

Welcome To Club Mark

Read the following questions and consider what your answer would be...

- ✓ Does your club or team need NEW PLAYERS?
- ✓ Do you cater for and provide opportunities for the development of YOUNG PLAYERS?
- ✓ Would you welcome MORE VOLUNTEERS to share organising and workloads?
- ✓ Do you help new COACHES and UMPIRES develop?
- ✓ Are you interested in applying for FUNDING?
- ✓ Do you feel that you have NO TIME to try new ideas?

If you have answered YES to any of these questions then Welsh Netball's Club Mark Initiative is for you!

Club Mark is a new initiative that will enable clubs to function in the most efficient way, with the least long term hassle. The initiative is all about good practice in the development of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Club Mark has taken tried and tested Sports Development ideas and has made them flexible enough to fit into your clubs current activities and future plans:

- YOUR needs
- YOUR goals
- YOUR values

The initiative is not all about paper work, in some cases it will highlight the good development work that you are already doing. It will allow for roles and responsibilities of club management to be clarified and provide clear objectives and development opportunities for volunteers – encouraging those that might usually hesitate in coming forward.

Within Wales Club Mark will create ways of maximising SAFE and CHILD-FRIENDLY activities both on and off court.

So what impact will this have on clubs in Wales? The following key areas will be addressed:

- Duty of Care and Child Protection
- Coaching and Competition
- Club Management and Administration
- Sports Equity and Ethics

Club Mark will offer Bronze, Silver and Gold levels of achievement at Junior and Adult clubs highlighting areas for further development ensuring that all clubs have a chance to shine.

A little more information about Club Mark:

Club Mark Is NOT...

- NOT 'just another project'
- NOT just about paperwork

Club Mark IS ...

- ALL about good practice in the development of players, coaches and umpires at all levels
- Applicable and relevant to EVERY type of Netball Club
- A way of maximising SAFE and CHILD_FRIENDLY activities
- Positive encouragement to NEW volunteers
- FLEXIBLE about different needs, goals and values

Club Mark GIVES ...

- A clear development pathway for members – current and potential
- Increased confidence in a club's life span
- High profile exposure through Welsh Netball, Sports Council for Wales and other agencies
- More links with the community
- More members ... coaches, umpires, players and volunteers
- Increased possibility of securing funding or upgraded facilities
- A strong local and national support network

What benefits will clubs experience?

- Players coaches and umpires are offered a clear development pathway by the club's high profile and publicity
 - Community links are created and strengthened
 - Through community links more members will be attracted, creating opportunities for workloads to be spread
 - Increase the possibility of securing funding or better facilities
 - Club Mark is the gateway to a strong local and national network of support and communication
- **Working in and with the Club Mark initiative you will be putting your club in the position where Welsh Netball and the Sports Council for Wales can offer the help that you need.**

Welsh Netball is very aware that every club in Wales has different needs from gaining new members, more umpires or simply training parents into volunteer roles.