**INFORMATION AND PROTOCOLS FOR JERSEY NETBALL COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SALTGATE Friendly League September - November 2021**

**OFF COURT RISK MITIGATIONS**

To enable the game to return to standard formats on court and to ensure the continued protection of the Netball Family, many of the off-court risk mitigations should remain in place and be encouraged.

These include clear communications with all participants, coaches, officials and volunteers involved.

Netball organisers and COVID Officers should continue to encourage and enable the following:

**COVID protocols**

 • **Self-assessment before attending any netball activity** – simply assess if you have any COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste). You **should not attend** if you have these symptoms and should take a COVID-19 test as per Government guidance.

• Self isolation –you should not attend any netball activity if you are required to self-isolate.

• A **one-way system** should remain in place as people arrive at any netball activity to avoid unnecessary and avoidable congestion. **Maintaining social distancing when not on court**. There is no legal requirement to distance, but it should be encouraged where possible, particularly indoors.

Spectators are not permitted at this stage.

**Items such as water bottles and whistles should not be shared.**

**SANITISATION AND HYGIENE**

In line with Government recommendations, to enable the game on court to return to standard rules whilst continuing to protect the Netball Family and minimise risk of transmission, sanitisation protocols should still be implemented.

The following should remain in place, particularly in areas and at times when cases of COVID-19 are high:

**Netballs should continue to be sanitised**. Within matches, this should be done at every break/quarter time and within training sessions and participation programmes, this should as a minimum be at the start and end of every session

Care should be taken when sharing bibs to minimise the risk of droplet transmission. Bibs should be washed after each use. Single sets of bibs being used by multiple teams over multiple games during matches/ tournaments should be avoided.

Anyone arriving at any netball activity should sanitise their hands. Within matches, we recommend sanitising hands at every break or quarter time and within training activities, it should be encouraged during any drinks or water breaks.

Umpires to wipe ball and posts at the end of each quarter, including at the end of the match.

**FRIENDLY WINTER LEAGUE RULES**

**Track and Trace** squad template sheets to be completed (including position played each quarter). All team officials to be included on sheet as well as umpires.
Forms to be handed to Ann Halliwell who should collate and retain. Jackie Nelson to collect when Ann Halliwell is on holiday.

Matches to be 15 mins each quarter, 3 mins at quarter times and 5 mins at half time.

There should be at least one scorer per game;
Flip charts may be used;
One fully completed score card to be submitted to Danny Simon.

Timings: 6.30 pm for warm-up – Game to start at 6.45 pm

Players to leave courts swiftly through glass doors as per training sessions

**PLAYERS FOR THE 2nd MATCH MAY NOT ENTER COURTS BEFORE 8 PM**

8.00 pm warm-up – Game to start at 8.15 pm

Umpires are responsible to start matches promptly and keep to timings.

Players may play in two matches on the same night i.e., early, and late session.
Players may player for another team in the same or a higher division but may not play down a division. There is no limit on the number of times a player can play for another team.

**It is the primary responsibility of Clubs to ensure that all players are registered with England Netball prior to the start of the league.**
Clubs to please provide Danny Simon with list of players by 10th September if possible or otherwise as soon as practicably possible before 20th September.

No fines should be implemented for incorrect kit or otherwise.