



Bournville & Selly Oak Little League

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Instructions and Information for Team Managers 2023

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 this basis rather than in the interests of winning a match or the league at all costs.

The Manager's Pack includes:

- these instructions
- kit record sheet for use at Kit Distribution (hand to Admin at end of Kit Distribution)
- 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.
- Record of attendance and positions played
- Care of Kit Instructions

The following can be downloaded from the LL web page:.

- Fixture List
- Fair Play Charter
- Match Rules

Contact with Players

Please set up a What's App group for your team. The Safeguarding Officer, Rhiannon Plews must be included in your What's App group. Her phone number is 07988 679794. Players must contact you if they are unavailable for any match.

Matches:

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

- There are three rounds each Saturday. During the season each team will play every other team once. Each week every team will have one match.
- The rounds start at 09:00, 10:00 and 11:00. 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.
- Teams must be on court and ready to start at 9:30am/10:30am/11:30am. Normally one TM will umpire the match, and the other will manage the team.
- Playing positions will be decided by Team Managers 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.
- Play your team fairly – every player should play every position during the season. Do not play any player for more than two quarters in any one position. Players may not play all four quarters while there are players available who have played fewer than three of the quarters.

Please record attendance and positions played on the record sheet. 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. Tell the Organisers if anyone appears to be breaking this rule. Be alert for the use of mobile phones as cameras.

Awards

Every year the Little League awards two prizes to members of each team. The recipients must be decided by the end of the LL playing season.

- 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 on 9th September. Be careful not to make these awards public before then.

Presentation Evening and Disco

This is on the evening of 9th September. 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. Because of numbers, there will be no additional tickets this year. 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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