



Netball South COVID Competition Policy Updated 14th January 2022

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All clubs are responsible for following the COVID guidelines as set out by the government, and all clubs must have their own Lead COVID Officer.

All clubs are to regularly review and update as required, their Risk Assessment and Mitigation Risk Assessment documents. You do not need to submit them to Netball South.

Netball South are adopting the same guidance set by England Netball. However, clubs can if they wish, adopt additional mitigation measures in order to protect their members.

Anyone who tests positive must not attend any netball activity in any capacity.

The isolation period of those who have tested positive may be reduced in line with current government guidance.

Anyone who is identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive and is **fully vaccinated or under 18 can continue to attend netball activity**. They should however do a lateral flow test before attending and can only attend if this test is negative.

Anyone who is identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive and is **not fully vaccinated and not under 18, must self-isolate** for 10 days and cannot attend any netball activity.

It should be noted that fully vaccinated is currently an individual who received 2 vaccinations more than 2 weeks ago.

From the 11 January 22 if you have a positive lateral flow test you no longer need to get a PCR test to confirm the result you must start your isolation period immediately. However if you have symptoms, arrange to get a PCR test at the earliest opportunity and do not attend netball activity.

If a regional squad has 3 or more positive cases amongst their players (not a household contact as previously in policy), you can request a re-arrangement of your fixture. Please use the link to the relevant google form on the Netball South website to make this request. Please do not inform your opposition until you have received confirmation from your league administrator that the request has been authorised.



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We will require the players names, and we may request evidence of the positive test (either the NHS PCR notification or the uploaded LFT as per current guidance [report their result on GOV.UK](#)).

Registers should be maintained at netball activity so that COVID-19 Officers can advise on close contacts should any positive cases arise in the 72 hours following the activity.

If a participant displays symptoms on arrival they **MUST NOT** participate, they must isolate themselves from others in attendance and make arrangements to return home immediately.

Netball South strongly **recommend** that due to the highly contagious Omicron strain, if a member of a household is positive with Covid, that player does not attend club training – unless you are confident in your Covid protocols to minimise the spread the virus across large training groups and multiple squads.

We recommend that clubs ensure their members are aware of their continued right to Opt In or Out of participation due to the continued risk - especially with the clinically vulnerable and unvaccinated members. By entering the league, you have as a club Opted Into participation.

PRIOR TO NETBALL ACTIVITY

Ensure pre-travel health screening is undertaken prior to travelling.

There is no legal requirement to complete a COVID-19 test before any netball activity, but while positive cases remain high, Netball South **strongly recommends** Lateral Flow Tests are taken before leaving home for training and fixtures to help limit the spread of the virus.

We recommend you maximise air flow around your indoor venues by opening doors and windows when appropriate.

Each team is to have a designated covid officer on the team bench. This can be the team manager in a dual role.

The role of the designated COVID officer is to ensure that all COVID protocols are followed as per this guidance, and the HOME COVID officer is responsible for the completion and submission of the electronic risk assessment.

The Home team will be responsible for completing the competition risk assessment:

[South Region COVID Competition Risk Assessment - To be completed at every match](#)



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Spectators: Please follow your venue policy on spectators and the wearing of masks. However, if spectators are courtside they **MUST** wear masks – regardless of the venue policy.

Spectators must not impede the umpires, and you should consider social distancing mitigation by assessing and limiting numbers dependant on the space available.

All clubs are to have their own COVID kit with hand sanitiser, face coverings and anti-bacterial wipes.

Hands and ball are to be sanitised during the warm-up, before play starts and then at every quarter during the match, and at the end of the match.

POSITIVE CASES

If you have 3 or more positive cases within the same training group, Netball South **recommend** you consider applying a circuit break to prevent transmission within your club.

FOLLOWING MATCH

Netball South **recommend** there are no match teas

If you become unwell with COVID symptoms during the 72 hours following a South Region fixture, you must inform your club Lead COVID Officer immediately and arrange for a COVID test.

The Club Lead COVID Officer will immediately inform the South Lead COVID Officer, and you must inform your opposition and umpires.

Breaches to Government & England Netball Guidance

Everyone has a responsibility to follow the guidelines and remind others when applicable.

Persistent, intentional breaches will be dealt with via the South Region disciplinary process.

If the netball activity cannot be safely managed, it will be stopped, and the result will be determined by the CTSG.

BY OPTING INTO THE COMPETITION, YOU ARE AGREEING TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY