

Committee Statement

As a new incoming committee, we would like to reassure all members who play in the North-East Wales Netball League that decisions that we take are:

S – specific so that we can create a competitive league that can be enjoyed by all

M – measurable and motivational by using the facilities that best suit netballers; monitoring of teams, umpiring and officials to continue to develop the league

A – the action that we have taken was agreed upon, is attainable and achievable.

R - realistic, relevant and results-oriented

T – trackable and timely

The meeting held by the North-East Wales Netball Association committee was productive, measured and in line with progress and development in the area.

We have started to create a long term plan to embrace the teams that have requested to join our league and to help the continued development of the league for all members.

The decision to move the Divisions 1 & 2 to different nights was for several reasons:

- Deeside Leisure Centre: We have been allocated the same times on a Monday night 8-10.30 on both halls & Tuesday night 7- 10.30 on Hall 2 and 8-10 on Hall 1.
- This has enabled to look closely at the quality of games in the divisions.

- There is a large gap between the top and bottom of Division 1 so after lots of deliberation and reasoning the committee decided that it would be advantageous to extend Division 2 to 10 teams and use the extra time allocated to the league on a Tuesday evening.
- This would enable those teams coming up from Division 3 and those coming down from Division 1 with the addition of 2 further teams (dependent on standard) to participate.
- Alternating the 1st and 2nd Division on a Tuesday night will provide the committee to monitor not only the standard of the teams in the Divisions but also to assess umpires who are progressing or regressing and then allocate the appropriate support required.
- Standardisation is key to the development of players and officials in the area.
- The Divisions 3 & 4 playing on a Monday night will also enable player/umpires from 1st & 2nd Divisions, who have previously been unable to officiate on these games (due to playing at the same time) to help the standard of these divisions to progress.
- As all divisions at Deeside will be playing on alternate weeks this should not be too disruptive to training times for the majority (there have always been some teams who trained on a Monday & Tuesday night who adjusted to enable them to play in the league)
- With regard to the earlier start time of 7pm for Division 2 this will suit some teams who do not like late finishes, we have ensured that there are only 1/2 7pm starts throughout the season. If teams are definitively unable to play the early fixture then we will try to amend this fixture. (This has been achieved for Colwyn Bay, Div. 1 previously as they played in another league on a Monday night)
- Division 5 on a Monday night playing from 7.30pm – 10pm, will be formatted the same as the 3rd Division was last season; again 1st & 2nd Division players, officials etc will be better placed to help with this Division.

- Moving all the divisions around will also help us to set up a New Division 6 at Castell Alun for all the back to netball teams that have expressed an interest in entering the league.

We are looking forward to the new season and everyone getting back on the court.