

# Luton, Dunstable & District Netball League

## Newsletter

August 2020

### Chair Update

WELCOME to the newly revamped newsletter, we'll be publishing this on a regular basis with news items, umpires Q&As and updates on what the committee is doing to improve our league. I hope you like the new layout and will find the information useful. Please send items for publishing to the league secretary at [lutonanddunstableleague@outlook.com](mailto:lutonanddunstableleague@outlook.com) With the recent news from England Netball, I'd like to assure you that your committee is working hard behind the scenes to ensure we are ready for the "big day." We are using this time wisely and amongst lots of other things we are looking at ways to develop the league so if you have any suggestions please send them in.

We will send out any COVID-19 updates as and when we get them but please keep checking the website and our social media pages for information. In line with England Netball's guidelines the committee has appointed Ellie Yeatman as the League COVID-19 officer.

*Keep safe and well until we can meet in person.*

*Louise Harwood*

### Umpires Q&A

Question from Melissa Treharne: Are there any umpiring resources or training that can be undertaken virtually to continue progression to further umpiring qualifications?

*England Netball umpiring courses are not running virtually, however you can still access sample test papers and Umpiring resources [here](#) You can also check out the England Netball Officiating page on [Facebook](#) which is regularly updated with the latest officiating news.*

### Covid-19 Update

We are very pleased to confirm we can have received the GO AHEAD to Stage 4a of the England Netball [Roadmap](#) and we will be allowed to return to competitive Netball from 26<sup>th</sup> September.

For our League, we know that each Club will have to appoint a COVID-19 Officer that will need to be recorded on the ENgage system as soon as possible. Each Club's Officer will receive training and resources from England Netball. We know that some modifications will be made to our game which include: 4ft spacing from the start of play, 4ft marking, 4ft position of penalised players, no toss ups and the removal of idle interactions. More information can be found on this [Youtube Video](#). Further information on Club responsibilities and how as a League we will be operating Game Days will be released via email shortly.

As a reminder to you all, if you are participating in any small group activity, we ask that you adhere to current guidelines, and if you are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, you must not attend any netball activity.

Look out for the England Netball #RiseAgain campaign on social media.

### Get to know your Committee

Hello, my name is Zoe Tomlin and I currently play for Luton Tornadoes and have done for 8 years. I have also played over in Milton Keynes, Bedford, Aylesbury and Cambridgeshire. I usually play in defence but I have had to accept I'm just not tall enough for GD so WD/WA it is! I am recently coming back from an ACL injury which has put me out of netball for just over a year, but I am now back fit and ready for the season to begin when it is safe to do so! I am currently on the Luton Tornadoes committee as Club Secretary and put myself forward to join the league committee as Match Secretary because I love a new challenge, and I wanted to bring some youth to the committee and some fresh ideas. I am also very organised so this role is perfect for me! I can't wait to get started!

Latest News  
ENgage is LIVE to start your Affiliations!

As part of the England Netball #RiseAgain campaign, EN are offering a voluntary 30% discount on this Seasons Affiliation fee. Each member should have received an email on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August with link to the ENgage system that does not require you to sign in! Follow the instructions on the webpage to pay the 20/21 affiliation fee.

Familiarise yourselves with the new Rule changes that will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. These will be made in conjunction with the Stage 4 modified game. More information can be found [here](#).

In other news, LDDNL have secured sponsorship this season from Prestige. They will be offering the following services, exclusive to LDDNL: opportunities to try on Netball dresses to find the perfect size, a stall will be present at tournaments and other events throughout the year selling clothing, water bottles, balls and other products.

