

BISHOPS STORTFORD DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

MID SEASON UPDATE

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year Everyone.

Half way through the season and looking forward to starting the second round. Despite some challenging court conditions we have managed to get through all but two games to date and there have been very few cancellations by teams, so thanks to all so far that have organised, umpired, and swept the courts and to players for your patience.

Below some updates for the second half of the season. Please circulate to your players & umpires.

UPDATED FIXTURES

There are a couple of schedule changes for the second half of the season to accommodate some requests due to Club netball commitments, so please see attached a revised schedule. This only affects Div 1 teams but also includes the re-arranged Div 2 fixture for Ongar v SW2. The website has been updated with these revised fixtures.

LEAGUE TABLES

All results to date are in. The mid season table toppers are **Tegate (Div 1); Sparks 2 (Div 2) & Hotshotz (Div 3)** congratulations, but still everything to play for as we enter Round 2. Please don't forget to text in your results to **Joyce Barton on 07870 595682** after your match. This ensures prompt updates of the website.

PLAY UPS

The list of play ups so far will be circulated to those Clubs with multiple teams. Please refer to Rule 8.6 & 8.7, to ensure you are not caught out by the play up rule. Note a player will be deemed an East Region or Herts County player if they have played up to that level 3 times, even if not registered as such, at the start of the season.

UMPIRES

The What's App seems to be working well to help sort umpires, thanks also to Pat L for her support, and all umpires for your co-operation to help out other teams. **Please note though** - can Team Captains make sure they are aware who their umpire is for their matches and that they have a name and contact. Please then confirm with them the week before, so the umpire knows who, what time and which court they are umpiring on. This should avoid confusion, when teams are using umpires that aren't their own.

UMPIRE FEES

Just to clarify a C Award Umpire with Bleep (ie Div 1 umpire) should be paid £15 per match irrespective of which division they umpire. C Awards without bleep and IOAs who can only umpire the lower divisions, should be paid £10 per match. Clubs may make their own arrangements for payments with their own umpires, but should respect these fees if an umpire from another Club or a guest umpire is used.

CANCELLED MATCHES

In the event of bad weather the Committee member on duty will assess the courts at 9am and get a message out asap via the Facebook group (to all) and What's app group (to team contacts). Whilst we appreciate some players do travel, on some occasions it may not be possible to make an early decision, for example if weather looks like it might improve, but doesn't. The Committee will endeavour to get the courts playable if at all possible, so please bear with us, we will be doing our best by all the players, and safety is our priority, so sometimes later decisions may have to be made.

If a team cancels a match, or a match is abandoned, please make sure that you notify **Joyce Barton on 07870 595682** and your umpires. Refer to Rules 5 & 6.

In the event a Div 1 game is cancelled the cancelled teams will still need to provide umpires for teams playing the opposite match and the opposite team's umpires that should have umpired the cancelled match will be stood down. Please make sure these umpires are notified, this should be the responsibility of the team cancelling the game. On this occasion the team playing the opposite fixture will pay the umpires that officiate their game, rather than their own umpire.

ACCIDENTS / INJURIES

Please remember to fill out an accident form - kept in the box next to reception for any accidents during a game.

SCORE CARDS

The quality of signature and name on the score card has been poor in some cases. This makes it very difficult for Joyce to record results and play ups. Please make sure names are printed clearly, in FULL and signed in order that players can be verified. Refer to Rule 4.1

SCORERS

Whilst no minimum age for scorers was stated in the rules at the beginning of the season, the Committee has voted to introduce a rule that a scorer should be minimum age **Year 7** and familiar with scoring if U16, or a competent adult. We also ask that Scorers should stand together and that the score should be called out at regular intervals. Please spend time ensuring your scorers are clear of their responsibilities.

COMMITTEE ROTA

The following Committee members will be on duty from 9am:

6 th Jan	Gemma P (Sparks 1)
13 th Jan	Nicola (Mystix)
20 th Jan	Stacey (Sparks 1)
27 th Jan	Christine (HBO)
3 rd Feb	Mel (SWAN)
10 th Feb	Pat L (Crosskeys)
24 th Feb	Gemma S (Sparks 1)
3 rd Mar	Pat O'Mara
10 th Mar	Marion (Crosskeys)
17 th Mar	Julia (SWAN)
24 th Mar	Julia (SWAN)

And finally ... COURTS UPDATE

We appreciate the courts at Birchwood are in a poor state of repair now. The Committee are continually working with the school and centre management to try and ensure they are playable. We have been advised that there should be some new posts and nets arriving, but there is no money for investment into the court surfaces themselves which is the main problem. The Committee has therefore taken the decision to look for an alternative venue for next season. We are pleased to announce that we have confirmed a move to Herts & Essex High School in Bishops Stortford from Sept 2019, subject to the completion of their **6 brand new flood lit courts**. More details will follow in due course.....

Look forward to seeing you all on court soon. Fingers crossed the weather is kinder to us than last Winter. If you have any issues or suggestions you would like to raise with the Committee, please don't hesitate to contact us at BSDNL@hotmail.co.uk

Many Thanks.

BSDNL Committee