

September 2025

Dear All,

Please find below some general information regarding training, matches, term fees and updates for you on the upcoming term.

**SQUADS**

* U14/U15’s - BJNL Team (playing In U16 Div 3)
* U14s – South Region Team
* U15’s – BJNL Team (playing in U16 Div 2)
* U16’s – BJNL Team (playing in U16 Div 1)
* U17s – BJNL Team (playing in U19)
* U16s-U19’s – MDNL Team x 3

All teams will be used to develop and train all the girls at their appropriate level and facilitate their own development. Your daughter may be asked to attend another age group’s training session on occasion, either for development or specific training, or if she has been asked to play for another squad.

Girls may play across these squads, within the restrictions set by the leagues. As a club, we strongly feel that the squads are not about age groups, but all about ability and commitment. If your daughter demonstrates the ability, commitment and desire to move upwards then we will support her growth and training needs.

**ENGAGE**

In order to train or play for the club your daughter must have an ENGAGE NUMBER and set her Primary Club as MAGNETS and have paid for the 2025-26 season. We thank everyone very much for having done this in good time ahead of the start of season.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Annual Club membership is set at **£15** per player for the year. This helps us cover costs such as bibs, medals, treats, courses, qualifications and other costs.

**TERM FEES**
All training will take place indoors, at Braywick Leisure Centre.

*One Exception: 24th Sept 2025 U14SR & U15 BJNL Training Group will train at Furze Platt Sports Hall (as Braywick is not available). There is no training for U16/17s on that date.*

Regular attendance at training is compulsory. If your daughter cannot make her allocated session regularly, please speak to her coach and we will see if it is possible for her to attend another session. **Please be aware that we will not consider players for match selection if they are not attending training regularly.**

The term is a 13-week term for:

* Tuesday U14 & U15 BJNL Training group; and
* Wednesday U16/U17 group.

Both groups train for 1.5 hours per week.

The U14 SR & U15 BJNL Training group have a 14-week term for 2 hours a week.

The fees for the Autumn Term have been set at: **£110.50** for **U14s/U15s BJNL Tuesday group and U16s/U17s Wednesday group.**
**£147.00** for **U14s SR & U15s Wednesday group.**

The Term Fee payment **plus** the **£15** Membership Fee should be received into the club bank account by 12th October 2025.

 **PLEASE PAY THESE FEES INTO THE CLUB ACCOUNT: 30-95-36 51581660 LLOYDS** using your daughter’s name and year group as a reference. If you have financial circumstances which make it difficult for you to meet the term fees in full, please speak to your coach or to Sally Gray (Treasurer) in confidence.

**TRAINING**
Details of training times, sessions and coaches are set out below.

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| U14s/U15s BJNL | Tuesday 6.00-7.30pmLouise, Bev & Lara |
| U14sSR & U15s BJNL | Wednesday 6.00-8.00pmRichard, Bev & Vic |
| U16s/U17s | Wednesday 6.30-8.00pmSarah B & Louise |

Training commenced on Wednesday 3rd September and will go through to 9th/10th December 2025. There will be a one-week break for half term, so no training on 28th & 29th October 2025, unless your individual coach makes other arrangements for your year group.

Last season, we noticed that more and more players were turning up to training without a ball. All players are expected to bring their kit bag with a ball, water, snack, small towel etc. It is simply not possible or practical for any of the coaches to arrive with 20 plus balls to training; **please check that your daughter has an appropriate size 5 netball, and that she brings it with her!**

No phones should be used at training. If girls need to film anything (or parents at matches) for schoolwork, this must be checked in advance with the coaches.

**TEAMO**
Please continue to update Teamo well in advance with your daughter’s availability for both training and matches. For the older players particularly, please let coaches know well in advance about exams that may affect training / match availability, as this potentially takes out several players at a time.

If you are changing availability within 48hrs of a match particularly, please ensure you message or call your coach directly to let her know. As a member of the club, we expect players to make themselves available for matches as much as they can.

**MATCH FEES**
To keep these payments fair for all games, this is calculated per match. Anyone with outstanding match fees from last term must settle up before the new term begins. As a reminder, match fees (which cover court costs, umpires and league fees) should be paid direct to your Team Manager/Coach, as arranged with them, and are set out below.

BJNL Match Fees

£2 flat fee (all players selected) + £2 per quarter played. Eg Match selection + 2 quarters = £6.

South Region Match Fees

£3 flat fee (all players selected) + £3.25 per quarter played. Eg Match selection + 2 quarters = £9.50.

MDNL

Flat fee of £5 per match.

**PARENTS’ COMMITMENT**

Thank you to all the parents, siblings, grandparents and everyone else who helped last season. We simply cannot run the matches without your help and support.

As a minimum, for all matches, we require parents to help with the following roles so please ensure that you make yourselves available to help when you can. If we don’t have enough volunteers, we will be assigning roles to parents on a rota basis to ensure we have enough assistance with matches:

* a scorer
* a timer
* a parent taking shooting stats (on occasion)
* a team manager to collect subs & complete match sheets.

If you would like to take on the role of Team Manager (or any other specific role) in your daughter’s squad, please chat to her coach. This involves helping on match days with planning and arrangements, submitting & collating results, organising helpers etc.

**KIT**

If you require any new kit, please get in touch with Lucy Bavazzano in the first instance who will be able to direct you as to the best way to purchase any kit (lucybavazzano@hotmail.com). Please note that she holds a small amount of kit herself, including some second hand and new items (although she currently has very limited sizes). However, new dresses can also be purchased direct from our suppliers, Hawkinsport in Bourne End. **Please note that Hawkinsport do not hold hoodies in stock so if you require a new hoodie, please get in touch with Lucy ASAP**. She will be looking to place a new order for hoodies, should we have sufficient demand (Please note, due to minimum order quantities required by the supplier, the club places orders for hoodies periodically based on player demand). For training top enquiries, please get in touch with Richard Lucas (richardblucas@icloud.com).

Black ‘nike pro’ type shorts should be worn under match dresses, or plain black leggings or tracky bottoms if the weather is cold. Where base layers are needed, these must also be black only.

We often find that players have had a growth spurt over the summer break. Please do use the start of term as an opportunity to check that your daughter’s dress is an appropriate length to fully cover her bottom when reaching upwards (as if stretching for the ball). Some of our matches are played on outdoor courts where members of the public are present, and we remind you that it is the parents’ responsibility to ensure that dress lengths are appropriate.

Players should wear their black training top to training, along with black shorts/leggings. We kindly request that club kit for other sports is not worn to weekly training sessions.

As we are now starting to enter the colder months of the year, please do ensure that your daughter wears base layers under match dresses when needed, especially when playing outside or in sports halls which are particularly cold (your coach will advise). Please do also ensure that players arrive at and leave training wearing adequate clothing to keep them warm.

**TRAINERS**

The start of term is the best time to check your daughter’s netball trainers. Please check the soles of her shoes:

* do they still have a clear and visible tread across the whole of the foot, especially the ball of the foot, which gets the most wear? If your daughter is playing outside, they will wear much quicker but the tread becomes even more important at this time of year as the ground starts to get slippery or wet.
* Check inside the shoes – have any of the sole or outer walls of the shoe worn away?
* Are there any tears in the shoe fabric? And of course, are they the right size – you generally need to size up half to one size in a netball shoe.

If the answer to any of these points is yes, you should be considering replacing her shoes. Netball trainers are expensive, but they save ankle and knee injuries and are really the only equipment you need to replace during the season. Hawkinsport in Bourne End has a selection of shoes, or try Netball UK, Lovell Netball, Asics or even Amazon online.

Please do contact your individual coaches if you need help or clarification on any of these points.

Many thanks and we look forward to a very exciting season ahead!

**The Magnet Netball Club Lead Coaching Team**