

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

SCHOOLS NETBALL HANDBOOK

2023-2024

**Gloucestershire County Netball Association (GCNA)**

**SCHOOLS' SUB-GROUP**

**2023-24**

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Gloucestershire Netball [www.glos-netball.org.uk](http://www.glos-netball.org.uk),

Netball Southwest: [www.netballsouthwest.co.uk](http://www.netballsouthwest.co.uk)

England Netball [www.england-netball.co.uk](http://www.england-netball.co.uk)

**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION and TOURNAMENT RULES**

After last season’s successful pilot we are continuing with the format for our tournaments to improve the inclusity and to offer a better competition experience for all teams. This will involve **two** **separate** **events** being held concurrently in each of these age groups **Under 19, Under 16, and Under 14**

**or**

**NATIONAL SCHOOLS**

**COUNTY ROUND**

For schools competing to progress to the regional round of the National Schools Competition in U14, U16 and U19 age groups.

No player may take part in more than one age group in the National Schools Competition.

The winners and runners up in each age group progress to the South West Regional Round of the National Schools Competition on **Saturday 3rd February 2024 in Bournemouth.**

**COUNTY**

**CHALLENGE COMPETITION**

For schools whose aim is participation and competition with other schools of similar standard.

Also in this competition is the U15 (May Dent) tournament which sits outside the National Schools format, and is intended for this year group who would not normally get a competition.

* All schools must be members of England Netball prior to playing in the tournaments. Membership to be paid directly to England Netball <https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk/>
* Tournament entries will be £20.00 per team per tournament.
* All players must be under the specified age at midnight on 31st August 2023.
* All schools entering teams for the tournaments must provide a qualified umpire. Umpires from GCNA may be available to help. If you need help finding an umpire please contact Claire Hammond [claire.hammond@glos-netball.org.uk](mailto:claire.hammond@glos-netball.org.uk) or Les Thomas [lesley.thomas@glos-netball.org.uk](mailto:lesley.thomas@glos-netball.org.uk)
* If a team has to withdraw, they must:

a) inform the Tournament organiser as soon as possible (within 48 hours)

b) still provide an umpire on the Tournament day.

* It is a condition of entry that members of staff/umpires make themselves available to umpire the final rounds if required to do so by the tournament referee**.**
* **N.B.** It is important that all schools are aware of their umpiring responsibilities in the semis and finals of these events. Teams who do not reach the finals of the Tournament are asked to remain until the end of the presentations.
* An independent tournament referee will be appointed to oversee each tournament.

**NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

Please visit the England Netball web site <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/competitions/national-schools/>

**COUNTY TOURNAMENT DATES ARE:**

U19 **Tues 10th October 2.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies’ College (Well Place Courts)

U16 **Tues 26th September 2.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies’ College (Well Place Courts)

U14 **Mon 13th November 1.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies’ College (Well Place Courts)

U15 (May Dent)

**Sat 16th March 9.00am-12.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies College (Well Place Courts)

**Other Tournament Dates:**

U12 Chelt District **Weds 28th February 2.00pm** at CLC

U13 Chelt District **Weds 6th March 2.00pm** at CLC

U14 Chelt District **Mon 4th March 2.00pm** at CLC

U15 Chelt District **Thurs 29th February 2.00pm** at CLC

**Regional Round:**

U14/U16/U19 **Saturday 3rd February 2024** Sir David English Sports Centre, Bournemouth

**COUNTY TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**

Schools may enter only one team per Tournament.

We wish to enter a team(s) in the following tournaments for the 2023-24 season:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **National Schools County Round** | Tick  ✓ | **OR** | **County Challenge Competition** | Tick  ✓ |
| Under 14 |  | or | Under 14 |  |
| Under 16 |  | or | Under 16 |  |
| Under 19 |  | or | Under 19 |  |
|  |  |  | Under 15 (May Dent) |  |

School……………………………..........................................................................................................

Contact name and telephone number ..............................................................................................

Email address ..................................................................................................................................

Signed ...............................................................................................................................................

The fee for each Tournament is £20.00 per team. Invoices will be sent directly to School Finance Depts.

Please complete the entry form and return by email to Claire Johnson [johnsonc@cheltladiescollege.org](mailto:johnsonc@cheltladiescollege.org)

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**PERFORMANCE ACADEMIES**

GCNA run County Under 13 Player Development Programme and County Under 15 Player Development Programme, these are for young players with the potential for development, as part of the England Netball Player Pathway Programme.

Players can be nominated for screening to enter the Player Development programme via being nominated by their netball club, all particiapnats of this programme must be a member of a netball club and affiliated to England Netball.

If you think that your school has a talented player who has not been invited to screening please advise them to join a club with a junior section. More details about local junior clubs can be found on our web site:

<https://glos-netball.org.uk/play/junior-clubs/>

For more information on the pathway please go to:

<https://glos-netball.org.uk/play/performance/>

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