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## Flamstead Netball Team News

## Special edition April 2009

I have now heard from all of you regarding your personal preferences for next season. The good (or bad) news is you are not getting rid of me ! I have discussed the following options with Katie:-

1) Staying in Watford on a Sunday with **two** teams

Maintaining two teams this season has been a struggle, resulting in us borrowing lots of different players from different clubs. This would be even harder next year as we will potentially lose 4 players (as per feedback received).

2) Staying in Watford on a Sunday with **one** team

This could lead to players being less committed as there would be a bigger squad and also frustration for those players who want to play every match. You would potentially be playing with a different set up each week which would not be the making of a strong team.

3) Move whole club to Hemel on a Saturday and teams alternate and play every other week. Two teams could potentially stay separate with the added luxury of helping each other out as on paper we would just be one team.

However the feedback received suggests we will lose 4+ players.

4) Enter one team in Watford on a Sunday & one team in Hemel on Saturday

This option could potentially please everyone in that players get to play the day that suits them and we will also have the added flexibility of helping each other out on the odd occasion. This will also give players the opportunity to play more netball if they want, improving fitness.

In all options the teams will need to be changed slightly.

We came to the conclusion that Option 4 is the best option and although we have a rough idea of what the teams would look like we need to look at forecasting how this would actually work out for players before we publish anything..

In order to make this run smoothly we would need to introduce some new procedures. Players would have to be committed to these otherwise we will all go mad !

- Players must submit their availability before the start of the season up to Christmas. Then again (when asked) up to the end of the season.
- The Coach will then plan the teams around this availability for both Saturday & Sunday matches. Player's commitment to training will also be taken into account here.
- Availability means availability to play and not automatic selection. Players will be given the dates of their matches and expected to commit to these.
- If a player subsequently changes their availability and cannot play one of their games, they will lose their game. A swap with another player in another game will not be automatically given.
- It is recognised that planning teams and rotating players fairly will be challenging and players will need to be understanding of this.

One issue which we feel needs to go to a vote again is regarding whether we should take a sub to each game and whether they should always get to play. We will go with the majority.

Please make your vote below and then sign to say you agree with all the new procedures and return to Tracy Cripps by 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009.

We realise that this is quite prescriptive but feel we need to get it right at the beginning to save any misunderstandings mid way through the season. We all need to have the same expectations and understanding of how it will work and then there will be no stopping us !

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- Do not take a sub to any games. *No-one gets subbed however if there is injury or last minute no shows teams would have to play with 6.*
- Take a non playing sub (only plays if there is an injury). *Although the sub would not get a match 7 players would get the full hour. It would be hoped that non playing subs would be on a rota system so everyone took a turn to enable the rest of the team to get a full match.*
- Sub gets guaranteed half a game in their normal/strongest position. *Depending on position availability the same players may get subbed.*
- Sub gets guaranteed half a game in rotating position. *Avoids some players being subbed but could weaken the team.*

By signing this form I am confirming that I will commit to the new procedures outlined above and will go with the majority vote regarding substitutes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this section to Tracy Cripps by 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009**