



**COVID-19 Risk Assessment Template**

**For Netball Competition & Leagues**

**Managing COVID-19 in Netball**

**TEMPLATE COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT – RETURN OF COMMUNITY NETBALL**

*This template covers netball league and competitions only. Further risk assessment templates are avaiable for Training & Session Organisers and for Tournament Organisers.*

What is COVID-19?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that affects your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus and affected individuals can display a range of symptoms from mild to severe illness and death for confirmed cases. Affected people can also be entirely asymptomatic. Transmission is by respiratory droplets and direct contact. This Risk Assessment template must be considered alongside current Government guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/events-and-attractions>) as well as guidance from England Netball (<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/document/managing-covid-19-within-netball/>).

Netball Organisations should also consider their existing Health & Safety documents alongside this, and these should be kept under continual review. The COVID-19 Officer for your club, league, county or region will need to ensure that this risk assessment remains up to date and in line with both latest Government guidance as well as England Netball’s latest guidance.

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| **Our league/competition name: Croydon Netball League** | **Our COVID-19 Officer is: Jackie Rowland** |
| **Who is carrying out this assessment? Jackie Rowland/CNL Committee** | **This activity takes place at Shirley High School/Coome Wood School** |
| **Date of the Risk Assessment 9.8.21** | **We will review this risk assessment next on: 9th January 2022** |

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| **What are the Risks?** | **Who might they affect?** | **General controls to be put in place** | **Activity specific controls to be put in place** | **Is it complete?** |
| **If an individual tests positive within 48 hours of attending netball activity where standard netball rules were used, it is highly likely that NHS contact tracers will identify all other players on the court, coaches and officials as close contacts. To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, they would then need to self-isolate for 10 days.** | All on court- Players, coaches, officials, volunteers | The modified rules have resulted in relatively low transmission rates within netball, so netball competition organisers may wish to continue using them.  If an individual tests positive within 48 hours of attending netball competition where COVID-19 rule modifications were used, it will be less likely that NHS Test and Trace will identify others as close contacts and there will not be a need to self-isolate.  Government’s self-isolation rules are due to change on the 16th August. | Committee have recommended 4 x 12 mins for Part 1 and to be reviewed on 9/1/22 and standard rules;  According to EN guidance, teams must report cases to EN when 2 or more.  League guidance to include notification to Jackie Rowland, who will then consult the Committee and appropriate notifications made if required  Government track and trace – no self-isolation if double vaccinated – need PCR test. |  |
| **The risk of transmission is increased by players playing multiple games in one day.** | All on court- Players, coaches, officials, volunteers | Players are aware that whilst there is no limit of lengths of games or number of matches/training within one day, increased contact time and increased interactions pose a greater risk of transmission of COVID-19. | The Committee are recommending that time is given between each time slot for teams to vacate the courts and to arrive on court with the change in the duration of the games. |  |
| **Increase in the number of injuries sustained by players and officials** | Players and officials | Fitness levels of players and officials and time away from court should be considered in competition planning.  Players should complete a full warm up and cool down before and after every netball match. | The Committee are recommending that time is given between each time slot for teams to vacate the courts and to arrive on court with the change in the duration of the games. |  |
| **An injury is sustained and requires first aid** | Players, coaches, officials, first aider | Hands to be sanitised before and after matches  Recommendation- sanitising hands also encouraged at every break or quarter time  Recommendation- first aid to be administered with non-surgical face mask and gloves  Follow guidance as per St Johns  Ambulance  Complete accident report form  Ensure any waste is disposed of safely | Each team to have first aid box which includes supply of gloves, masks and hand sanitiser |  |
| **Droplet transmission** | Players, coaches,  officials, volunteers, parents, members of public at venue – none | Recommendation- to limit the number of people per netball court (inc players and coaches/ volunteers/officials)  Recommendation- to maintain social distancing on arrival at venue  Recommendation- to discourage congregation before or after matches  Recommendation- to use one-way systems in place to manage entry and exit onto court  Name & contact details of anyone in attendance collected/processed for Test and Trace purposes (stored for minimum 21 days in line with Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR principles) | League fixture list to accommodate gaps – no spectators which will limit attendees  League protocols to be reviewed and updated recommending social distancing – at least 1m  Teams to leave courts promptly after cleaning ball/posts and warm down  Courts to have one way system.  Fixture results sheet to include names of any coaches etc in addition to players and umpires  Scorers to stand 1m from each other  No spectators recommended for Part 1 – league protocols to confirm this  Players to arrive read to play. |  |
| **Fomite transmission via equipment** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents | Hand hygiene protocols in place prior to attendance and upon arrival    Teams to bring hand sanitiser and wipes to be available during matches  Hand sanitisation encouraged during any drinks or water breaks  All equipment including posts to be sanitised before and after each game  Teams to bring their own bibs- washed prior to each game and sharing minimised  Water bottles and whistles must not be shared and any left at end of session should be disposed of  Suitable waste facilities available to dispose wipes and sanitisation materials | Each team to ensure hand hygiene regime is followed – each player/team to have their own sanitiser  Match ball and posts to be sanitised at quarter/half time by home team  Each team to keep control of bibs  League protocols to advise hand sanitisation at every break  League protocols to advise that all items must be cleared including balls/bibs/water bottles etc at end of each fixture including your rubbish  Each team/player to be responsible for equipment and any waste removal/storage |  |
| **Competition and common netball behaviours** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents | Two umpires are required to officiate a match  Players are briefed of risks involved with common netball behaviours such as hands in and encouraged to minimise  Verbal reminders from coaches, officials and volunteers | League protocols to be updated |  |
| **For some people, the risk of COVID-19 is higher** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents | Recommendation- that high risks groups are aware of the risks involved in netball and have access to the personal risk assessment  Participants have the choice if they would like to attend and can ‘opt in’ to competition  There is no pressure from coaches, club volunteers or other players attend netball competition | Clubs to prepare their own protocols to include choice to opt in. |  |
| **Someone returns too soon following a case of COVID-19** | Players  Umpires | Players are aware of the risks of exercising after a case of COVID-19  All persons advised to follow the advice of their GP or Consultant | No action for League but League to be aware of any fitness issues for umpires |  |
| **Risk of someone attending who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or living with someone displaying symptoms** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents  League officials | Clear information provided to all members of potential COVID-19 symptoms  Recommendation that all within the Netball Family complete regular (twice weekly) Lateral Flow Tests at home to help limit the spread of the virus.  Recommendation- health screening is undertaken prior to travelling to activity  Recommendation- further verbal health screening before start of match  Any individual displaying symptoms advised to return home, self-isolate and apply for a test online or call 119 | League advice to check Government website for latest potential symptoms  League protocols to recommend LTF testing – but recognising that this cannot be enforced by league  Teams to take responsibility for checking if anyone has symptoms on the day at arrival to venue |  |
| **Following a confirmed positive case close contacts can’t be identified** | All members of the netball organisation | Registers or records maintained by teams at all netball competition, so that COVID-19 Officers can advise on close contacts of positive cases  Advise anyone attending netball competition to use the NHS Test and Trace QR code displayed within the venue (if one is displayed) | Teams to record everyone attending/use their club QR code?  Teams to advise Jackie Rowland if confirmed case |  |
| **Junior players and vulnerable adults** | Junior players, vulnerable adults, parents of junior players and/or vulnerable adults | If using rule modifications increase regularity of social distancing and rule modifications reminders for the youngest players (U11’s) | If U18s without vaccine x 2 are playing, clubs need to be aware |  |
| **Movement of people** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, league officials | Recommendation to have traffic flow systems in place to avoid congestion  Recommendation to encourage social distancing when not on court, particularly indoors | One way route to courts to be provided to teams  All people not playing/umpiring to maintain 1m distance if possible |  |
| **Spectators** **increased interactions pose a greater risk of transmission of COVID-19.** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, members of public at venue | Recommendation to limit the number of spectators and encourage social distancing  Recommendation to encourage the use of face coverings, particularly indoors  Recommendation to implement traffic flow systems to avoid congestion | League recommend no spectators for Part 1 – to be reviewed on 9/1/22.  Parents of U18 players to be advised to remain in car |  |
| **Fomite transmission via surfaces in venue** | Players, coaches,  officials, volunteers, parents, members of public at venue | Confirm with venue operator the procedures for the movement of and cleaning of any equipment such as netball posts (and any other large equipment items used at the facility such as tennis post and football goals)  Confirm with venue operator rigorous and regular cleaning processes are in place.  Confirm with venue operator rigorous cleaning procedures for high contact touch points are in place  Regular disinfection of such heavily used areas  Recommendation that venue adheres to PHE Guidance COVID-19 Cleaning in a non-healthcare setting in the instance of a confirmed case of COVID-19 from a user of the facility. | Venue to carry out normal cleaning  Posts to be wiped by home teams  SHS will have risk assessment in place  League cannot ensure venue adheres to PHE guidance |  |
| **Airborne transmission** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents | Recommendation that netball competition matches should be conducted outdoors, providing there are acceptable facilities available and weather conditions allow. |  |  |
| **Toilets and changing rooms** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents | Work with venue operator to ensure regular and rigorous cleaning of toilet facilities and other communal areas are in place  Thorough hand washing after use of toilet facilities is encouraged  Hand sanitiser to be available on courts so use of toilets is not needed for hand washing | SHS responsible for cleaning of toilet – will be shared possibly with other activities  Each team to have sufficient hand sanitiser for before, during and after match |  |
| **Transport to and from activity** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, league officials | Adherence to Government guidance on travel and public transport | No action from League |  |
| **Breaches to Government and England Netball guidance** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents, and league officials | Information shared in advance to avoid unintentional breaches  Initial concerns should be shared with Covid Officer, Safeguarding Officer or another appropriate committee member/staff member  Review activities after each session to identify any further adaptions that are required  If activity cannot be safely managed, cease activity | League protocols to include these recommendations |  |