

SNC Information Letter – Summer 2024

Dear All,

Firstly, a huge welcome to our new members. We are very much looking forward to the new season and hope to build on the successes of last year. The Committee have been doing some behind-the-scenes organisation so that we can hit the ground running in September.

TRAINING & MATCH FIXTURES

TRAINING SESSIONS

Training is held weekly at St John's International School, Sidmouth, EX10 8RG, in the sports hall in winter, on the outside courts in summer.

One of the requirements of using the school facilities is that children do not use the zip wire that is on site, we are not insured to use this equipment so please do remind children that, when walking to and from the sports hall, they remain on the path and do not use any other facilities at the school.

MATCH FIXTURES

These take place on Saturdays at St James School, Exeter, EX4 8NN, on the outside courts behind the school. Please park at Exeter Arena car park and walk up to the school.

2024-25 TERM DATES

Autumn Term: 10 September to 24 October, 5 November to 12 December 2024*.

Spring Term: 7 January to 13 February, 25 February to 3 April 2025*.

Summer Term: 22 April to 22 May 2025.

**There is no training during Half Term breaks but dates can vary from school to school so please note the dates above.*

From September, training sessions and matches will take place as below:

Age Group	Training Times	Coach	Match Fixtures
U11 Yr 5 & 6	Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm St John's Sports Hall	Louise	TBA
U12 Yr 7	Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm St John's Sports Hall	Sandra	TBA
U14 Yr 8 & 9	Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm St John's Sports Hall	Claire	TBA
U16 Yr 10 & 11	Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm St John's Sports Hall	Sandra	TBA

COMMITMENT TO TRAINING & MATCHES

Our U14 and U16 age groups are all currently full to capacity with waiting lists so, with this in mind, we ask if you could inform us of your intention to return to training in September so we can offer out any spare places to those on the waiting list.

We encourage all players to be available for all matches but understand that occasionally it isn't possible. However, can we ask those players in the U14 and U16 age groups to consider seriously whether you will be returning to training in September if you are not intending to play matches on Saturdays. Playing competitive netball matches improves players' understanding and skills in a way that training alone can't so, if you are serious about developing as a netballer, you really need to get on court to play regular competitive matches.

KIT REQUIREMENTS

FOOTWEAR

It is essential that all girls come to training and matches wearing appropriate sports – preferably netball – trainers. Fashion-style trainers are not suitable and can lead to injury. Shoelaces should also be securely tied.

HAIR, NAILS & JEWELLERY

For the safety of all, please ensure that nails are short and smooth, all jewellery is removed beforehand and hair is tied back. Please can you remind your daughters of these requirements so the Coaches do not need to spend time monitoring this every week.

OPTIONAL SNC BRANDED KIT

Branded Sidmouth Netball Club T-shirts and Hoodies are available to buy from A1 Stitch & Print in Honiton. Each season we do a bulk order through the Club but you can also order individually whenever you wish. Please note that orders take 10 days to process and can be collected for free or a postage cost paid for delivery.

NETBALL DRESSES

SNC Dresses for all match fixtures will be provided. Please make sure these are returned to the Coaches at the end of every season.

FEES

SIDMOUTH NETBALL CLUB FEES

SNC fees cover court hire, league fees, umpire fees and dress hire. Our fees for all U18 age groups are currently £100.00 per season. We believe that the benefits of netball should be available to everyone. Therefore subsidised fees may be available for those on low income. Please get in touch for more information.

ENGLAND NETBALL MEMBERSHIP FEES

England Netball membership fees are also payable separately, direct to England Netball** – it is a requirement for all players. These fees range from approximately £5.50 to £17.00 per season, depending on your child's age group. **Simply visit the England Netball ENGage website to create an account or log in, link your child's account to Sidmouth Netball Club, add the appropriate membership to your basket, and check out. If you need any help you can follow the instructions available on the England Netball website.

GETTING INVOLVED

COACHES

We are on the lookout for new coaches to help our club expand and develop. If you are already a Level 1 or Level 2 coach, then fantastic, we'd love to hear from you! Or, if you are a keen novice, we are able to provide funding for you to get your coaching qualifications and join our lovely team.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We always need help from parent volunteers who help manage the teams on match days. Please do let us know if you're available – help is always appreciated!

UMPIRES

We are keen to support any **SNC members over the age of 13** who are interested in training to become a netball official. Officiating is a great chance to become involved in a vital part of the game, contribute to grassroots netball and learn new skills, so please encourage your daughters to get involved! Umpires also receive payment so it's a great way to earn some extra cash. Laura Crosby is the SNC Umpiring Lead and she

can be contacted by emailing the club. Alternatively, ask your daughter to talk to her coach at training or ask one of our other junior umpires at the Saturday fixtures.

SNC COMMITTEE

Our Committee is made up of parents and coaches who help in the day-to-day running of the Club. We are always looking for parents to join the Committee in any capacity so please do offer to help if you can.

Chair - Clare Johnson

Vice Chair - *unfilled*

Head Coach - Louise Hastie

Lead Coaches - Sandra Parnell, Claire Holland

Assistant Coaches - Nat Brown, Vicki Russell

Secretary - Claire McHugh

Treasurer - Sam Ward

Membership Secretary - Sarah Lovell

Safeguarding Officer - Nicola Bingham

Volunteer Coordinator - Laura Crosby

Marketing and Website - Vicki Russell

SOCIALS & WEBSITE

FACEBOOK

If you are on Facebook we have an SNC page and this can be found under 'Sidmouth Netball Club'. This is a vital portal for information from the Club so please make sure that you are a member and keep a look out for new postings.

WEBSITE

We also have a website www.sidmouthnetball.co.uk which is updated on a termly basis and is a useful source of information about the Club, however it is not used to provide weekly notifications.

SPOND

For attendance at training and details of team lists and availability for matches the Coaches prefer to use the app called SPOND. You will be invited to join by your Coaches. Please make sure you sign up, check it regularly and respond to requests for availability as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please email sidmouthnetball@gmail.com or speak to a Committee member. The Committee will occasionally check the email account over the summer and will try to answer queries as soon as possible. Have a great Summer and see you on court soon!

Best wishes,
The Committee, Sidmouth Netball Club