



Hello, and welcome to the Malling and Maidstone Netball League. We hope you enjoy playing in our League and become involved in the various tournaments and rallies that take place throughout the year.

We have put together this note to help you understand the workings of our league and hopefully make life a little easier for you as a new team.

### **Entrance to the Winter/Summer League**

Application forms for our Winter League are sent to all teams by email in May and if you wish to enter you must attend our AGM in June to hand in the forms. The fixtures will be sent to all teams by email at the end of August.

Application forms for the Summer League will be sent to all teams who played in the Winter League at the beginning of April (again, by email) and these fixtures will be sent to all teams at the end of April.

### **AENA Affiliation**

All teams must be members of All England Netball Association whose affiliation runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The fees are approximately £25 per person and AENA affiliation numbers must be submitted with your Winter League application form. If you are not affiliated, you will not be able to play in our league as you will not be insured. Junior clubs can affiliate at a reduced rate.

### **Aylesford Rugby Club Membership**

Your team also needs to join our League and this fee (£60 for a team of 7) includes social membership to the Rugby Club which enables you and your family to use the club facilities. You will be sent an invoice for this in August, when the Winter League fixtures are sent out.

### **Match Fees**

The match fees are £15 per team per match and you will be sent invoices for these (August and January for the Winter League and April for the Summer League).

### **Court bookings**

Courts can be hired in between the summer and winter leagues for friendly matches or training sessions at £20 a session (7.00 – 8.30 pm/8.30 – 10.00 pm) or £15 a session at weekends. They can also be booked during the winter and summer leagues but availability is restricted due to league matches. Teams must give at least 48 hours notice for cancellation of a court booking. In addition, if you are sharing the court with another team the team booking the court will be responsible for the fee. As with match fees, you will be invoiced for court bookings.

If you wish to book a court please email 'mmnl@talktalk.net'.

### **Umpires**

All teams need to arrange an umpire for each match. If you have an umpire he/she must be registered with the League before they can umpire. An umpire registration form will be sent in May with the Winter League Application Forms. Alternatively a list of all registered umpires will be sent to teams with the fixtures and you can contact these directly. Beginner umpires are only allowed to umpire divisions 4, 5 and 6. Umpires charge as follows - B Award umpires £10; C Award umpires £7-8 and Beginners £5-7.



## The Committee

The committee meets the first Wednesday in each month. If you want to write to the committee regarding an incident that took place during a game, it must be received by the secretary of the League, Sue Bealey, (mmnl@talktalk.net) within seven days of the incident taking place. Each division has a representative that sits on the committee and she will take any problems, complaints, or compliments to the committee on your behalf. We also have a child protection policy.

Attached to this note are copies of our League Rules and our Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures. Please ensure you read them. We also attach an accident form which must be completed in the event of an accident and returned to your divisional representative. Other documents which you may find helpful are Guidelines for Hiring Courts, Captain's responsibilities and Role of Divisional Reps. Again these are attached. (If you are viewing this document on the website please click on the links below to view these individual documents.)

And finally, if you have not yet met Carol Parlour then please contact her. She is our contact for new teams and is happy to help in any way, from helping to arrange umpires for your first games, discussing rules and offering advice and meeting up at the courts if you have not already been there.

Good luck!

Mandy Palmer  
Chairperson

### **Documents to be attached:**

- Accident Form
- League Rules
- Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures
- Guidelines for Hiring Courts
- Captain's Responsibilities
- Role of divisional reps
- Code of conduct for umpires