The Beekeepers
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Hello

This is Bee Netball. A programme all about friendship, inclusion, fair play and playing together. It’s not about how good children are, it’s about how hard they try to Bee!

Bee Netball is not just a game, but a framework for children to get a great start in life through learning valuable skills including social, emotional and teamwork, all through netball. We’re excited that your club is part of this and changing and developing young lives in your community.

Bees themselves exemplify many of the values that netball instils; they’re active, hardworking have a real sense of belonging and that’s exactly what we hope all of our very own Bees are (the young players!) as they are introduced to our great sport!

Bees are at the very beginning of their journey with netball and each Bees journey will take them somewhere different fulfilling specific individual potential. We’re confident that your club will give them a brilliant start.
What is Bee Netball?

Bee Netball isn’t complicated, it’s simply a way to enable children to play the game while learning and developing a whole heap of other important skills.

There’s a Framework that outlines what is achievable and appropriate for children at various ages and stages.

This is brought to life through activity cards.

There is a special Bee ball that creates intrigue and character.

There is a menu of competition or ways to play the game to ensure it is appropriate for all children, not just those that have mastered all the skills.

Children will receive their very own Bee Netball Welcome Pack to support their play and build on the enjoyment your club will provide in sessions.
Bringing Bee Netball philosophy to life

Our Beeliefs
We’re proud to have our own Beeliefs and look forward to seeing them come to life in your club.

**Bee fair.**
Bees play fair and treat others as they would like to be treated.

**Bee proud.**
Bees are proud of their efforts and love their game.

**Bee strong.**
Bees are independent and determined and always try their best.

**Bee yourself.**
Bees are true to who they are and let other people be who they are.

**Bee together.**
Bees work for the team and support everyone.

**Bee friendly.**
Bees welcome anyone who wants to play netball.
The Framework technical bit

The U11’s Framework underpins Bee Netball and covers 5 key sets of skills which help ensure we’re all thinking about children first:

- **Personal development.**
- **Social development.**
- **Knowledge and understanding.**
- **Physical literacy.**
- **Game sense….the netball bit!**

When the whole Framework is used and delivered in a brilliantly child centred and engaging way, that’s when Bee Netball happens best!

Click here for more information on the U11 Framework.
Bees love Roses.
Roses need Bees.

Inspire children

Bees players will look to the England Roses as role models, both on and off the court.

Roses players and their team create masses of positivity. This means netball is seen as far more than just playing, it’s supporting, cheering and have a great time with friends.

The Roses will know all about the Bees; they will look forward to hearing their stories and also share the same Beeliefs on and off court.

For those who want to really inspire the children in their club, why not take them along to a test match to see skill, teamwork, determination, strength and pride live! You never know, they may well even get to meet them in person and get the brilliant picture of Bees and Roses together!
The Bee ball

Literally full of character! Designed to remove any fear factor, add fun and give the youngest of children a friendly face to engage with, the Bee ball really is a magic ingredient!

Encourage every child to have their very own Bee ball so that as well as playing in your club, they can play in their own back garden. it is available from our online shop.

Activity cards

Activity cards are all aligned to the Framework to help ensure all your sessions are just right for the age group you’re working with. To ensure they’re achievable for all, they include tips to make it easier and harder as well as being inclusive. To purchase the Bee Netball Action Pack visit our online shop.
People to make it happen

1. Coaches and volunteers

The important bit - to help describe who can deliver Bee Netball, please see the table.

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<th>Assist – includes leading some activities</th>
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<td>Qualified teacher</td>
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<td>UKCC Level 2 in multi skills</td>
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A bit of clarification please!

Do I have to have a Level 2 coach for every group within the session?

The lead coach will need a UKCC level 2, but others helping do not need this qualification. The adult to child ratio does need to be maintained and all should watch the induction video. Safeguarding requirements should be in place regardless of qualification!

Bee Netball Workshop:

Our three hour workshop supports anyone who is involved in Bee Netball sessions. It covers everything from how children learn to how to bring Bee Netball to life as well as how to overcome some of the trickier elements when working with children. Would you know what to do if a 6 year old cried for the whole session as they weren’t use to not being with their parents? The workshop covers it all.

Find your nearest Workshop here.

Is the Bee Netball Workshop essential?

The Bee Netball Workshop is not essential but does come highly recommended. It’s a great way to really understand Bee Netball and be equipped to be an outstanding, child centred deliverer.
# 8 Playing the Game

To keep Bee Netball simple, the standard rules of netball have been adapted to make them relevant to the age and stage of the children playing. The overarching principle is that the rule adaptations are designed to support the learning of the game, not restrict the playing of the game.

## Rule Adoptions

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<th>Buzzer</th>
<th>Flier</th>
<th>Stinger</th>
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<tr>
<td>Player</td>
<td>Small groups</td>
<td>4 Mixed</td>
<td>5 Mixed or girls only</td>
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<td>Court size</td>
<td>Target</td>
<td>½ of full size netball court</td>
<td>Width: min 10m max 15m</td>
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<td>Post height</td>
<td>Mini netballs size 4</td>
<td>8ft</td>
<td>9ft</td>
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<td>Ball size</td>
<td>No formal positions</td>
<td>Size 4</td>
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<td>Rule adoptions</td>
<td>Positions</td>
<td>Attack &amp; Defence</td>
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<td>Passing</td>
<td>Pass within approx 4 seconds</td>
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<td>Defending</td>
<td>Defend player &amp; intercept ball</td>
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<td>Footwork</td>
<td>Take an extra step</td>
<td>Encourage trying all positions</td>
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Age and stage

Bee Netball is both age and stage appropriate and child centred throughout playing games, matches and competition.

Every Bee Netball game, match and competition has a sting in its tail and there can be some great close matches. Bee Netball should be available to all children and the menu of ways to make sure games, matches and competition are organised for all children is there to help you make this happen. Don’t forget the Beeliefs should be a big part of it all too.

Have a look at the competition suggestions for ideas of different ways to ensure a true Bee Netball experience.
Any questions?

If you’ve got a question or a query, contact us at beenetball@englandnetball.co.uk and we’ll be happy to help your club has everything it needs to bee brilliant.