The club was set up over 15 years ago by a group of friends who wanted to have a little run around to keep fit! Over the years, the club has grown massively and now offers netball to both Adult & Junior players and is in fact the only club in Banbury and North Oxfordshire area to do so. Consequently, we are always inundated with requests to join, but we do try to ensure everyone that asks to join, is given a chance, albeit having to wait for space to open.

Because space is limited, we offer a 2-week trial to all new members where they can come in and train for a couple of weeks to see if they are going to like it. After the trial the coaches will speak to the new member whether they have been successful in gaining a place in the club. Club fees are then due and your affiliation to England Netball needs to be paid.

We offer all levels of competitive play and training. However, because space is so limited, we do expect those that are accepted into the club to commit to training each week, bar family emergency or illness/injury and be available for match play. We are unfortunately, not able to offer space to those that just want a run around to keep fit.

**We enter teams into the following leagues:**

Oxfordshire Junior League (year 7 – year 12). Matches are played on a Sunday in Oxford

Cherwell League (year 9 upwards & Adults). Matches are played on a Wednesday night in Banbury

Oxfordshire League (Adults) Matches are played on a Monday night in Oxford.

Prem Plus (our experienced Adults & U17 players). Matches are played on a Tuesday night in Oxford

**If you are selected for a team then you MUST be available to play in 90% of the matches.**

**Communication**

As the club has in excess of 100+ members, we use WhatsApp groups to communicate to you. We have a main Banbury Blues NC page where ALL members sit. This is so we can communicate general news to ALL members in one hit.

We have individual WhatsApp groups for each training session, so we can communicate specifically to that groups training session in case of postponement of training due to illness of coach or courts being unavailable and if you are in a team then there will be another WhatsApp group for your squad specifically to deal with match day instructions, timings etc.

We also have Spond, this is used for all members to enter there availability for training and matches. Team manangers can also message their teams.

**Fees & other monies**

If you are offered a space in the club, then your fees will be due. For juniors, they are paid 4 times a year in September, November, February & April.

For Adults & U17 we ask that a monthly standing order is set up going out on the 5th of every month.

The cost of the fees is set every August and communicated via email for the start of the season. In August your affiliation to England Netball is due and is a one-off payment each year to England Netball in order to play you must be affiliated before the start of the season (except new members coming in on a 2-week trial). The affiliation rate varies depending on your age.

Juniors varies between £15-£32

Adults is set at £52

The affiliation includes insurance to play netball and hence why it’s important that all our players are affiliated.

If you are selected into a team, then we have a club dress you need to wear and this cost new £38. However, we do have stock of 2nd hand dresses, and these vary depending on condition c£20. Those in our junior squads we offer a swap system when the dress becomes too small you can swap for a larger size FOC, and we recycle the smaller sizes with the new intake of players each year.

Club hoodies are also available, and these can be bought by yourself through our club shop. Dresses are not on the club shop, but hoodies are. [Home - Banbury Blues (makeitmine.co.uk)](http://banburyblues.makeitmine.co.uk/)

**Training nights**

We train across various nights and as juniors progress through the age groups they must be available to swap nights.

Monday nights at Bloxham and Thursday nights at Warriner.

If you have any further questions that haven’t been covered here, please contact Lesley Killpack for juniors via banburybluesjuniors@hotmail.co.uk or Rachel Bathe for adults via – banburybluesnc@hotmail.co.uk

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