



GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS NETBALL HANDBOOK

2024-2025

Gloucestershire County Netball Association

SCHOOLS' GROUP

2024-25

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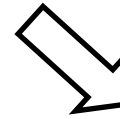
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For more general information please visit:

Gloucestershire Netball	www.glos-netball.org.uk ,
Netball Southwest:	www.netballsouthwest.co.uk
England Netball	www.england-netball.co.uk

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION and TOURNAMENT RULES

This season we are piloting a different format for our tournaments to improve the inclusivity 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 1st February 2025 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 2024.
- 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 or Les Thomas 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/support/support-for-organisations/leagues/competition-governance/>

COUNTY TOURNAMENT DATES:

U19 **Tues 8th October 2.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies' College (Well Place Courts)

U16 **Tues 24th September 2.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies' College (Well Place Courts)

U14 **Mon 11th November 1.00pm** at Cheltenham Ladies' College (Well Place Courts)

U15 (May Dent)

Sat 22nd March 9.00am-12.00pm at Cheltenham Ladies College (Well Place Courts)

Other Tournament Dates :

U12 Chelt District **Weds 26th February** **2.00pm** at CLC

U13 Chelt District **Weds 5th March** **2.00pm** at CLC

U14 Chelt District **Mon 3rd March** **2.00pm** at CLC

U15 Chelt District **Thurs 27th February** **2.00pm** at CLC

Regional Round :

U14/U16/U19 **Saturday 1st February 2025** SDE, 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 2024-25 season:

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

Player Pathway Programme



GCNA run the County Under 13 Player Development Programme (previously Satellite Academy) and County Under 15 Player Development Programme (previously County Academy). These are for young players with the potential for development, as part of the England Netball Player Pathway Programme.

It is preferable that players are England Netball members and are part of a netball club in Gloucestershire. This provides opportunity for athletes to be invited to screening at the pre season trials and also scouted during fixtures.

If you think that your school has a talented player who has not been invited to screening please contact Gloucestershire's Player Development Lead, Zoe Burke

zoe.burke@glos-netball.org.uk

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/>

For our selection policy please go to:

<https://glos-netball.org.uk/about/documents/>