

Ashtead All Stars 2019/2020 Update No.22

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Dear all,

I would like to start this Update by wishing you all good health and hoping that all our members are managing to stay well and cheerful. With no matches to report on, I do at least have some notices.

The Local Paper

We are hoping to get an AAS story in the local paper this week, which will be a summary of our unfinished season. I'm sure the papers must be short of happy news at the moment, so we are hoping they will be pleased to publish some of our stories and photos. If we succeed in getting some space in the paper, I will let everyone know by whatsapp.

Social Media

Keep an eye on our social media pages – Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, for our AAS quiz. Kelly will be posting a question every few days for all our members to try and answer...

Message from David and the Events Team

We would like to thank you all for your continued support of Ashtead All Stars Netball Club and the events we arrange. We are all disappointed that we haven't been able to finish the 2019/20 season but the safety of all our players and their families is paramount. I hope that as soon as possible your daughters can be out on a netball court again.

In the meantime we have taken the decision to **postpone the End of Season Tournament** that we had expected to run on 26th April. This has been a fantastic and much loved event in the AAS calendar for the last 9 years and we know that all players and their families look forward to it but we are sure you understand that in the current environment we need to act responsibly. We sincerely hope that we can reschedule this at some point over the summer but only when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

The Coronavirus has also led to the postponement of Netball's Superleague until at least 30th April. As a club we had bought 50 tickets for Surrey Storm matches this season and these had been offered to the players in some of our younger teams to give them a taste of professional netball and all were taken up. When we have more details on what will happen this season we will share it with those who have bought tickets.

Finally we are already looking forward to next season. 2021 is especially important as it is the 10 year anniversary of Ashtead All Stars, we are aiming to make the next end of season tournament even more special and this will include a formal dinner (and dance) at Epsom Racecourse, I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us in celebrating this milestone.

Summer Netball

I am hoping that Summer Netball for juniors will be able to start on 27th April 2020, as planned, but this is looking less and less likely. I am aware that many of you have already paid me, so I will obviously refund everyone if we cannot go ahead. I'm hoping that we may be able to start at half term, even if not straight away, so I will keep you posted on this.

Safeguarding and Mental Health

We are aware that some of our girls will be finding it really hard at the moment, particularly those who were about to take GCSE's and A levels. This week we will putting some information on our website, a summary of a Youth Mental Health First Aid course which one of our committee went on. There was some valuable information which we would like to share with you, with some links to other helpful resources. We will send out a whatsapp when this information is available.

Adult Summer League

Adult Summer League was due to start on 5th May but has been postponed to the beginning of June at the earliest.

The Weeks Ahead

27/04/2020	Wednesday	6 - 9.30pm	Summer Netball starts - possibly
02/06/2020	Tuesday		Adult Summer League starts - possibly
07/05/2020	Thursday	8 - 10pm	AAS AGM - possibly
26/06/2020	Fri – Sun		Butlins Tour for U11, U12, U13, U14
01/09/2020	Tues – Wed		Provisional dates for Jo Trip's Pre-season training

Keep well,
kind regards,
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