



Boughton Belles Netball Club

Membership Policy

May 2022



1 Introduction

The philosophy of Boughton Belles Netball Club is to provide a netball program designed for beginners to advanced players, coaches, umpires, and administrators who want to develop their skills and knowledge of the game whilst maintaining a sense of fun and enjoyment.

This policy defines the Terms and Conditions of membership of the Boughton Belles Netball Club (hereinafter known as “BBNC” or “the Club”). All club officers, coaches, players, and those with parental responsibility for Mini and Junior members of BBNC are required to comply with the terms and conditions laid out in this policy.

2 Contact Details

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3 Registration

Any person wishing to play netball with BBNC must register with the club via the BBNC Membermojo website and pay the requisite training fees. Failure to do so will mean that the person will not be permitted to train with or play netball for BBNC.

4 Membership

4.1 Types of Membership

BBNC offers the following categories of membership

Mini	Age 4 – 8 (Reception – Year 3)
Junior	Age 9 – 18 (Year 4 – Year 13)
Senior	Experienced players aged 18+
Back to Netball	Players aged 16+ who are new to netball, or returning to netball after a break
Volunteers	For those people who volunteer at the club, but would not otherwise be registered, e.g. team managers, parent helpers, etc.

Where a school year is indicated, this is the year that the player is in from the September of the club year, e.g. for the 2022/23 season, it is the school year that the player starts in September 2022.

4.2 Membership Period

The BBNC season runs from September until June the following year. Exact dates will be confirmed before the end of the preceding season and will be published on the BBNC website. The club may

choose to offer pre-season training during July and August; to participate in this training, all players must be registered as members of the club for the following season.

The renewal window will open one month in advance of expiry of current membership. If a membership is not renewed within this window, the Club reserves the right to withdraw the player's place in the Club.

4.3 England Netball Membership

All playing members of the club and coaches are required to have England Netball membership valid for the current season. This is to ensure that there is appropriate provision of personal liability insurance cover. Members must register directly with England Netball, and it is the responsibility of the BBNC member (or their parent / guardian) to ensure that England Netball Membership has been purchased and the number uploaded to the BBNC Membership system. If a player does not have valid England Netball membership, the club reserves the right to take action, up to and including exclusion from training until such times that EN membership is purchased.

4.4 Membership of multiple clubs

It is our expectation that our members commit fully to Boughton Belles Netball Club, and therefore are not members of any other grass roots or community netball club. If a member is found to hold membership of another grass roots or community netball club, BBNC reserves the right to take appropriate action up to and including withdrawal of the member's BBNC membership.

5 Training Fees

Each year training fees are agreed by the BBNC Committee and communicated to players in advance of the registration window opening for the next season.

All members of the club are required to pay membership fees as detailed below. Once paid, all training fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

5.1 Payment Structure

5.1.1 Mini

Training fees are purchased in blocks via the player's Membermojo account. When a player attends a training session, the requisite amount of fees is deducted from the player's account. When the account balance reaches zero a request is sent to the parent to purchase another set of fees. It is expected that the fees are purchased in advance of the next training session.

5.1.2 Junior

The annual fee is paid in 3 blocks via the BBNC Membermojo website. Payment dates will be communicated to members in advance of the window opening for block 1 payments.

The window for payment will open one month in advance of the dates shown.

5.1.3 Senior

Training fees are purchased on a weekly basis via Membermojo.

5.1.4 Back 2 Netball

Training fees are purchased on a weekly basis via Membermojo.

5.2 Non-Payment of Fees

It is expected that all members pay the relevant fees by the required date. In the event of non-payment of fees, the player (or parent/guardian for Mini and Junior members) will be contacted. If payment is not made at this time, Boughton Belles Netball Club reserves the right to take appropriate action up to and including exclusion from the club.

5.3 Financial Support

BBNC is an all-inclusive club and does not seek to exclude players who may be unable to afford the fees. If a player (or parent / guardian for Mini and Junior players) is unable to afford the fees, she/he should contact one of the following club officers

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

with a brief explanation of the circumstances. The Financial Support sub-committee (made up of the club members above) will consider each request on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the committee may offer financial support.

Contact details can be found on the BBNC website.

5.4 Cancellation of Training Sessions

On occasion, it may be necessary for BBNC to cancel training session(s). In the event of this occurring, every effort will be made to offer an alternative session. If this is not possible, the following action will be taken regarding any pre-paid fees:

- Minis: No payment will be deducted from the member's account.
- Juniors: If more than 3 training sessions are cancelled in a season, the fees for the cancelled sessions will be refunded. The method of refund will be at the discretion of the club.
- Seniors / B2N: Payments will be transferred to the next available training session.

5.5 Non-Attendance at Training

If a player is unable to attend training, training fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

5.6 Refund of Training Fees

Once paid, all training fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

6 Training

6.1 Attendance

All players are expected to attend training regularly, and as such registers are kept of attendance at training. If a player is unable to attend training, she/he (or in the instance of Mini or Junior players, the parent / guardian) should inform the coach in advance of the training session.

If a player has 3 or more "Unexplained" absences in a half-term (i.e. the coach did not receive notification in advance of training), or misses 6 or more training sessions in a term, the Club reserves the right to contact the player (or parent/guardian) to determine whether there are any reasons that the player has not attended training. In the event of continued absence, the club reserves the right to take action up to and including withdrawal of the place from the player.

6.2 Health and Safety

All players are expected to comply with the following health and safety requirements. If the requirements are not met, the coach, acting on behalf of BBNC, reserves the right to exclude the player from participation in training or match play.

- All jewellery, including watches, fitness trackers, rings, bracelets, necklaces, wrist bands, and piercings must be removed for both training and match play. The only exception is a wedding ring which can be worn but must be taped over. If a player is unable to remove their jewellery, they will not be permitted to take part in the training session.
- Long hair must be tied back
- Fingernails must be trimmed so that the tip of the fingernail does not extend beyond the end of the finger. False nails must not be worn.
- As a minimum, athletic cross-trainers must be worn, although we recommend the wearing of specialist netball trainers. Fashion trainers, such as canvas pumps, are not an acceptable form of footwear for netball training or match play.

7 Waiting Lists

The Membership Secretary will maintain a waiting list for each age group. When a place becomes available, it will be offered in order of placement on the waiting list. However, at the discretion of the Head Coach, Club Chair and Membership Secretary, some players may be offered trials for the Performance teams.

8 Code of Conduct

All members are expected to comply with the BBNC Code of Conduct which has been written in accordance with the England Netball Code of Conduct. For players under the age of 18, parents, guardians and those with parental responsibility are also expected to comply with the relevant Code of Conduct. Any incidents of a failure to comply will be investigated by an officer of the club, and appropriate action will be taken.

The BBNC Code of Conduct can be found on the BBNC webpage.

9 Leaving BBNC

If a player leaves BBNC through their own choice, she/he should advise the club membership secretary and the team coach by email. Any fees already paid will not be refunded. Training fees will not be refunded if a player is asked to leave the club through non-compliance with this Membership Policy or Codes of Conduct.

Revisions

May 2022:

- Membership of multiple clubs added

November 2021:

- Refund policy updated
- Health and safety section added

May 2021:

- Season dates amended
- Cancellation of training sessions added

- Non-Attendance at training added
- General updates to refer to 2021/22 season. Clarification of phrasing within policy.

November 2020:

- Section 3.1 updated to include details of cashless payments for Minis, Seniors and B2N
- Section 4.1 (Cancellation of training sessions due to Covid-19) added

May 2020:

- General updates to refer to 2020/21 season
- Clarification of phrasing within Policy
- Section 6 updated to include that the club reserves the right to exclude players who do not hold valid EN membership
- Section 8 updated to state that if a player leaves part-way through a training block (regardless of the reason), fees will not be refunded.

July 2019: Section 5 updated to include Chairman