



Competition Organisers Guidance

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Introduction

Now the Government have given us permission to accelerate the return of netball, we want to support as many leagues and competitions to safely resume as we know the huge impact playing competitive netball has to the thousands involved in our sport. Leagues and competitions can return from 26th September, providing they have the required risk mitigation measures in place.

Volunteers are critical to our sport across all areas, and this is the case with leagues and competitions. We acknowledge that returning competitive netball with potentially large groups of people may seem daunting and present challenges, however this guidance will help to get the leagues you run set up whilst mitigating the risks.

This guidance is specifically for Registered Leagues and England Netball members who organise leagues and competitions. This guidance must be used in conjunction with England Netball Restart Guidance, which is available [here](#) and is referenced throughout this document. The Restart Guidance should be read prior to this document to ensure all of the content in here is understood. It is also important to understand that the version of the game that is being returned during this time includes [modifications](#) and that these must be implemented into all forms of competition until social distancing is relaxed.

Following the Government's announcement on Tuesday 22nd September, indoor team sports for over 18 year olds is now limited to groups of 6 people. This restriction does not apply to under 18 year olds. Therefore this guidance is applicable to all outdoor netball competitions and indoor competitions for players under the age of 18 years only.

Types of competition

There are many type of competitions including leagues, cups, knockout competitions and tournaments. This guidance incorporates all of these, however not all of these should be treated the same due to the additional risks associated. These will be references within the document.

Tournaments are not permitted at this time whilst current measures are in place due to the nature of how these competitions are delivered, which often includes large numbers of people gathering at a single site and teams playing multiple matches over a short period of time, which presents a greater risk of COVID-19 spreading.

General Considerations

The following are general considerations that all organisers must either implement or consider for returning their competitions:

Requirements to deliver 4b – Modified Rules Competition

All competition organisers must:

- **Appoint a COVID-19 Officer** – Download the COVID-19 Officer Role Description [here](#).
- **Read the Restart guidance** – Download the Restart Guidance [here](#).
- **Produce a risk assessment** – Download the Stage 4 Risk Assessment template [here](#).
 - For central venue leagues, this must be completed by the league itself
 - For home and away leagues, this can be completed by the home club but as a league, you must receive confirmation that this is in place
- **Produce and activate a risk mitigation plan** – Download the Risk Mitigation Plan template [here](#).
- **In addition to the above, the Modified Rules Competition stage is based on matches not exceeding 60 minutes in duration.** All matches within the modified rules must therefore remain less than this period of time and players should not participate in more than one match per day. Other roles where social distancing is possible (umpires, spectators, team officials) can be involved in more than one match though.

Communications

Clear and concise communication with teams, officials, volunteers and venues is critical. Informing all people of the changes and mandatory requirements for the competition is essential.

General communications

We recommend having a key contacts list and providing regular updates about procedures related to COVID-19. This could be via email, What's App or running virtual forums.

Teams are likely to have lots of questions. You can signpost to England Netball's FAQ's as these are likely to cover most questions. If teams have questions specific to your competition, it is recommended issuing regular updates to answer these and sharing with all teams and key people involved in the competition.

Consultation

We recommend consulting with all involved in the competition to understand how they are feeling about playing and to understand other important information that may shape how your competition might need to run. This could be through a survey or a forum. Key questions could include:

- Do they plan to participate? Some people may be apprehensive or are unable to compete due to changes in personal circumstances.
- When can they start to play?
- Do they have access to their venue?

We have provided an example survey (Appendix C) that can be used to ask some key questions to teams and can be amended accordingly

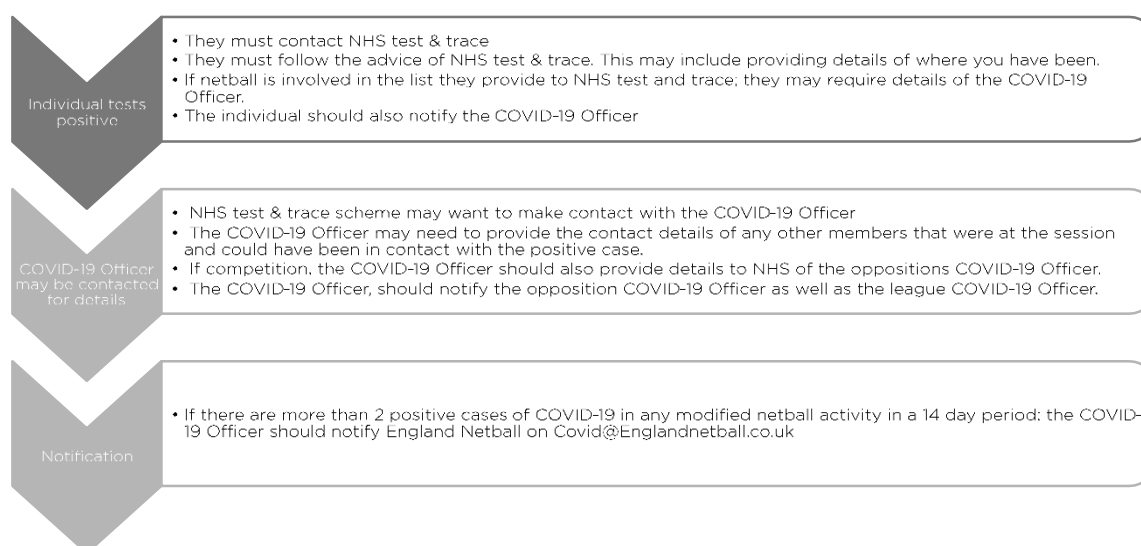
Opt In

Participation in any competition is the choice of the individual. Please refer to the [‘opt in’](#) process and documents within the Care Package for full details.

- You should communicate with your volunteers and officials about opting in prior to the start of the competition.
- Clubs need to use the ‘opt in’ policy for their members too.
- If a club is unable to compete in a competition as a result of this, they shouldn’t be penalised as a result. This may mean running a league with fewer teams for this season and then allowing such teams to return when appropriate. Any team in this situation should not be demoted within your competition structure as a result, providing they confirm their intention to return in the future (once social distancing is removed)..

Test and Trace

All organisers will need to implement a Test and Trace protocol and we encourage use of ENgage to manage this process to ensure data is stored in line with Data Protection Law 2018. Where fixtures are delivered as home / away, the club should be overseeing this process, but for a central venue league, this will then be the responsibility of the league. Please see the [Test and Trace](#) section of the Care Package for full information. The below process outlines how any specific positive test should be followed:



Competition setup

Format

- We recommend a full season or competition is run wherever possible to ensure players can still enjoy and participate in netball and enjoy the full benefits of their membership
- We also recommend being flexible on when the competition starts and finishes, which in both instances might be later than previous years. Organisers should not feel confided by previous season dates as part of this
- You may need to amend the number of teams / divisions for this season if some teams are not able to participate

Including promotion / relegation

The rule modifications have made changes to netball to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Therefore a consideration for leagues is whether to include promotion and relegation, or to treat this season as a competitive, but standalone year.

- This is up to each individual league to decide and we recommend consulting with the teams / players in your competition (see below for further details on conducting a survey).
- Having a competitive, but standalone year may seem appropriate as the rules of netball will be modified at this time, not all teams / players may be participating in competitions and the safety of all is paramount, so whilst keeping competitions competitive, a win at all costs mentality could result in more breaches of the modified rules and thus increasing the risks.
- Nationally for Premier League and across Regional League competitions we are not including promotion and relegation for this season
- Where your competition links to other competitions, we strongly recommend liaising with these organisers to align the position of this and ensure there are no implications of taking different approaches.
- Traditional netball can be played again when social distancing measures are removed. Whilst we do not know when this will be you may want to consider standalone fixtures until then, and then play a full season when the traditional game is allowed.
- If you decide to play with promotion / relegation with the COVID-19 Rule modifications, you need to plan for a response if traditional netball can resume during your competition (continue with the COVID-19 modified rules or continue under the normal rules). Whatever the decision, this should be clearly communicated to all teams before the start of the season.

Setting fixture dates

- No competition can commence before 26th September
- It is likely that competition will start later than in previous seasons
- Consider extending the end dates of your competition for this season, so a full competition can be played
- **Planning your dates and fixtures**
 - In order to set your dates and fixtures, you will need to understand availability of venues, please see later section on this.
 - Be flexible and include as many reserve dates as possible to ensure all fixtures can be fulfilled.
 - If you have playoffs/finals, try to set them as late in case of postponements or delays
 - Check availability of umpires and volunteers

- Where competition organisers are using the ENgage competition management software (see ENgage section later), this can assist by generating new fixture lists and making changes if they are required.
- Allow enough time for teams to return to training. We recommend allowing a period of time to help players and officials prepare, reduce the risk of injury and feel comfortable again on the netball court.
- You could schedule in some pre-season friendlies to help teams build up to the start of the season. This may also be useful to support players and officials to familiarise with the modified rules as well as ease into the protocols and processes you will operate during this time.

Venues

Whether your competition operates a central venue or home and away fixtures, there are a number of things that you must do before you can commence competitions.

Following the Government's announcement on Tuesday 22nd September, introducing restrictions on indoor team sports for over 18 year olds, all adult netball competition must be hosted outdoors. Leagues and competitions for under 18 year olds can however still take place indoors, as well as outdoors.

Venue Availability

This is likely to be reduced at this time and could create challenges when planning your season:

- Check with your venue as early as possible to book your fixtures and understand any changes that may have been implemented.
- Check any venue capacity limits and how this affects your schedule your matches
- If less courts/times are available, you may need more weeks than usual to complete all fixtures.
- If venues aren't open, or available, are there other venues you can use?
- For junior (under 18 year old) competitions, England Netball suggest outdoor venues should be used where available, weather permits and is appropriate for the level of competition as indoor venues are higher risk
- For central venues with multiple courts, stagger your fixture start times to reduce the risk and management of people at these times. Even if this means staggering start times so that multiple matches are still being run, but with, say 15 minutes between start times, this could assist with the flow and management of people on site. Additionally, if the number of courts permits, fixtures can be staggered across every other court to further mitigate risks, although this is not essential.

Venue Bookings

There may be fixture postponements related to COVID-19 at short notice and you may need your venue providers' support to ensure you're not paying for unused court time.

- Speak to your venue provider early about your fixture schedule and how you may have reserve dates that may not need to be used.

- We have included some useful information on booking flexibility in the venues section of the [Care Package](#). This [video](#) also provides information regarding venue bookings

Indoor v Outdoor

Due to the additional Government restrictions on indoor team sports announced on 22nd September, all adult (18 years and above) competition has to be delivered outside, as indoor activity for adults is limited to groups of 6 only.

For junior competitions (under 18 years) we are recommending that where it is possible, competitions should play outdoors if your facilities and the weather conditions allow. If indoor facilities are your only option due to access, weather, needs of the group etc., you will be required to conduct an enhanced risk assessment to meet a range of mitigation protocols.

Competition Regulations

During the period of modified rule competition there will be additional competition regulations that will need to be considered. Any guidance issued by the Government or England Netball in relation to COVID-19 must supersede any competition regulations in place.

- **Conduct a review of your current regulations**
- **Potential changes to your regulations**
 - We recommend relaxing any regulations on limiting the number of registered players within your competition, this will help teams fulfil fixtures and reduce the instances of postponements.
 - If you have a regulation preventing players from playing in other competitions, we recommend this is removed during this time
 - We recommend adding a regulation that covers the outcome if a team is unable to fulfil a fixture due to COVID-19 related reasons
 - If a team's number of available players drops below 7 due to the impact of COVID-19, teams should be allowed to postpone a fixture, if another date is possible
 - If another date is not possible to reschedule, we recommend the fixture is declared a draw, or apply average points to any incomplete fixtures to determine final standings
 - We recommend including into the regulation that a team should submit evidence of any self-isolation / COVID-19 impact where possible. This could be the receipt of a text from NHS Test and Trace, or similar.
 - Incurred costs – We recommend adding a regulation about what happens with incurred costs should a game be postponed due to COVID-19 related reasons. This might be determined by the cancellation policies in place with the venues you use for your competition

- As a maximum of 30 people are limited to a court, you might need to consider regulations on limiting number of team officials or scorers and timekeepers permitted for matches. This might mean that roles need to be doubled up in your competition (e.g. a substitute might need to also score)
- We recommend that regulations on kits and kit colourings are relaxed so teams aren't forced to share, which is not permitted in our Restart Guidance. This may include greater flexibility on allowing teams to wear different colours / kit during matches.
- Venue standards
 - For home/away leagues, any regulations on venues having to have changing rooms might need to be removed so it doesn't conflict with the guidance we are currently issuing.
 - If you detail how the playing area and team benches are set up, this will need amending to ensure social distancing guidelines and appropriate risk mitigation (e.g. face masks) are in place
- Match duration – All matches should be no longer than 60 minutes in duration, due to the hygiene measures required, we recommend that quarters are at most 15 minutes to enable this.
- Some leagues require clubs to be CAPS accredited. In light of the current and ongoing COVID-19 situation, England Netball has taken the decision to suspend the next CAPS assessment until December 2020. All clubs who were due to re-accredit from 1st March 2020 – 31st December 2020 will have their CAPS status extended until the 31st December 2020. This decision will mean that some clubs may be unable to submit their information in time to re-accredit in line with league timescales if they are a new club to CAPS. We would advise leagues to accept registrations at this time. If you are unsure of any clubs expiry dates or registration status, please do make contact with your [regional office](#) who will happily advise you.

During Competition

In addition to adhering to all of the pre, during and post activity protocols that are detailed in the Restart Guidance, the following are key recommendations and requirements during competition:

- Team should arrive ready to play for fixtures and depart as soon as their fixtures are completed
- Spectators may be able to watch matches, however they must adhere to social distancing at all times and comply with all other parts of our Restart Guidance (including Test and Trace). Access of spectators will be limited by the venues / facilities being used and their capacities, but in all instances they are not permitted in or around the area of play. At the time of writing, spectators must be limited to discrete six-person gathering limits and be spread out, in line with wider Government guidance.
- Limiting paperwork- If your competition uses scoresheets, or scorecards to record match events and the final score, we recommend preventing more than one person touching them or removing them entirely

- You limit one person to be responsible for the paperwork and they could take a photo and share to the competition organisers. Engage has the ability to print our scorecards for your fixtures.
- You could use a scoring app on your phone or tablet to tally the score. There are a range of useful scoring apps on the Apple (iOS) and Android app stores.

Concluding your season

Organisers should plan as best as possible to conclude your season in a manner that doesn't create a knock-on impact for future seasons.

- When planning reserve dates, try to allocate as many as possible but be aware of the 'latest' time that your season can run to. This might be as late as August and whilst it is tempting to finish at the traditional time to prepare for the next season, can additional time be allocated to give a full season for this year and still enable a full season next year to if postponements or the potential of cancelling your season starts to become a reality, prepare in advance for concluding your season in a different way.
- Ending any competition without fulfilling all matches is not ideal and difficult to make 'fair', however decisions will need to be made on what to do.
 - Always try to conclude outstanding fixtures where possible (push dates back as far as you can)
 - If this isn't possible there are a couple of suggested options:
 - Average points per game - Final standings are based on the average points. This can be used in most circumstances to conclude a league where a high proportion of games have been played (we recommend 70%+) but cannot be all completed.
 - Void all results - As a final resort you may feel it is not appropriate to determine positions in your competition and therefore declare the league null and void. We would only suggest doing this if less than 70% of total matches have been completed.
 - If your competition has promotion/relegation to other leagues, you should also check that the impact of your decisions with these leagues. Alternatively, you could decide not to have a promotion/relegation in the instance that a season cannot be completed.

ENgage

The new ENgage competition management platform is available through England Netball membership and is an ideal tool to help organisers during this time. The system can:

- Build your competitions and create fixtures that can be amended should this be required
- Easily re-schedule fixtures if games have to be postponed
- Utilise the Test and Trace system so that your COVID-19 Officers can deal with any positive COVID-19 cases as soon as they are notified.

- If using the full functionality of the software, teams can select which players have played in matches to further improve the management of Test and Trace
- ENgage includes a scorecard function that enables print off scorecards (Although we would recommend only one person handling these rather than passing them around).
- ENgage provides a full competition management platform so you can control your competition all in one place. It is available to all netball competitions that require all participants to be affiliated to England Netball. Please visit <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/engage-league-management/> for full information on the ENgage competition software.

FAQ's

Below are some of our frequently asked questions.

What is happening with National Schools for the 2020/21 season?

We are currently reviewing options and communicating with key stakeholders on the National Schools competition. We can however confirm that this competition will not start until at least January 2021, but further communication will be sent to competition organisers and schools when available.

Is there going to be a Premier League this season?

Following the Government announcement on 22nd September to restrict indoor adult team sport activity to groups of 6, we are in dialogue with the Government on the impact of this to our sport. At this time we are not able to confirm the position of the Premier League but are in communications with all teams and individuals involved in the competition and will public announce plans at the soonest opportunity.

Will there be National Club Finals for U14 and U16?

We have scheduled for both events to take place in 2021. Regions will be responsible for running their regional qualifications and nominate 2 teams for each age group to compete in the 2021 finals. These events are currently scheduled for:

- 29th and 30th May 2021- Under 14's National Club Finals
- 3rd and 4th July 2021- Under 16's National Club Finals

We are also working with some later reserve dates for this competition, should it not be possible for Regional competitions that progress to the National Club Finals to be concluded prior to these dates.

When is the Vitality Netball Superleague returning?

We have recently announced the fantastic news that the transfer signing window has opened and the Vitality Netball Superleague will be returning in February 2021. You can view the story [here](#).

What should I do if x number of teams do not want to play this season?

If teams choose not to participate this season, you will have to consider how many teams you need to run the competition in full. This may require adjusting the format (deciding not to have promotion/relegation, playing x2/3/4 times etc.) to best suit.

If you have multiple divisions, this may mean condensing into fewer divisions for this season (e.g. if you run 4 divisions but only half of the teams are participating, run 2 divisions for this season). Try and establish your teams as quickly as possible so you have the time to work out the best solution.

What happens if a city or area within our competition goes into lockdown?

Local lockdowns may impact the playing of fixtures within your competition and there is not a 'one size fits all' solution as the parameters around local lockdowns vary. For the latest England Netball guidance on local lockdowns, please visit <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/government-changes/>.

We recommend planning in as many reserve dates as possible to alleviate any impact that local lockdowns may have on your competition and depending on the outcome of these, you may need to apply some of the postponement and rearrangement guidance listed earlier in this document

What if a player from one of our teams contacts us to say they have tested positive for COVID-19?

If you have a positive case of COVID-19 a team within your competition, the responsibility is with the club to follow the appropriate protocols outlined in the Restart Guidance for Test and Trace. Your COVID-19 Officer might be notified by NHS Test and Trace to confirm any records of who the individual has been in contact with

As competition organisers, this may have an impact on fixtures so we would recommend that you review these as soon as possible so fixtures can be postponed/re-arranged and teams, officials and venue providers can be updated.

Useful links and documents

Below are a list of links that may be useful when planning and running your competitions.

- **ENGage How to Guide-** Everything you need to know about building and running your competitions through the ENGage competition software. [Click Here](#).
- **COVID-19 Government support and advice-** Up to date support and advice from the UK government. [Click Here](#).
- **England Netball Return to Play Care package-** Everything you need to know about our care package and the support England Netball is providing to help you return to court. [Click Here](#).
- **England Netball Support for Leagues-** This link contains a variety of information and resources for netball leagues. [Click Here](#).

Appendices

Appendix A - League Organisers Checklist

#	Task	Complete
1	Ensure the competition organisers have all requirements in place (COVID-19 Officer, Risk Assessments, Risk Mitigation Plans, read and understand EN Restart Guidance)	
2	Communication to teams about competition plans for upcoming season (Ideal time to send survey seeking feedback)	
3	Determine competition structure and format	
4	Book venues (Central Venue)/Confirm teams have venue availability (Ask teams to confirm if there are any restrictions with their venues that may impact fixture planning, such as special safety protocols or unavailable dates)	
5	Determine fixtures and schedule and communicate to all key contacts (Including round dates, reserve dates and finals)	
6	Review competition regulations (Check any regulations impacted by the COVID-19 rule modifications)	
7	Regulations finalised and communicated to all to teams and key contacts	
8	Ensure your league and teams have implemented all Restart Guidance policies and protocols (You can find this information in the COVID-19 guidance to restart netball activity section of the Care Package)	
9	Competition can commence	
10	Regular review of policies and protocols	

Appendix B – Concluding competition guidance

This guidance aims to help competition organisers in the instance that your leagues have to be halted at short notice and concluding them without playing the remaining games is necessary.

We would firstly like to acknowledge that ending any competition without fulfilling all matches is not ideal and difficult to make 'fair', however the reality is that this might not be possible and therefore decisions will need to be made on what to do.

We would also like to clarify that this is only guidance and it is up to the league organising committee to ultimately determine the decision. There might be other methods you choose that are not detailed in this document, but the ones we have listed below are options that we recommend and these cover a range of scenarios.

Guidance

Conclude outstanding fixtures where possible

The primary advice we offer to all leagues is to look to complete any outstanding fixtures when it is safe and appropriate to do so. This would allow the competitions to conclude as originally intended and bring fair closure to final league positions. We recommend that the date for these fixtures to be concluded by is no later than 31st August 2021, to align to the England Netball membership year. There may be other factors within your competition that mean this date needs to be earlier (or later). When reviewing your date for when fixtures need to be completed by, you should also consider the time that is required to complete them, as at this stage we are not aware of when it will be safe and appropriate for netball activity to resume across the country. It is also important to consider the knock-on effect concluding your league will have on other competitions through promotion /relegation from your league, as well as time needed to prepare for the next season with venue bookings, administration and registrations, so this might mean that your deadline for fixtures to be concluded by is earlier than 31st August 2021.

If fixtures cannot be concluded by your deadline

Should it not be safe and appropriate for netball activity to resume for your competition to be completed before your deadline (as detailed above), we recommend that you could use the methods below for determining the final standings for your competition.

1. **League already mathematically confirmed** - If all promotion and relegation positions in your league are already mathematically confirmed, then you can conclude the league as it stands as the key outcomes are already finalised. If not all are mathematically confirmed, the below options could also be considered.
2. **Head to head / play off matches** - If any or all of the promotion/relegation positions are not mathematically decided, it might be appropriate to arrange a head to head match (where only 2 teams are impacted) or a mini playoff (when more than 2 teams are impacted) to decide who finishes in these undecided positions. These should be scheduled when it is safe and appropriate for netball activity to resume and may take less time than completing all remaining fixtures and limit the risk of teams unaffected by possible promotion or relegation conceding fixtures and therefore unfairly deciding the outcome of the league.
3. **Average points** - The above point (number 2) requires additional matches to be played and this might not be possible, therefore you can use an average point's

equation to determine the final standings of a league. To do this you divide each team's points total achieved so far by the number of matches they have played and then multiply this by the total number of matches they should play in a full season. This will result in a league table with final standings for all teams and could be useful for leagues where some teams have played a different number of matches to others.

An example of this is below:

Team Name	Played	Wins	Draw	Loss	Points
Team Red	9	6	1	2	19
Team Blue	7	5	2	1	17

As things stand, Team Red are above Team Blue as they have more points. All teams should play 10 matches in the league, so to apply average points:

Team Red = 19 points / 9 matches = 2.11 points

Therefore 2.11 points x 10 matches = 21 points

Team Blue = 17 points / 7 matches = 2.42 points

Therefore 2.42 x 10 matches = 24 points

In this example Team Blue would be positioned above Team Red as they have more average points and this is shown below:

Team Name	Played	Wins	Draw	Loss	Points
Team Blue	7	5	2	1	24
Team Red	9	6	1	2	21

This system provides a fairer way of finalising a league than accepting the standings as they currently stand. Using this system is best applied if a large portion of matches have been completed (70%+).

4. Void all results – As a final resort, you may feel it is not appropriate to determine positions in your competition and therefore declare the league null and void. We would only suggest doing this if less than 70% of total matches have been completed (and even then, it might not be a preferred option) or if your league isn't impacted by promotion and relegation to other leagues and the teams agree with this approach.

Further considerations

If your competition feeds another competition (e.g. a county league into a regional league and vice versa) with promotion and relegation that includes a playoffs or further competition to determine this, it might not be possible for this to take place if it is not safe or appropriate for netball activity. In such incidents it might be necessary to determine that no promotion and relegation can take place as a result for this season. We would recommend speaking to the other competitions you feed into on this matter.

Conclusions

England Netball acknowledges that there are lots of individual variances across leagues and competitions and there is no right or wrong way for determining the outcome of a competition that cannot be concluded. Every effort should be made to allow competitions to conclude all fixtures but where this is not possible it is recommended that league organisers select one (or a selection) of the guidance methods to conclude their competitions. These need to be applied in the fairest and most logical way, whilst appreciating that there is no perfect solution in such circumstances.

Appendix C - Return to Competition Survey

As we start to get closer to a return to netball, there are many factors that will mean that the way competitions have been run in previous seasons may need to change for this year due to the impact of COVID-19. This includes things such as travelling to fixtures, getting access to venues and potentially dealing with local lockdown restrictions at certain times.

This survey is designed to get the views of players and team officials about the return to **<insert league name>** for 2020/21.

Please complete all sections and provide relevant comments as part of this.
This information will be used to understand and shape the 2020/21 season.

About you

1. Club Name:
2. Competition name:
3. Competition age:
 - a. Senior
 - b. Junior – please specify
4. Your role within the club:
 - a. Team official (e.g. Coach, Team Manager etc.)
 - b. Player
 - c. Administration role (e.g. secretary, chair)
5. Have you seen and understood the England Netball Restart Guidance, including the COVID-19 Rule Modifications:
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

(If not, you can view this [here](#))

Modifications

1. If the Government approves the modification for netball, would your team plan to participate in the **<insert league name>** for the 2020/21 season?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Comments:

2. Will you as an individual be participating/involved with your team in the 2020/21 season?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No – if no could you detail why (nervous to play, employer not allowing etc.)

Comments:

3. How important is it to play a full season (e.g. all fixtures as opposed to a shortened / reduced one)?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Quite important
 - c. Not very important

Comments:

4. Do you think promotion/relegation should still happen if the competition has to run with the modified game?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Comments:

5. Thinking about your answer above, does your decision change if the government's guidance on social distancing changes and normal netball can resume at some point during the season?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Comments:

6. What are your thoughts on playing friendly matches with modifications until the full version of netball can be played (If possible, during the 2020/21 season)?

Venues

1. If yes, have you contacted your venue regarding the playing of matches?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Comments:

2. If yes, when will you be able to access your venue?
 - a. September
 - b. October
 - c. November
 - d. December
 - e. January
 - f. Later (please specify)
3. Do you have any other venue options available to play games?

Comments:

Scheduling

1. When is the earliest you think you would be ready to participate in competition?
(All)
 - a. October
 - b. November
 - c. December
 - d. January
 - e. Later (please specify)
2. As a result of the pandemic playing a full season is likely to result in it running longer than in previous seasons, what is the latest your club can continue to play?
 - a. May
 - b. June
 - c. July
 - d. Aug
 - e. Later than August
3. When are you planning on starting training to prepare for the competition?
 - a. Already started
 - b. September
 - c. October

- d. November
- e. December

General

1. What challenges do you think you will face this season? (All)
 - a. Travel to fixtures - Comment
 - b. Venue availability - Comment
 - c. Player availability - Comment
 - d. Volunteer availability - Comment
 - e. Understanding of COVID-19 requirements (risk assessments, COVID-19 Officer etc.) - Comment
2. Are there any further considerations you feel are required?