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## Flamstead Netball Team News

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### Affiliation rules and procedures

To clarify again, this is what needs to be done to affiliate new players:-

Players have to be affiliated in two places.

Firstly to All England Netball, some may already be registered if they already play for any other club. Captains need to check with the player to decide if full affiliation is needed or 'second claim' only. Their details i.e. name, address, date of birth and current affiliation number and County (if applicable) with payment should be given to Sarah Johnson to process. She needs to get the payment to All England a day before the first match is played otherwise they are not affiliated and cannot play. If players were sticking to their agreement of keeping their availability up to date there shouldn't any last minute panics on a Thursday night to get players affiliated. Clearly this **STILL** isn't happening, as Sarah has been put upon on a number of occasions to rush through the paperwork which isn't fair on her. Please don't be an inconsiderate player and keep your availability up to date.

Once the above has been done, the player needs to be affiliated to a team (check they are not already affiliated to another team in the Watford League). The current practise is that all new players are affiliated to Blacks regardless of which team they are joining as this then means

### Next Season

I have decided that from next season I am not going to play Netball on Sundays anymore. It is not that I want to give up, it is just that I am increasing committed to Church related things and feel this should be given priority.

You will remember at the beginning of this season I asked you all how you would feel about playing on a Saturday. I had a mixed response but thought I should broach this again with a plan of how it would work.

There is a league in Hemel that plays every Saturday - similar match times to those we are used to. I thought we could enter **one** team on paper but take it in turns for the Greens/Blacks to play. The benefits of doing it this way would be that we should never be short of players and those who want to play every week probably could! If you think about how many times we have had to borrow players this season.....

It would also allow us all to go away more weekends as you could leave after your game.

The main concern I have is that those of you who have husbands that work on Saturdays would have childcare issues. However there should be enough of us around to 'baby sit' on the side line.

Please can you tell me what **YOU** think. I obviously don't want to force the change just to suit me. If the general feel is to stay as we are then I will

they can play up for Greens 3 times. This is a simple form that they just need to sign, this form **MUST** be posted in the white box on the day of the first game they play, if not before.

**Please can I stress AGAIN for players to keep their availability up to date and DO NOT make any unofficial deals amongst yourselves about covering for each other as you do not have the overall picture.**

Any queries regarding this please speak to Tracy Cripps.

bow out gracefully (and find a Saturday team to play for!)

Please let me know by the end of March either way.

Feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss it further.

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