



Bournville & Selly Oak Little League

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Instructions and Information for Team Managers 2019

Dear Team Manager

Thank you for helping to manage a Team this year. We could not run the Little League without your hard work.

Little League netball is about developing skills in a sport and in having fun. The chance of winning is there to give your team a goal, but in the Little League fairness, sportsmanship and fun are more important than winning. You will have to make decisions on the basis of those rather than in the interests of winning a match or the league at all costs.

Manager's Pack

Manager's Packs are given out at Kit Distribution. They contain:

- these instructions
- kit record sheet for use at Kit Distribution
- copy of notes for parents about care of kit and Dress Code
- a list of players with contact details. Please be aware that this contains confidential information, so take care that it is seen only by the team managers.
- Rules for League Matches
- fixture sheet
- match play record sheet for use at all league matches
- copy of fair play charter (copies for parents are available from the organisers)

Contact with Players

Players must contact you if they are unavailable for any match. Any player who misses three consecutive matches should be reported to the Organisers and if possible a reserve-list player will be provided. (NB at present we have no players on the reserve list.)

Matches:

Please manage your team in accordance with the Rules for League Matches and the Fair Play charter.

- All players should have a fixture sheet. Fixtures (and results) can be downloaded from our web page: <http://www.birminghamcitynetballclub.org.uk/BSOLL/BSOLL.html>
- There are three rounds each Saturday. During the season each team will play every other team twice. Each week teams will have one or two matches.
- The rounds start at 09:00, 09:40 and 10:20. Please challenge any player who arrives late. The first half hour is for warm-up and skills training. As team managers, player development is an important part of your role. Players and parents appreciate the effort that you put in at this time. Dianne can give you coaching ideas if you need them.

- Teams must be on court and ready to start at 9:30am/10:45am. Normally one TM will umpire the match, and the other will manage the team.
- Playing positions will be decided by Team Manager fairly and on a quarter by quarter basis. Decide the positions for a quarter before the end of the previous quarter, to allow quick changeover in the three minutes allowed. Record attendance and positions played on the sheet provided.

Please record attendance and positions played on the match play record sheet. Two columns are provided for each match day. This sheet will be needed later if there are disputes about the fairness of positions allocated. The record sheet must be given to the organisers after the last league match.

Photography

Official Team Photographs will be taken on a day when you have all (or at least most) of your team present. Please ensure that any player who is noted on the team list as 'photographs refused' is excluded from any photographs (not just official team photos). Team Photographs will be available to download from the web page. Anyone else wishing to take photographs must ask permission of the organisers for reasons of child protection.

Awards

Every year the Little League awards two prizes to members of each team. The recipients must be decided by the last normal match date (22nd June).

- Players' Player
Towards the end of the season, the team members vote in secret for the player they think has made the biggest contribution to the team. (No player may vote for herself, but she may vote for her sister.) You will be asked to get the votes and tell the result in secret to the Organisers. In the event of a tied vote, you make the decision.
- Most Improved Player
This is awarded by the Team Managers to the player who, in their opinion, has shown most improvement in their netball skills over the year. Try not to give the award to the same girl as the Players' Player. Tell the Organisers in private whom you have selected.

Trophies for these awards are given at the Presentation Evening. Be careful not to make these awards public before then.

Presentation Evening and Disco

This is on the evening of 13th July. This is the League's main social function, and all Team Managers should be there if possible. Free tickets are given to all Team Managers, and all players will get one free adult ticket and one free child ticket. Additional tickets will be on sale beforehand and at the door. The League and Tournament awards will be presented, the Players' Player and Most Improved Player will get their trophies. Year 6 players will get a Leaver's Certificate.

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