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Flamstead Netball Team News

Winter League 2008

Both teams have been registered for the Watford Winter League and the fees of £200 have been paid by the Club. Greens are in Division 3 and Blacks Division 4. Your Captain has given you the fixture dates and times.

Fiona, Simone, Phil and Fern attended the Start Of season meeting and have given the following update:-

Phil:-

"Meeting was relatively short and the main points were as follows-

- Umpires should not wear team colours as it indicates they are supporting one particular side, they need to be neutral
- Scorers are a new idea, someone different to umpire to keep the score, scorers do not need to be qualified just keen, umpires will still call centre pass. this is just an idea and up to the individual teams if they implement it.
- Umpires may only umpire 2x 1 hour matches in one day i.e. over 24 hours.... it had be noticed that some umpires do three hours and the quality of umpiring in the last match was on occasions poor.
- Umpire certificates are only valid for two years from date of issue.
- Teams are responsible for ensuring the pre game checklist is out in the scoreboard, with their scorecard at the end of the match.
- On October 5th teams will need to provide own score cards as they are not made up yet.

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Player Feedback

This is still ongoing so don't worry if you still haven't had yours it will be on it's way soon.....

Don't Forget to respond to your Captain's requests within 48 hours

The above was put in last month's newsletter as a polite reminder to players. It would appear that there are **STILL** players who either do not reply at all or take a long time to do so.

I am sure that these players do not mean to be rude or disrespectful but this is the way it is coming across.

SO PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE CAN ALL PLAYERS REPLY TO THEIR CAPTAIN/COACH OR CHAIRPERSON WITHIN 48 HOURS

I in return will promise not to have any more tantrums and resign - worth it surely ???!!!!

Affiliations

This is £32.50 per player and should be given to Sarah Johnson if you haven't already. You can ask to spread this over 3 months if you prefer at no extra cost !

All players and umpires are required to be affiliated to All England Netball.

Beginners Umpire Course

Natalie & Liz are booked to go on this on 12th October 2008 so look out for their debuts in the coming league. I have just realised that I will have to do what Natalie tells me to for once !!

- Coaching courses- level 1 on march 22/23rd, Dec/Jan in Hemel Hempstead, 23rd Nov- in Ware 'C' course, 24th September a rules meeting in Ware 7.30-9.30pm Glaxo Smith Kline building
- For information on courses etc ring Chris Beasley on 01442 215238 "

Fiona: -

- "The new rules course was 24/10 not Sept - I might have got that wrong.
- There is a certificate of attendance course on 12/10 at Ware, the 2nd one will be on the HH website.
- The 2nd C award course will be on the website.
- Scorers must stay for the whole game and stand in the middle at the edge of the court
- We no longer have to complete the pre game checklist if we don't want to
- If you have 5 players then you still play and NOT cancel a game
- Need to put the level of the Umpire on the signing sheet which can be posted in the box on the 1st game
- You must cease umpiring if you do not continue to complete the training and assessment to the C award
- 1 month before the AGM, please send any proposed changes to the committee "

Please speak directly to Phil or Fiona if you need any clarification.

Youth Team

I have been approached (again) about setting up a youth team in Flamstead. I do think this is a great idea and would love it to happen. I'm not sure however, if I could find the time to devote to it at the moment. I have managed to bat off the interested party saying that we would ideally like to hold training at the rec. so the players wouldn't need to rely on transport from their parents and we could choose an earlier time. This is obviously not possible due to the lack of floodlights. Barry Bines (Parish Council) said he would look into the floodlight issue again and also the possibility of mobile floodlights.

In the meantime if any of you would be interested in helping to set up/run such a team let me know.

We'll soon be getting thrashed on a Sunday morning by our own youth team !!