

- Tournaments and other competitions – costs of travel, umpiring fees etc. will be notified at the time.
- The Club operates a Hardship Fund to support parents who are in financial difficulties. Details are on the website.

Safeguarding

This covers all issues of child protection, harassment, bullying and discrimination. If you have any concerns you may contact the Safeguarding Officer in confidence, and you will be taken seriously.

The Club's Safeguarding Officer is Rebecca O'Sullivan.
She can be contacted on 07841 590466.

Parents who have a problem with another parent or player should not confront the other person, but save it to discuss in private with an appropriate official of the Club.

No photographs or videos may be taken of any club activity without permission from an officer of the Club (and permission from organisers and third parties for Leagues and Tournaments).

Club Officials

(Committee members in **bold**)

Chairman and Head Coach: **Dianne Barber** (Level 2)

Coaches (Level 2): Jean Woodall-Llewellyn, **Lily Firm**

Coaches (Level 1): Jeannie Burke, **Judith Guidotti**, Maddie McKeever, **Rebecca O'Sullivan**

Team Managers: Pippa Beard, Emma Brown, Abi Buchanan, Natasha Buncher, Vicky Campbell, Melanie Davis, Abeer Ghani, Charly Slater, Liz Somerville, Kelly Taylor, Alex Townson, Hayley Wheeler

Safeguarding Officer: **Rebecca O'Sullivan**

First Aiders: **Dianne Barber**, Jean Woodall-Llewellyn

Secretary, Data Protection Officer and Webmaster: **Jonathan Barber**

Treasurer: vacancy

Committee Members: **Judith Guidotti**, **Natalie Hodgkins** (Kit Secretary), vacancy

Contacting the Club

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HANDBOOK

Welcome to Birmingham City Netball Club!
This handbook contains introductory information for players and their parents.

Further information is on our website:

<http://www.birminghamcitynetballclub.org.uk>

About BCNC

Birmingham City Netball Club is an established intermediate level netball club for girls in the South of Birmingham. We started in 1996 and now cater for school years 3 to 11.

We are there to share our love of the game, to promote the sport of netball and to develop the skills of members in playing and eventually umpiring and coaching. The Club is affiliated to England Netball (Club number 7055) and has achieved Bronze CAPS Award.

You do not play netball to get fit: you get fit in order to play netball. It takes time to integrate a new player into an existing team. You should not expect to get into a team straight away.

Membership of BCNC

Welcome to Birmingham City Netball Club!

You have the choice whether or not to belong to Birmingham City Netball Club. If you do decide to belong, you are expected to honour all your commitments unless unavoidably prevented.

Your responsibilities (players and parents)

- Keep the Club Rules and Code of Conduct.
- Sign the appropriate Code of Conduct.
- Pay fees by bank transfer in full every month.
- Purchase the minimum Club kit (dress, shorties, hoodie, socks) from Club and wear kit to matches.
- Come prepared to play: wearing no jewellery (this includes ear studs). Make sure your nails are cut, long hair tied back in a low ponytail.
- Netball is a high-impact sport. To minimise joint injury, netball trainers must be worn, not running or fashion trainers. Trainers must be laced and tied tightly.
- Players' mobile phones to be switched off during training and placed in the box provided by the Club.
- Attend training sessions punctually and wear Club's training tee shirt.

- Be available for matches and if selected attend 20 minutes before the start of play. We are a competitive club and cannot accommodate members who wish to attend for training only.
- If unavailable for matches on an odd occasion let the Club know at least one week in advance (except for illness).
- Show respect for other players, Club Officials, Umpires etc.
- Demonstrate sportsmanship on and off court.
- Make your own way to matches, sharing transport with fellow team members as necessary.
- Maintain your fitness through activities outside the Club.
- The Club should normally have the first call on your leisure-time activities.

Our Responsibilities

- We will exercise the duty of care towards you and not discriminate against you unfairly. (See Safeguarding.) Our adult volunteers all have current DBS checks.
- We will provide good quality coaching by experienced coaches.
- We will acknowledge excellence, effort and progress.
- We will give players opportunity to play in local Intermediate Leagues, Adult Leagues (from Year 8) and Tournaments.
- We will enter talented players in the Regional League, and encourage them to go to Hub and County training squads.
- We will encourage older players to develop umpiring, coaching and team management skills through our linked Bournville & Selly Oak Little League.

What it costs

- **First of all, commitment from you and support from your family.**
- Membership fees are payable monthly throughout the year:
- Club Subscriptions from Sept 2022 (including match fees)
Years 3 - 4: £15.00; Year 5: £18.00; Year 6: £20.00; Year 7 and above: £25.00
- England Netball Membership (2025-2026 rates):
Under 11: £7.90; Under 14: £11.20; Under 18: £23.54)