CENTRAL VENUE – GUIDE 2026-27

What is Central Venue (CV)?

The Birmingham Netball League centralise Division 4 to 15 netball matches at one or two venues a year. 2026-27 Season will be 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 and insured BEFORE they play. Do not play any unaffiliated player Go online to ENgage and follow the membership process. You will not be insured if you are not affiliated. EN insurance covers recognised netball activity within the court area. Please note use of other venue facilities, coffee shops, car parking, driveways, grassed areas, access steps and pathways etc, is entirely at your own risk, and the League can accept no responsibility for these areas.
2. Ensure your club is linked to the BNL and log your players using the Team Management function.
3. Submit your completed, BNL registration forms along with a copy of each ENgage team log – updating these & submitting revisions through season as required.
4. You can e-mail these forms in advance, to expedite checks to bhamnetball@hotmail.com
5. Clubs do not need to provide umpires who liaise directly with Umpiring Secretaries, however, Clubs will be appraised if additional umpires are required.

What do I have to do on CV match day?

1. Pay your court fees at the CV desk (cash or cheque) before you go on court. You can also pay by bank transfer in advance if you prefer, please contact Ann Duffin (see below)
2. Make sure all your players and subs have written their names on match card BEFORE the match starts (late arrivals can complete when they arrive) Cross off anyone who doesn't play
3. Make sure your team (min 5 players) are on court READY TO PLAY 10 minutes before start time.
4. If a player has a medical condition (eg hearing impairment) please advise the umpire before starting.
5. Toss a coin to decide on the first centre pass and court ends.
6. Play to the BNL rules (please ensure all players aware of these) and respect the Umpire at all times.
7. Give 3 cheers to your opponents at the end of the game and select a player of the match – record on the match card, on opponents 'side' of the card. (note: umpires nominate for Fair Play)
8. Alert Diane Barrett (bhamnetball@hotmail.com) if you cannot play.

What do I have to regarding Umpires?

1. BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME, PAY YOUR UMPIRES £20.00 – please do not make them ask for payment, and sign the back of their scorecard.
2. Advise all your Club umpires to fill in an Umpire registration form for submission to Umpiring Secretaries Norma Mclean and Patricia Okunnu via Diane Barrett – League Secretary bhamnetball@hotmail.com . Umpires also need to provide proof of affiliation, as for players, you can create a club 'umpire' team on the ENgage function if you have multiple Club Umpires.
3. Your Club Umpires must have attended one of the latest BNL Umpiring Forums – information on this will be sent directly to Umpires.

What do I have to regarding League Fees?

Match Fees per team for Season 2025-26 £15 per week which excludes umpire fees.
By Cheque - payable to "The Birmingham Netball League" (no initials please), by cash or via bank (sort code 30 97 57, account 00219704) weekly, half-season or full season.

Half Season £105.00 (Payable Sept, by 2nd fixture & Jan, by 2nd fixture after Xmas)
Full Season £210.00 (Payable September, by 2nd Fixture)
If fees not paid by deadlines, your team(s) WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY until they are.

No statements or invoices will be issued – any queries on payments please contact Treasurer Ann Duffin (bhamnetball@hotmail.com)