umpire that is qualified or an unqualified umpire that is on the current league umpire list. Each team is responsible for payment of their umpire. Qualified umpires should be offered a minimum of £10 per game. Unqualified umpires may be paid a minimum of £7. This is however at the team’s discretion. The fee must be paid to the umpire prior to the game being played. Any team failing to provide an umpire shall deem to have forfeited the game and a win awarded to the opposition.

Due to the unusual groupings for the friendly summer league, the league rules regarding which divisions umpires, including learners, can umpire are not applicable.  The league has made a strong commitment to support and nurture learner umpires which it is continuing to do.

To safeguard all umpires and players, please ensure that, as an umpire, you are fit enough to manage any game that you choose to do.  Due to the probable disparity in teams, many goals could be scored in a quarter and umpires need to ensure that they can physically keep up with the game.

Learners should be mindful of umpiring within their limits and should avoid games that are beyond their current capabilities – if in doubt, please ask your mentor.  Teams need to respect these limitations when organising umpires. Mentoring sessions can be arranged for both learners and qualified umpires to ensure a smooth transition back into netball.

Each team must provide its own scorer. The scorers are jointly responsible for keeping an accurate record of the score and should, therefore, stand/sit together.

# Team Lists

**Division A**

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| **Team Number** | **Team Name** |
| 1 | Portland C |
| 2 | Hi Tech 2 |
| 3 | Shelley |
| 4 | Kelly’s Heroes |
| 5 | Portland A |
| 6 | Monumentals |
| 7 | (withdrawn) |
| 8 | Huddersfield Tigers |
| 9 | Halifax Mavericks |

**Division B**

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| **Team number** | **Team Name** |
| 10 | Genies 1 |
| 11 | Marsden |
| 12 | Fountain |
| 13 | Mirfield |
| 14 | Holmfirth |
| 15 | Pennine Weavers |
| 16 | Portland B |
| 17 | Hi Tech 1 |

# Fixtures

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| **Date** | **3/7/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Court 1** | | |  | **Court 2** | | |  | **Court 3** | | |
| **9:00AM** | Hi-Tech 2 | v | Shelley | **9:00AM** | Halifax Mavericks | v | Hudds Tigers | **9:00AM** | Genies 1 | v | Mirfield |
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| **10:15AM** | Kelly’s Heroes | v | Portland A | **10:15AM** | Portland B | v | Hi Tech 1 | **10:15AM** | Marsden | v | Fountain |
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|  |  |  |  | **11:30AM** | Holmfirth | v | Pennine Weavers |  |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **10/7/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **9:00AM** | Portland C | v | Shelley |  |  |  |  | **9:00AM** | Mirfield | v | Portland B |
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| **10:15AM** | Kelly’s Heroes | v | Hi Tech 2 | **10:15AM** | Fountain | v | Genies 1 | **10:15AM** | Hi Tech 1 | v | Holmfirth |
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| **11:30AM** | Monumentals | v | Hudds Tigers | **11:30AM** | Pennine Weavers | v | Marsden |  |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **17/7/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Court 1** | | |  | **Court 2** | | |  | **Court 3** | | |
| **9:00AM** | Portland C | v | Portland A | **9:00AM** | Hi-Tech 2 | v | Monumentals | **9:00AM** | Holmfirth | v | Fountain |
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| **10:15AM** | Halifax Mavericks | v | Kelly’s Heroes | **10:15AM** | Genies 1 | v | Hi Tech 1 | **10:15AM** | Portland B | v | Pennine Weavers |
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| **11:30AM** | Shelley | v | Hudds Tigers | **11:30AM** | Marsden | v | Mirfield |  |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **24/7/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Court 1** | | |  | **Court 2** | | |  | **Court 3** | | |
| **9:00AM** | Hudds Tigers | v | Portland C |  |  |  |  | **9:00AM** | Mirfield | v | Holmfirth |
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| **10:15AM** | Halifax Mavericks | v | Portland A | **10:15AM** | Hi Tech 1 | v | Marsden | **10:15AM** | Fountain | v | Portland B |
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| **11:30AM** | Kelly’s Heroes | v | Monumentals | **11:30AM** | Pennine Weavers | v | Genies 1 |  |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **31/7/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **9:00AM** | Portland C | v | Hi Tech 2 |  |  |  |  | **9:00AM** | Marsden | v | Portland B |
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| **10:15AM** | Shelley | v | Kelly’s Heroes | **10:15AM** | Genies 1 | v | Holmfirth | **10:15AM** | Fountain | v | Pennine Weavers |
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| **Date** | **07/08/2021** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **10:15AM** | Halifax Mavericks | v | Shelley | **10:15AM** | Portland B | v | Genies 1 | **10:15AM** | Mirfield | v | Fountain |
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| **11:30AM** | Hi-Tech 2 | v | Hudds Tigers | **11:30AM** | Pennine Weavers | v | Hi Tech 1 |  |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **14/8/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **9:00AM** | Monumentals | v | Halifax Mavericks | **9:00AM** | Portland A | v | Hi Tech 2 | **9:00AM** | Mirfield | v | Pennine Weavers |
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| **10:15AM** | Kelly’s Heroes | v | Hudds Tigers | **10:15AM** | Marsden | v | Genies 1 | **10:15AM** | Portland B | v | Holmfirth |
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| **Date** | **21/8/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Court 1** | | |  | **Court 2** | | |  | **Court 3** | | |
| **9:00AM** | Portland C | v | Monumentals | **9:00AM** | Hi-Tech 2 | v | Halifax Mavericks | **9:00AM** | Shelley | v | Portland A |
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| **Date** | **28/8/21** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **9:00AM** | Shelley | v | Monumentals |  |  |  |  | **9:00AM** | Halifax Mavericks | v | Portland C |
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| **10:15AM** | Portland A | v | Hudds Tigers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# Guidance from the Lettings company regarding the venue

* No changing rooms are available
* Doors and touch points will be opened to minimise contact where possible
* Only use toilets in emergencies
* Spectators are now allowed as long as it is within legal gathering limits – which is 30 outdoors. If you do bring any spectators, please ask them to stay away from court side to a reasonable distance
* Sanitising stations including hand sanitisers, sprays and wipes will be stationed outside main areas of use.
* QR codes for Track & trace will be present on site. Please ensure all users use these on arrival

# Roles and Responsibilities

**Roles and Responsibilities on the day: -**

Each individual player has a responsibility to keep themselves and other people safe at all times.

Please be honest with your health checks and don’t take any unnecessary risks.

**UMPIRE**

* Night before, complete own health check
* QR code into courts
* Be prepared to keep score if scorers not available (although we have asked each team to provide one)
* DON’T share scorecards, pens, whistle etc.
* DON’T touch the ball or the posts…WATCH the toss up for C pass and team selects ball
* DON’T sign the scorecard or anything else
* Keep your bag away from the teams
* Make every effort to keep 2 metres away from players and other officials at all times
* Use common sense to remain safe and to keep the players safe
* Enjoy the game

**TEAM COVID OFFICER**

* Ensure your team and its members bring their own hand, ball and post sanitising products
* Check in with team members the day before re COVID health checks and advise committee if an issue
* Check team onto courts with QR code
* Ensure the ball is sanitised at every interval
* Ensure hands of players are sanitised at every interval
* Ensure posts are sanitised if and when necessary
* Ensure bibs are not shared during the game. Prepare extra if needed
* Clear the court area at the end of the game of all equipment and used sanitising products from your team
* Ensure the courts are clean and ready for the next players
* Vacate the court area promptly

**TEAM CAPTAIN**

* Remind members to arrive changed and ready to take the court. Minimal stuff taken on court
* Team sheets completed, photographed and sent to the appropriate results secretary. Text final score to 07545 916346
* DON’T sign cards or team sheet or ask anyone else to do so, a photo is sufficient
* Ensure court area is cleared of all your team equipment
* Ensure court area is vacated promptly

**LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES**

* Check players registering at the venue using the QR code
* Only allow players on court for one game, others to remain outside the playing area
* Ensure playing area is clear before allowing next teams onto court
* Oversee the sanitising of the ball and hands at each interval
* Oversee the cleansing of the posts when needed during the game and especially at the end of the game
* Keep players safe but also allow them to enjoy the game