



Gloucestershire County Netball Association

TALENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Policy for Financial Support for Gloucestershire players on England Netball's Performance Pathway

2022-2023

Gloucestershire County Netball Association (GCNA) wishes to provide, where possible, financial support to Gloucestershire athletes who are selected on to the England Netball Performance Pathway. It is for individual athletes not teams or clubs. This policy outlines the extent to which this support is to be offered and the process for access to financial support. This policy will be reviewed at the end of the season.

Background

Financial support is available to players, who are affiliated to England Netball through a GCNA club and are selected for either the Severn Stars or Team Bath franchise academies who play in the National Performance League (NPL) or the higher level National Academies.

Franchise academies (NPL)

U18s Player Development Programme

11 month programme, friendly matches played with other U18 PDP centres and U17/U19 NPL. Selection to trial for U15 School Games tournament (held in September) is from this group.

U15s Academy for School Games

Training once a month January to June, whilst still training with U18s or U15 County. School Games played in Aug/Sept.

U17s NPL

11 month programme, matches played in NPL league and tournament at end of season. 20 athletes

U19s NPL

11 month programme, matches played in NPL league and tournament at end of season. 20 athletes

U21s NPL

11 month programme, matches played in NPL and tournament at end of season. 20 athletes

England Netball Player Pathway - The Roses Development Framework

Roses Academy U17/U19

Camp based programme two days month - locations vary.



LEVEL OF TALENT ASSISTANCE

There are 2 separate levels of support:

Level 1 – general support

1. GCNA offers the following level of support for the current season, to each athlete in full time education who is selected to play at these higher levels:
 - i. If selected to play in the U17/U19/U21 NPL league matches - £100
 - ii. In addition to (i), if selected to play in the U17/U19/U21 NPL tournaments (if they take place)- £200 per tournament
 - iii. If selected to train play in the U15 Schools Games Long Squad - £100
Or if selected to play in the tournament final squad - £200
 - iv. In addition (ii), if selected to attend an EN Roses Academy - £300
2. Funding will be paid when the athlete's status has been confirmed by the relevant Academy coach or England Netball.
3. Funding will be paid by bank transfer to the athlete's parent/guardian if under 18 or directly to the athlete if over 18.
4. Financial support is not available to County U15 or U13 Player Development Programme or Severn Stars Nova Performance Centre/Team Bath Hub athletes, unless there is a strong case for hardship support (see below).
5. GCNA reserves the right to ask for evidence of expenditure at any time (e.g. receipts, travel expenses). If a player receives GCNA financial support and does not complete the course of sessions for any reason, GCNA reserves the right to request repayment of the financial support on a pro-rata basis.
6. GCNA will create an annual budget for providing financial assistance for players under this policy. It may be necessary at any time to reduce the amount of support available depending on numbers of athletes being selected in to the Performance Pathway.

Level 2 - Additional Support

In addition, applications for additional support will be considered where there are exceptional family or personal circumstances, and where lack of this financial support would prevent the athlete from participating in the pathway.

Applications for additional support are to be made in writing to the Chair, GCNA with detailed information regarding costs, using the Additional Support Application Form. GCNA will consider any application in the strictest confidence.

Due to the sensitive and personal nature of such requests GCNA do not request financial evidence of why the request is being made. Instead, it is considered that the athletes' club or Academy coach are most likely to understand the athlete's personal circumstances and they shall be required to support each application.