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| **Summary Statement** Lincolnshire County Netball has a duty of care to protect the safety and welfare of its coaches, members, volunteers and parents at all times and must ensure the implementation of safe and effective social distancing and hygiene measures in line with government/England Netball (EN) advice to limit the potential for COVID-19 infection. If at any time LCN believes such safety and welfare is potentially compromised, it reserves the right to cancel or amend any session/activity whilst measures are reviewed. All training sessions will be carried out in line with current government/EN COVID-19 guidelines and are continually reviewed at each stage of return. |
| **Name of activity: Junior Lincolnshire County League - Return to Court step 2 roadmap EN** | **Who is carrying out this assessment?**  |
| **This activity takes place at : *Meres Leisure Centre Grantham/ Vale Brigg/ Priory Witham Lincoln*** | **Date of the Risk Assessment:**  |
| **Our COVID-19 Officer is: Sally King** | **Risk assessment to be reviewed on: 17/05/2021 (unless Government/England Netball guidelines change).** |

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| **What are the Risks?** | **Who might they affect?** | **General controls to be put in place** | **Activity specific controls to be put in place** | **Who will be responsible to action?** | **When does it need to be actioned by?** | **Level of** **Risk** |
| **For some people, the risk of COVID-19 is higher.** | Athletes, coaches, officials, volunteer, carers. | High risks groups are aware of the risks involved in netball.Athletes have the choice if they would like to attend matches and ‘opt in’ to training/games etc.There is no pressure from coaches, club volunteers or other athletes to attend matches & accept place in club teams. |  ‘opt-in’ statement sent via email to all athletes attending all matches. | Club Coaches/ Club Covid Officers | Clubs to hold prior to each match for all athletes | Medium/High |
| **Someone returns too soon following a case of COVID-19.** | Athletes,Coaches, officials. | Athletes/parents aware of the risks of exercising post a case of COVID-19.Athletes/carer advised to follow the advice of their GP or Consultant. | Email to specific Club/coach/athlete/ Carers. | Club Coaches/ Club Covid Officers | As soon as is necessary. | High |
| **Risk of someone attending who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or****living with****Someone displaying symptoms.** | Athletes, coaches, officials, volunteer, carers. | Provide clear information to all players/carer of potential COVID-19 symptoms.Ensure pre-travel health screening (athletes/carer/coaches etc) is undertaken prior to travelling to activity.Any individual displaying symptoms advised to return home, self-isolate and apply for a test online or call 119.  | Email to all athletes/carer stating that anyone displaying symptoms must not attend, they must self-isolate in accordance with NHS Guidelines.QuestionnaireSpeak to athlete/carer | Club Coaches/ Club Covid Officers  | To successful athletes/parents within a week of matches. Immediately. | High |
| **Transport to and from activity.** | Athletes, coaches, officials, volunteer carers. | Car sharing outside of household/Bubble is not allowed. Athletes found to be carsharing, will not be allowed to participate in matchAdherence to Government guidance on travel and public transport.Ample parking available at venue car park. Meeting point to be arranged for all teams and coach to escort athletes to courts and returned following matches | Email reminder to all team athletes/carers.Carers reminded to remain socially distanced at all times in accordance with government guidelines. |  Club Coaches/ Club Covid officers | All athletes To team athletes/carers prior to matches  | Medium/HighLow/Medium |
| **Droplet transmission.****Droplet transmission****Continued.** | Athletes, coaches,Officials, carers.Athletes, coaches & umpires. | Sufficient gap scheduled between games, based on venue sizeAgreed meeting pointing for each team at venues prior to matches. Reminders to maintain social distancing on arrival at venue; not to enter the courts until advised. Carers to remain within car park, for all games, agreed return point after match for collection. No spectators at court sideOne-way systems in place to manage entry/exit of courts between matches Maximum of 30 people per court (including athletes, coaches and officials). Inclusive team benchName & contact details of team athletes kept & register taken at start of each match.Sessions are planned with Covid-19 stage 4 rule modifications including warm ups & players continuously reminded of modifications, circle players reminded more regularly.Reduced contact time between athletes to limit mixing. Pre/post matchesAthletes/coach/Bench positioned at least 2m apart.All umpires for all age groups to be minimum C award, ongoing enforcement of modified rulesConversations between Carers & coaches. | Weekly times for athletes, messaged to all team athletes/carersFace coverings can be worn. Teams to be escorted to and from courts from designated meet pointOne-way signage already in placeMaximum 12 athletes1 x coach/1 x umpire/team manager Club registration.Register taken at start of each match.Modifications emailed out to all athletes/carers & continuous verbal reminders.Social distancing to be adhered to outside of court and when match not in progressEN qualifies umpiresCarers advised to email questions & concerns to coaches. | Club Coaches/Team managersClub Coaches/ Covid leadTeam coach Coaches/Umpires Coaches/UmpiresAt all times. All age groupsCarers | Previous matches to vacate courts & cleaning of high contact touch points takes place. Entry & exit different.One-way system arranged & signage displayed at venuesMaximum 12 athletes1 x coach/1 x umpire/team managerAthlete data update in spreadsheet held – deleted after 21 daysClubs to ensure full understanding of modified rules, prior to matches EN guidance circulated to all athletesEN guidanceClubs to advise prior to matches |  Medium/HighHighLow/Medium |
| **Fomite transmission via surfaces in venue.****Fomite transmission via surfaces in venue****Continued.** | Athletes, coaches,Officials, volunteers, members of public at venueAthletes, coaches,Officials, volunteers, members of public at venue | Confirm with venue operator the procedures for the movement of and cleaning of any equipment such as netball posts.Confirm with venue operator rigorous and regular cleaning processes are in place.Regular disinfection of such heavily used areas.Confirm with venue operator rigorous cleaning procedures for high contact touch points are in place.Ensure that venue adheres to PHE Guidance COVID-19 Cleaning in a non-healthcare setting in the instance of a confirmed case of COVID-19 from a user of the facility. | Venue risk assessments received & read:Additional & enhanced cleaning regime in place.Additional & enhanced cleaning regime in place.High contact touch points identified & used to develop additional cleaning & sanitising points. | Venues to adviseVenues to adviseVenues to adviseCoachesVenues to advise | Risk assessments by Venues already completed & controls already in place.High contact touch points cleaned between matches (posts/balls/gates etc) | MediumMedium |
| **Fomite transmission via equipment.****Fomite transmission via equipment continued.** | Athletes, coaches & officials.Athletes, coaches & officials. | Hand hygiene protocols in place prior to attendance and upon arrival. Athletes advised to keep possessions to a minimum, but encouraged to bring hand sanitiser if possible. Possessions to be kept at cones 2m apart.Hand sanitiser and wipes to be available during sessions.All equipment including posts to be sanitised before, during & after each training sessions.Overhead Bibs washed prior to each training game and not to be shared.Patches can be used with appropriate hand sanitisation pre/post changingWater bottles and whistles must not be shared and any left at end of session should be disposed of.Match balls not to be used for warm ups must be sanitiser prior to start of matchInclusion of hand hygiene and ball sanitisation breaks every 15 minutes.Sanitisation of post if touched by player before play resumes. Suitable waste facilities available to dispose wipes and sanitisation materials. | Hand sanitiser unit held by all clubsTeam athletes/carers.Extra hand sanitiser provided by LCN (& wipes).Multiple sets of bibs needed.Venues to provide bin.ClubLCN to provide extra hand sanitiser & wipes. Quarter endsBin provided. | LCN to provide Covid packs (hand sanitiser, spray & wipes) to all clubsLCN to all clubsCoaches  Club ball to be sanitised by club coach, pre match, quarter endsCoach (bench end as/when required)Venues to provide | Hand sanitiser /wipes held by all clubs To team athletes/carers week of match. Hand sanitiser & wipes to be purchased/provided by LCN.To be brought for each matchDisposed of at the end of each session.Hand sanitiser & wipes to be purchased by LCN | HighHigh |
| **Airborne transmission.** | Athletes, coaches & officials. | Netball activity should be conducted outdoors, providing there are acceptable facilities available.One way system entry/exit courtsNon-surgical face coverings can be worn by coaches and non-active attendees’ e.g. first aider. |  |  |  | High |
| **Activity and common netball behaviours.** | Athletes, coaches & officials. | Matches follow Covid-19 stage 4 rule modifications including warm ups Modifications and non-permitted common netball behaviours are communicated prior to activity commencing & athletes continuously reminded of modifications, circle players reminded more regularly.During match play two umpires required to ensure adherence to the modified rules.Umpires must be independent; therefore a team’s coach cannot umpire their own matches | Modifications emailed out to all players/parents & continuous verbal reminders.Minimum C awardIndependent umpires | Club coaches/Covid officersAll coaches & umpires. | Information provided to all athletes/carers prior to matches.Constant reminders from coaches & umpires.EN guidance | High |
| **Junior players (U13’s)** | Junior players & carers of junior players.  | Clear and regular reminders of rule modifications during matchesIncrease regularity of social distancing and rule modifications reminders for the youngest players (U13’s).Use of assistant coaches and other adults to support junior players. | Email to athletes/carers & constant verbal reminders.Club coaches/umpires/team managers  | All coaches & umpires. | Information to carers/athletes prior to matchesConstant reminders from coaches, umpires & volunteers.Clear adult framework at all matches | Medium/High |
| **Toilets and changing rooms.** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteer, carers | All players are to arrive ready to play, no changing room facilities will be available  Access to toilet facilities will only be available at the discretion of the venues  Any athlete/coach/official must follow government guidance (face covering over the age of 11 years | Emailed information to all athletes/carers.Hand sanitiser available at venues, all athletes encouraged to bring their own too.  Must wear face covering & only one person allowed in toilet. (over 11 years old) | As agreed by venuesHand sanitation pre/post accessing courtGovernment guidance | Venue guidanceClubs to inform all athletes/carersHand sanitiser to be purchased by LCN | High |
| **An injury is sustained whilst social distancing is in place.** **An injury is sustained whilst social distancing is in place continued.** | Players, coaches, officials, first aider. Players, coaches, officials, first aider. | PPE & First aid kits will be available at matchesStrict hand hygiene rules must be observed before & after assessing for any injury. First aid to be administered with non-surgical face mask and gloves.Complete accident form.Ensure any waste is disposed of safely. | PPE & First aid provided by clubs.Hands to be sanitised before and after by first aider. First aider to follow guidance as per St Johns Ambulance.First aider to complete accident form & return to LCN electronicallyWaste securely bagged & placed in bin provided. | Coaches/Covid officersFirst aid administeredFirst Aider. | To purchase PPE by 8th May standard Protocol in the event of an injury. PPE & first aid held by clubsWaste bin provided | HighHigh |
| **Breaches to Government and England Netball guidance.** | Players, coaches, officials, volunteer, carers | Information shared in advance to avoid unintentional breaches.Athlete reminders in place.Persistent, intentional breaches dealt with via LCN disciplinary process.Review activities after each week to identify any further adaptions that are required.If activity cannot be safely managed, cease activity. | Email to all athletes/carers & constant reminders.Email to be sent to carer of athlete.Match sessions regularly reviewed. | Club Covid officersCounty Covid officer initial point of contactCounty Covid officer & other coaches. | Email to be sent to athletes/carers prior to matchesAs soon as possible after the breach.As soon as possible after each match session. | High |