

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

## UMPIRES FORUM – 2020 COVID-19 MEASURES



### BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Read the EN Restart Guidance and the NCNA league rules and COVID-19 guidance.
- Have completed an opt in statement and returned it to your club.
- No COVID-19 symptoms
- Ready to play
- Hand sanitiser
- Mask (not essential but recommended)
- Know which court you will be on and your timed entry slots.

### ON ARRIVAL AND BEFORE ENTERING THE COURT

- Put your mask on (recommended)
- Follow NUSA signage to courts
- Keep to social distancing measures throughout
- Find the team that you are umpiring for and complete their health check questionnaire.
- Sanitise your hands.

### ENTERING THE COURT

- Enter only at your set time slot. Do not enter court until the courts have been totally cleared from the previous match.
- Check that there are no more than 15 people with the team for whom you are umpiring. This includes the scorer and you as the umpire.
- Late arrivals cannot be admitted.
- No spectators on courts at any time.
- Teams are responsible for bringing their own sanitizing wipes/spray and hand sanitizer for their players. They are also responsible for providing suitable PPE for injuries (mask/apron/gloves.)

### BEFORE PLAY

- Get teams/coaches/scorers together on court socially distanced and tell them about their responsibilities.
- Know who has been designated from each team to sanitise posts and balls.
- Both posts to be sanitised by teams. Team goes with the bench end.
- Nail/jewellery check from 2 metres away. Only players who have a medical exemption certificate can wear gloves and they must have four pairs. Cannot sanitise one pair and use throughout.
- Each team to provide two sanitised and properly inflated balls. Teams to bounce balls in front of the umpire as a ball check. Visual check only.
- Whoever wins C pass uses their ball.

- Teams toss for C pass but they let the coin drop to the floor. Only one person to touch the coin.
- Players to sanitise hands before play.
- Scorers socially distanced where they cannot get in your way.
- Do not touch the score card or the umpire's checklist.
- Give scorer your name so that they can put it on the scorecard
- Complete court checks and notify scorer for your team that these have been done. Scorer will note the checklist.
- Take off your mask to umpire.

## **DURING PLAY**

- Matches are 12 minutes each way with 3/5/3 minute intervals.
- Scorers socially distanced where they cannot get in your way.
- Scorers do not shout the score but can communicate with each other in a normal voice.
- If scorers change at an interval a new card will have to be used and the scores and details transferred over.
- No shouting by players, bench officials, etc.
- Umpire to the modified rules.
- If the post is touched by a player during play (not foot) then you should hold time and ask the team responsible for that post to sanitise it before restarting play.
- If the ball goes out of court and is touched by a player on another court then the second sanitised ball should be used and the first ball sanitised again by the team.
- Throughout – softly, softly approach to policing everything COVID-19 related by teams. Gentle reminders to be given but ultimately teams should understand their responsibilities and know that they are accountable for their own actions.

## **INTERVALS**

- Check the scores with the scorers as usual but from 2 m away
- Maintain social distancing
- Ball and posts sanitised by the team (s)
- Players sanitise hands
- Umpires sanitise hands
- Restart play with a sanitised ball.

## **AT END OF PLAY**

- Check and agree score
- Do not sign the card
- Teams to sanitise post
- Leave within the required time slot.
- If you have another match to umpire, repeat all stages.

**FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES, STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR UMPIRING!**