



Pre-Season Newsletter - August 2026

The new **2026/27 season** is already approaching fast and we've put together this newsletter to help you prepare. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again in September and hearing your summer news - but if you have decided not to return, please let us know (hello@flamesnetball.co.uk) so that we can update our records and offer places to those on the waiting list.

May Presentation Evening - thank you

We would first like to thank you all for participating in the end of season presentation evening in Rushbury in May - we hope that you had an enjoyable evening and were interested to hear from our local Olympic swimmer Ollie Morgan who gave an excellent talk (he has also just won a slew of medals at the Commonwealth Games!). A big thank you to all of you that bought raffle tickets, prizes and food - **£106** was raised for club funds!

Training sessions Autumn 2026

Friday training starts on **4th September** - this will include a **taster session** for newcomers (registration here: <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/registration-taster-sessions-2026/>). A full schedule will be provided in due course.

Provisional Friday evening timings are as follows, but these may change so please keep an eye on WhatsApp or the website:

- **U11 (yrs 4-6)** - Alice/Jess 6 – 7 pm
- **U12 (yr 7) / U14 (yrs 8-9)** - Gail/Catherine 7 - 8 pm
- **U16 (yrs 10-11)** - Sophie/Clare 8 – 9 pm



League Fixtures Autumn 2026

Provisional league fixtures are scheduled as follows (and are also available on the website: <https://flamesnetball.co.uk/about/league-fixtures/>):

- 20th Sept 2026
- 4th Oct 2026
- 18th Oct 2026
- 1st Nov 2026
- 8th Nov 2026
- 15th Nov 2026
- 29th Nov 2026
- 13th Dec 2026
- 17th Jan 2027 (U11 only)
- 31st Jan 2027
- 7th Feb 2027
- 21st Feb 2027
- 14th March 2027
- 21st March 2027
- 18th April 2027 (tournament)
- 25th April 2027 (reserve date)

A kit handout will be organised in September.

We would love everyone who comes along to training to take part in the Shropshire Junior League at Dawley. The matches allow the teams to put into practice skills and game plans from the training sessions, so please can everyone pop these dates in their diaries to ensure that the coaches have sufficient players to select from in each age group.



2026/27 Season Fees

As in previous years, there are two parts to the club membership scheme. All fees for next year **can be paid now**. Details of fees are listed below.

Part 1: Membership Enrolment with England Netball via ENgage

If you are new to Flames Netball, you will need to sign up as a new member (<https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/membership/>) and pay your annual affiliation fees. All parents/carers/guardians will need their own ENgage account for payment of affiliation fees and all players will also need their own accounts. Players are then "linked" to the parent/carer/guardian account.

If you have been a member of Flames Netball or another club in the past, please log into your existing ENgage account and renew your membership (<https://engage.EnglandNetball.co.uk/EnglandNetball>) - ensure you choose the **2026/2027 package**! The cost you will pay is automatically calculated and allocated to your child's profile according to age, by England Netball (we do not have any control over this). The fees for 2026/27 are:

- **U18:** £19.61
- **U14:** £10.88
- **U11:** £7.62

Please can everyone make this payment by the first training session on **4th September** so that every child has the necessary insurance cover and can be included in a team in the league. Note that England Netball have sent out renewal emails in the last few days.

Part 2: Flames Netball Club Membership

Flames Netball is a not-for-profit club, and the committee, coaches and match umpires are all unpaid volunteers. The membership payments go towards rental of the leisure centre facilities, league match fixtures, training and legal checks, equipment, and match kit. 100% of this compulsory payment returns to the club.

Club fees are therefore:

U11 (years 4 - 6):

- £111.00 (full year)
- £55.50 (two instalments)



U12 / U14 / U16 (years 7 - 11):

- £131 (full year)
- £65.50 (two instalments)

Sibling Discount

We are also pleased to continue to offer a sibling discount of £10 on the Flames Netball club fees for the second and third family members when they join the club in the same season. This offer is for new and existing members.

How to pay

Please send club fees to our bank account:

- Account Name: Flames (Shropshire)
- Sort Code: 30-99-50
- Account Number: 54006763

Please add your child's name as a reference on the payment so that we can track who has paid. You can pay:

- In one instalment by 30th September 2026.
- Or two instalments; the first by 30th September 2026 and the final instalment by 31st January 2027.

Are your details up-to-date?

If you are a returning member and have changed details (moved house, changed email address, changed mobile number) since you first registered, or there are new health issues that we may need to take into account, please let us know via email (hello@flamesnetball.co.uk) so that we can update our records.

Coaching

We are always on the lookout for new coaches. As a club, we will pay for new coaches to undertake their qualifications and the necessary safeguarding training required, in return for a two year commitment to coach at the club. If you are interested, do speak to Sophie.



Committee

Many of our current committee members have been in their roles for some time now and we are therefore looking for new and existing parents to consider joining the committee and get involved. Nothing is particularly time consuming, but the club would benefit from new faces, especially those parents/guardians from the U11 and U12/U14 groups.

We are particularly looking for someone to fulfill the **Safeguarding role** for the coming season - this is a crucial role for your club and without someone in this role the club will find it difficult to continue. It is not a time consuming or difficult role, and is mainly a point of contact for members for safeguarding issues. No prior experience is necessary and the club will pay for all training required. If you think you can help us, please contact us via email (hello@flamesnetball.co.uk).

AGM

This year's AGM is in September @ The Yew Tree in All Stretton - we will communicate a date/time in due course. Please attend if you can. This is your club and we would welcome your input into its running! If you are planning to come along to the AGM, please email us so that we can let the staff at The Yew Tree know so that they can organise sufficient space.