



## **Expression of Interest Procedure**

**2021/22**

You may express your interest in joining the Aylesbury and District Netball League (ADNL) by sending an email to [adnl@live.co.uk](mailto:adnl@live.co.uk).

The Committee usually decide the structure of the League in May/June each season. At this time, all Teams who have expressed an interest will be informed if there is any availability.

Please read this document so you know what the requirements and expectations are.

### 1. Minimum Entry Requirements:

#### 1.1. Team Officials required to enter a Team in the League

- 1.1.1. Club: Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Contact, COVID-19 Officer
- 1.1.2. Team: Team Umpire and Team Captain

#### 1.2. Player requirements for Teams:

- 1.2.1. Each Team must register a minimum of 10 players.
- 1.2.2. The minimum age for League entry is 16 years old.
  - 1.2.2.1. At their discretion, the Committee may consider a player who is 14 or 15 years old, who is on the EN Performance Pathway.

#### 1.3. Playing kit requirements for Teams:

- 1.3.1. All players must wear matching kit, i.e. identical in design and colour(s).
- 1.3.2. The team kit can be a mixture of sko(i)rts and tops or dresses, providing the design and colour are identical. It cannot be an amalgamation of two or more different kits

#### 1.4. Umpiring requirements for Teams:

- 1.4.1. The Team Umpire must be appropriately qualified for the division the team would like to enter; for further details please refer to section 5.2 of the [ADNL Rules 2021-22](#)
- 1.4.2. This Team Umpire must be registered to the Team for both Umpiring and Playing.

## 2. League Entry

- 2.1. When a place becomes available in the League, the Committee will review the list of teams that have expressed an interest in joining the ADNL. To enhance the diversity of the League, first choice will be given to standalone Teams.
  - 2.1.1. The first eligible new standalone Team who have expressed an interest in joining the League and whose primary county will be North Bucks, will be considered first. Next will be established Teams whose primary region will be South Region.
  - 2.1.2. Established Teams outside of South Region will only be able to enter the League if a place held by another Team from out of the Region becomes available.
  - 2.1.3. Existing Clubs wishing to add another team can be considered in the absence of an eligible standalone Team.
    - 2.1.3.1. Teams with the smallest number of existing Teams will be considered first.
    - 2.1.3.2. Teams whose primary county is North Bucks, will be considered first. Next will be Teams whose primary region is South Region.

## 3. New Teams

- 3.1. New teams entering the League will usually be placed into Division 4, unless a space in a higher division is available and the Committee approve a seeding request.
- 3.2. Seeding Requests should be made to the ADNL secretary via email with the reasons for the request, which should include details of other League(s) where the team currently play.

## 4. Existing Teams/Clubs

- 4.1. Clubs may not hold more than 10% of the places in the ADNL (This currently equates to 4 teams).
  - 4.1.1. Existing ADNL Clubs with more than 4 teams retain grandfather rights for the teams that are currently in the League.
- 4.2. Clubs/Teams in the League are not eligible to enter a new Team, if any of their existing teams:
  - 4.2.1. Have been disciplined in the previous two seasons.
  - 4.2.2. Have cancelled a match in the previous season.
  - 4.2.3. Have used four or more play-up/downs in the proceeding season.
  - 4.2.4. Have played with less than seven players on more than two occasions in the proceeding season.
- 4.3. Clubs/Teams must already have the players for their new team, as speculative applications will not be accepted.

- 4.3.1. The team will be asked to provide the names of the players who will be playing in the team:
  - 4.3.1.1. Must be a minimum of 10 players
    - 4.3.1.1.1. They cannot be players from their existing teams, they must be new players.
  - 4.3.1.2. At least 7 of the named players must be registered to the team at the start of the season, otherwise a penalty point deduction will be applied and team entry for the following season will not be guaranteed.
- 4.3.2. Teams must also provide details of their team umpire.
- 4.3.3. If the Club/Team is unable to meet any of the entry requirements, the available place will be offered to another team who has expressed an interest in joining the ADNL.

The Committee's decision regarding League entry is final