



Croydon Netball League  
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# **AGM REPORTS**

## **2023/2024**

# **NETBALLHer**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Another season completed with only 1 fixture date having to be part re-arranged due to the condition of the courts in relation to frost. Our last match date being Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We have now used Coombe Wood School two outside courts in addition to our main central venue – Shirley High School, for a third season which has worked very well.

The divisional winners are –

Prem A – United A

Prem B – Wandsworth C

Prem C – HS Diamonds

Division 1 – Phoenix J Flames

Division 2 – Portas B

Division 3 – Wandsworth Juniors

Division 4 – HS Topaz

Division 5 (U18's) – Roundwood Bronze

This is the second season with having an U18 division, and again has worked well and we have a waiting list for next season

The Junior Festival days have been a great success with approximately 46 teams taking part across year groups – 4/5, 6/7 and 8/9.

This season we have held all our rallies.

The Summer League started the beginning of June and will go through to mid-July with 24 teams taking part and played on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Our annual presentation celebration was held at The Warren on Friday 14<sup>h</sup> June, with an amazing 187 attending, with 47 of the total being U18 and they and everyone had a great time.

The AGM is to be held on Wednesday 3rd July at Shirley High, whereby all clubs/teams have to attend to ensure entry for the coming season. We do have a number of teams on a waiting list, and look forward to being able to accommodate them.

We continue to support our umpires throughout the season by way of mentoring and will continue to do this and are looking to hold two Game Management Forums at the beginning of the coming season. This has proved successful in the past and a lot of benefit to the umpires.

On Sunday 19th May the County League playoffs were held at Shirley High and United A who came top of Premier A played extremely well and were a credit to themselves and have gained entry to the County League and we wish them every success. We now have 3 teams from CNL in this League which is a great credit to everything we and you the clubs do.

Lastly, I wish to thank the Committee for their continued commitment, hard work and support in ensuring the success of our League and to all the teams/clubs who are part of CNL, thank you for your support.

*JACKIE ROWLAND*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Draft accounts will be presented at the AGM.

*JULIA MARTIN*

## **EVENING LEAGUE REPORT**

Yet another year has sailed past us, and we survived all those cold and or wet evenings without too many issues.

The results for the league are online; congratulations to United who won Part 1 and Amber who won Part 2.

Following last season's disappointing numbers for a Thursday evening, the committee took the decision to only run a Monday evening league. Monday has remained popular, and we welcomed United, Hurricanes, Raiders and Roundwood to the Monday evening.

There have been numerous cancellations throughout the season, mostly due to shortage of players. Please consider your player's commitment to enter the 2024-25 season to ensure that you can fulfil all your fixtures.

Thank you to the teams who have accommodated trainee umpires, both for them to practise their umpiring and to be assessed. There hasn't been the usual problem with sourcing umpires this season as there were always two umpires on the result slips, which is great; long may this continue. Please can I remind you to check when sourcing an umpire that they have attended the C Award course, are a member of England Netball and are of an appropriate age to umpire senior level netball. Please check the guidelines issued by England Netball and CNL if you are unsure.

I look forward to another successful season and will send out the application form for the league at the beginning of July.

Thank you for your support in the evening league and I wish you all a lovely summer break.

*SARA PALMER*

## **PRESS/FUNDRAISING SECRETARY**

**Social media Facebook / Instagram/ now plays a great part in keeping in touch with news and events. Also, the CNL Croydon Netball league website.**

This position on the Committee is still vacant!

## **REGISTRATION SECRETARY**

Firstly, thank you to all the clubs for a very smooth season 😊.

I received a lot of registrations ahead of the deadline (only a few stragglers), which made it a lot easier for me to prepare everything for the beginning of the season (so, thank you again!).

Using the spreadsheet for clubs with multiple teams worked really well and might be a good idea for all clubs to use for the initial setup (makes the input much easier!)

Example below:

<b>CLUB</b>		<b>NAME</b>	<b>AFF No.</b>	<b>DOB (if under 18)</b>	<b>TODAYS DATE</b>
<b>Name:</b>	1				
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<b>Division:</b>	3				
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Well done to everyone for a fab season and to all the winners.

Here's to another great season of netball.

*SUE McSHERRY*

### **FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR**

Schedules actioned appropriately and nothing further to report.

*SARA PALMER*

### **TOURNAMENT SECRETARY**

We held all our 4 tournaments this season.

**25** teams entered the Beginning of Season Rally

Cup Winners – United Blue

Plate Winners – HS 1

U18 Winners – Chequers Comets

Best Defence – Roundwood Purple

For the first time we had 6 x U18 teams enter for their own mini tournament.

Great success and we hope it can continue next season.

**20** teams entered the End of Season Rally

Cup Winners – CMO A

Plate winners – Lifeline B

Round Robin – Demonettes Red

Best Defence – Coombe/Portas A

**8** teams entered the Evening Rally.

Raiders were overall winners v Tatsfield in the final

The league supplied the umpires.

**18** teams entered the Versatility Rally. Unfortunately, we had a drop out the day before so one group had 1 less game. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and all of the players are very versatile!

The final was between CMO Thunder and Coombe and Coombe won the final with a score of 9-5.

My thanks go to everyone who has played, umpired, supported this season, and helped on the table. I couldn't have done it without you!

I wish my successor the best of luck as it now time for someone else to take the rally organisation on and for me to enjoy tournament day with my club.

*KAREN GILLICK*

## **UMPIRING REPORT**

Another successful season thanks to the support of all the CNL umpires. Thanks to those umpires who regularly step up and fill slots last minute to ensure all matches are covered.

*JO CROWHURST*

## **OFFICIATING REPORT**

The Croydon Netball League plays a huge part in the development of umpires on the officiating pathway.

This season's main focus has been on the lower divisions aimed at our newer learners.

Divisions 4 and 5 have been key to new umpires working towards their C award (WTC) in gaining match practice on relevant games for their logbooks.

Division five especially, has helped our under 18 umpires to gain that much need practice which only a junior league can provide them.

My special thanks go to our league and County mentors, who have been instrumental in this support. Namely, Sara Palmer, Althea Allen, Julia Martin, Jo Handley, and June Tenwick.

Jo Crowhurst our umpiring secretary, has sourced umpires for all divisions this season and does an amazing job in allocating umpires to every fixture though out. It is a very tough and time-consuming job and the development of umpires through to qualification is crucial to keep the league afloat going forwards. A huge Thank you Jo.

Clubs play an important part in providing the teams to the league so that umpires can practice. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

The league would like to remind players/teams and Clubs, that any abusive behaviour will not be tolerated towards any umpires or officials. Clubs should follow the leagues procedure with regards to any complaints. The leagues Code of Conduct is available on the Croydon Netball League website.

Many congratulations to the following learners who have passed their C award assessments this season.

### **C Award**

Penelope Carter- Roundwood

Livvy Bainbridge - Roundwood

Neema Onigbogi -Roundwood

Natalie Jenkins - United

Brooke Skinner- HS

Thea Okeke - CMO

Frankie Sellick - Lifeline

Jennie Thomas - Independent

Annette Goodman – Independent

### **2024 Rules Update**

EN have started their online roll out of forums on the 2024 rules. The first delivery was on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and the next available forum will be 9<sup>th</sup> July. Accessible link below. Please inform all your club members and encourage their attendance.

Counties and leagues are now able to deliver the presentation, face to face and the Croydon Netball League are looking to do this nearer the beginning of the season in September. Details will follow. The presentation will have an integrated QR code which will be specific to those attending on that session. In the meantime, England Netball members can access online forums on pre- arranged dates. These can be accessed through the Facebook, *England netball Officiating page*. Please familiarise yourself with the changes by attending one of these forums.

A QR code is produced within the presentation to confirm attendance.

Please note, as quoted by Gary Burgess, Head of Officiating

*"The changes made largely revolve around making the Rules clearer to interpret with a number of clarifications and simplifications made, including the restructuring of the Rules Book. The other key area of focus is protecting and promoting player safety. Unlike with previous Rules updates there are no major updates that are likely to drastically change the way the game is played however, revisions in the areas of Playing the Ball, Contact, Advantage and a rewrite of the Game Management section (the way players play the game and how umpires use effective management to maintain fair play) have provided additional clarity which will support all netballers to enjoy our sport."*

You Tube videos are also available to clarify any updates to the Rules

[\(13\) England Netball Rules reviews 2024 - YouTube](#)

### **Rule Books**

Hard copies are now available from the England Netball shop on the website [Umpiring Accessories \(englandnetball.co.uk\)](#)

There is also a free downloadable app.

If you are looking to develop your own Netball journey and would like to give something to the sport, think of becoming an umpire. Courses are online and bookable through your Engage membership page.

The umpiring pathway can be accessed on the Surrey County Netball website and also on the England Netball.

Links below.

[Officiating - Surrey County Netball \(surreynetball.co.uk\)](#)

[England Netball | Home](#)

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the Croydon Netball League for their ongoing support of our umpires, without which we could not play the game of Netball.

Please have a restful summer and hopefully enjoy some sun and down time before the new season takes hold once again.

*JACKIE PENNEY*

### **JUNIORS**

We held 6 very successful and enjoyable Sundays for our U14 club players.

With 8 clubs supporting, over 50 teams entered over the 3 age groups (years 4/5, 6/7 and 8/9) for all the Sunday's!

That's a lot of girls playing and it's amazing that these clubs train and support them in every way.

We split the teams into 3 divisions for 2 of the age groups.

Thank you to Chequers, CMO, Hillcrest, HS, Lifeline, Roundwood, Wandsworth & Wimbledon for supporting us and giving these players the opportunity to play netball.

Our young umpires also get the opportunity to umpire these games for much needed practice and get plenty of mentoring.

Also, thanks to the coaches/ team managers and umpires that give up their time on these Sundays. Looking forward to next season.

*KAREN GILLICK / JO CROWHURST*

**DIVISIONAL REPORTS**

ATTACHED ARE THE FULL DIVISIONAL RESULTS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
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