

## CENTRAL VENUE - GUIDE 2019-20

### What is Central Venue (CV) ?

The Birmingham Netball League centralise Division 3 to 12 netball matches at one (or two) venues a year. The 2019-20 Full Season will be held at Birmingham University, Bristol Road, Edgbaston.

### What do I have to do before the first match starts ?

You need to:

1. Make sure all your players are EN affiliated BEFORE they play and have *written* proof. (You, your team and the opponents will not be insured if one of your players is not affiliated. Do not play any unaffiliated player.) Go online to England netball and follow the membership process.
2. Register your players to the BNL with sample signatures and send / hand in to the appropriate committee member. (~~£2 for registration of 8<sup>th</sup> or more~~ - **waived until further notice**) (You will be deducted points for fielding unregistered players as per Rule 2a)
3. You can e-mail Affiliation and Registration forms in advance, to expedite checks quickly on the first day of season - e-mail address for these is on the registration forms.
4. Provide your named umpire to the correct Umpire secretary (2 weeks before game) when asked by Norma McClean normamclean@live.co.uk (Highers) or Patricia Okunnu anophra@hotmail.com (Lowers) Umpires will then be allocated neutrally by the Umpiring Secretaries.

### What do I have to do on CV match day ?

1. Pay your court and umpire fees at the CV desk (cash or cheque) before you go on court. You can also pay by bank transfer, please speak to Ann Duffin if you wish to do this.
2. Make sure all your players have signed the match card and you have written any substitutes names on the card BEFORE the match starts (**late arrivals can write & sign when they arrive**)
3. Make sure your team (min 5 players) are on court READY TO PLAY 10 minutes before the allotted start time.
4. Toss a coin to decide on the first centre pass and court ends.
5. Play to the BNL rules (please ensure all players aware of these) and respect the Umpire at all times.
6. Give 3 cheers to your opponents at the end of the game and select a player of the match.
7. Alert Debbie Rolinson *and* Norma McClean if you cannot play.

### What do I have to do regarding Umpires ?

1. You must have a qualified EN affiliated umpire for your team (min. Into-Officiator) Fill in an Umpire registration form & submit to Umpiring administrator Diane Barrett - dyebarrett@gmail.com for updating our Umpire registration list, **along with proof of affiliation for current season** (as for players).
2. Your Umpires must have attended one of the BNL Umpiring Forums within the last 12 months.
3. Nominate your umpire for each match, at least two weeks before, via e-mail to Norma McClean / Patricia Okunnu - any queries to Diane Barrett - Umpire Administrator
4. You do not need to pay the umpire directly, this is organised by the BNL.
5. If you have any problems finding an umpire then the team will need to speak to Norma McClean: normamclean@live.co.uk

Match Fees per team for Season 2019-20 **£30 per week** which includes umpire fees.  
By Cheque - payable to "The Birmingham Netball League" (no initials please), by cash or by Bank Transfer / BACS; weekly, half-season or full season.

**Half Season £210.00** (Payable Sept, by 2<sup>nd</sup> fixture & Jan, by 2<sup>nd</sup> fixture after Xmas)  
**Full Season £420.00** (Payable September, by 2<sup>nd</sup> Fixture)

No statements or invoices will be issued.