



# PANTHERS NEWSLETTER



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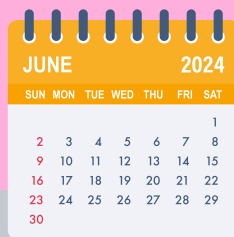
## Dates for your calendar

Sat 29 June - Pass & Play's Summerfest Tournament

Sun 30 June - Panther's Charity tournament

Sun 7 July - Panther's Summer Family Fun day

Mon 22 & Thu 25 July - Last training sessions of term. Prepare for some fun.



## Made you look!

Do you like our newly designed newsletter? It's part of our exciting rebranding rollout. Along with our fresh new logo, this updated look is reflected across our website and our upcoming kit.

The designs embody our club's values and personality - professional, competitive, and determined but also feminine, inclusive, and fun.

Dear Parents, Carers & Players,

As we approach the end of the summer netball season, I'm thrilled to share some exciting "behind the scenes" developments that have been unfolding at Panthers HQ over the past term.

We are delighted to welcome several new committee members to our team. Please join me in welcoming Philippa, Jeanette, Emily, Chloe, Eloise and Quentin They've already made significant contributions, and we're thrilled to have them on board. If you're interested in contributing to the Panthers' direction, we still have some roles available, so please get in touch.

You'll find more details on the remarkable growth of Panthers in our coaches' report below. I'd also like to mention that as we expand, we are looking to grow our coaching team. If you are a Level 2 coach, know one, or are interested in becoming one, please reach out to us.

We're also preparing for our first-ever Family Fun & Awards Day to celebrate our teams' achievements this year. It's been wonderful to see this event come together, and I'm looking forward to a fantastic day. Our teams have shown tremendous growth this season, developing new skills and forging new friendships, setting the stage for an even better 24/25 season.

Without further ado, welcome to the Panthers summer newsletter!

With kind regards,

Panthers Chairperson





## Head Coach's Report

Once again, the term has flown by! We finally wrapped up what felt like the longest Winter league on record, with many matches postponed due to poor weather. The Thursday Divisions 9-11 didn't finish until mid-May! Despite the challenges, we've seen some great performances from our teams, and we couldn't be more proud.

We can't talk about Thursdays without a special shoutout to the U11 Dynamo team, who came top of Division 9 in the Winter league! It was a hard-fought and remarkable achievement, especially as they're one of the few U11 teams in the division. Well done, girls!



### Summer League Updates

The Summer league for our Tuesday teams is well underway, and it's fantastic to see strong performances across the board. Well done all! Unfortunately, there won't be a Summer league for our Thursday teams this year. However, the Wavell Junior Committee has organised two weeks of round-robin style matches, ensuring everyone gets a chance to play and stay competitive.

### Tournament Highlights

Over the past few months, we've been knee-deep in tournaments, playing countless hours of netball, applying endless glitter and having fun with our teammates.

The U11 Dynamos team had an amazing tournament at Rushmoor, finishing 4th out of 16 teams. Our newly formed U13 team also performed brilliantly, finishing 9th out of 16. At the WPB tournament, our U12s made it through to the semi-finals, an impressive feat! As coaches, there's nothing we love more than seeing the hard work and determination pay off.



### Regional Qualifiers

The regional qualifiers have come and gone, and although neither of our teams qualified, we are incredibly proud of the grit and determination shown by the girls. Competing against such tough competition provided invaluable experience. We all learnt a lot and will come back stronger from the experience!

### Planning for Next Season

Looking ahead, we're already planning a number of potential changes. Details will be shared once they are finalised. We have just run trials for our performance teams across different age groups and will confirm team places by the end of June. We're also considering starting performance training in mid-August to give our teams a chance to train before the County leagues kick off in September. Additionally, we're exploring the possibility of a third venue for our Monday sessions to accommodate our growing numbers and maintain the quality of our training programs. Performance training will continue next year, and we may extend the sessions as we look to increase the number of County teams. More details on this will be confirmed in early July.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

*Sarah*

Head Coach







## Congratulations!

We are so proud of Sarah, Kayleigh and Amelia who have all passed umpiring qualifications since our last newsletter. Please help us celebrate their hard work and achievement.

C Award -Sarah



INTO - Kayleigh and Amelia



A huge congratulations to our U14 team for clinching the top spot in the Hampshire County League! You are all winners!



## Feeling inspired?

We would love to recruit more umpires onto their umpiring journey. The INTO qualification is the first level and you only have to be 13 years old to sign up.

As a club, we take great pride in continuously supporting and growing our umpire development program. We provide financial assistance to help candidates complete their qualifications and offer additional mentoring at games to help them gain valuable experience.

It's a great way for the girls to not only learn a good life skill, but also a fantastic opportunity to earn money - with pay starting at £7.50 per game whilst training - and rates raising with qualification and experience.

If it's something your daughter may be interested in have a look at available courses: [England Netball](#) | [Into Officiating Course](#).



# Pitchero

## A message from our Treasurer

Great news! Pitchero will become our one-stop shop for all Panthers Elite Netball Club activities next season!

We already use Pitchero for match fixtures, player availability, and news updates. Starting from next season, 2024/2025, we're expanding its use to include all payments, such as membership subscriptions, tournament fees, kit purchases, and more.

For families with more than one child at Panthers, you will be able to pay for multiple memberships and fees in a single transaction, reducing the hassle of multiple payments. A user guide will be available soon, to assist with setting up your first payments on Pitchero. Payments will be collected on or after the 1st of the every month thereafter.

Please help us by paying your subscriptions promptly. Timely payments are crucial to maintaining healthy cash flow for the club, ensuring we can continue to provide excellent support and opportunities for all our members.

Thank you.

*Jeanette*

Treasurer



## Netball ready

As we continue to professionalise our club, our core values of having fun and loving netball remain unchanged. However, we take great pride in our appearance both on and off the court, whether at matches or during training sessions. Here's a quick reminder of what we mean by "netball ready" as coaches:

- Appropriate sportswear (Panthers dresses for matches)
- Sports socks
- Appropriate footwear (More details below)
- Hair neat and tied back
- Short nails
- No jewellery

These standards are important for all players safety



## New Kit Launch!

We're thrilled to announce that the new kit will be launched at the family fun day!

We have a range of options available, including training tops, hoodies, t-shirts, branded bottoms, bags, and more. These items can be ordered directly, eliminating the need for bulk orders and speeding up delivery—great news for everyone!

## Importance of proper footwear

The most crucial piece of kit for the girls is appropriate footwear. We kindly ask that all players wear proper shoes—no flat or fashion trainers, as they are not suitable for any sport, especially netball.

Ideally, we recommend investing in netball trainers rather than regular trainers. Netball trainers are specifically designed to provide the right support for high-impact activities with rapid direction changes. As you can see below, there's a significant difference in support between regular trainers and netball shoes:



Netball shoes significantly reduce the risk of injury!

We understand that netball shoes can be expensive and that children's feet grow quickly. Here are some top tips for keeping costs down:

- Sportshoes.com: A fantastic site that often has last season's colours at a significant discount.
- Court Shoes: Consider tennis or basketball shoes, which are often on sale and feature the same technology as netball shoes. This can be a great way to save money!





## Our newest committee members



Say hello to our newest committee members:

- Company Secretary & Safeguarding officer - Philippa Stuart King
- Treasurer - Jeannette Nica
- Comms & Social Media - Emily Scotcher
- Tournament Coordinator - Quentin Gillet
- Membership Secretary - Eloise Baines
- Social/Events Coordinator - Chloe Hughes

## Join our team!

Help shape our club's future. We still have several opportunities available to contribute to our club's success and growth.

- Affiliation Officer: Performing Engage checks to ensure all players are registered.
- Marketing & Sponsor: Involves developing marketing strategies in collaboration with our Comms & Social Media Lead, and sourcing potential sponsors for the club and teams.
- Venue Coordinator: To manage and book venues for friendlies, tournaments, and masterclasses.
- Umpire Coordinator: Coordinating with the Wavell League and mentors, promoting umpiring within the club, and ensuring umpire coverage for tournaments and fixtures

Whether you have an hour or a few each month, your help can make a big difference! Please get in touch.

**JOIN OUR**

**TEAM**

