



Qualifying Tournament & Junior League Information

Qualifying Tournaments for entry into the U14 and U16 Junior Leagues will be held in June and the top 10 teams in each age group will form the Junior Leagues for 2025-2026.

The Junior Leagues will be the qualifying competition for the National Clubs Tournament which is organised by England Netball in April/May 2026. The top two teams from our Junior Leagues will represent the East Midlands at the National Finals

U14 Qualifying Tournament – 15th June 2024 (reserve date 22nd June) Venue: Soar Valley, Leics

U16 Qualifying Tournament – 29th June 2024 (reserve date 13th July) Venue: Soar Valley, Leics

Entry details for the JUNIOR LEAGUE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- Closing date for the U14s is 25th May
- Closing date for the U16s is 9th June
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Players must be members of England Netball prior to clubs submitting the Squad Registration and attached to the club they are representing on ENgage
- Sheet Teams may register up to 12 players plus 3 reserves. See Rules & Regulations para graph 4.2
- Registration Sheets must be submitted with the entry form so membership can be checked
- England Netball's ruling = the Qualifying Tournament and the Junior League both form part of the National Clubs Competition and therefore players cannot play for a different club in the National Finals should their club fail to qualify
- However the region will allow players to change clubs for the new playing season, but if their new club qualifies they can not return to their old club if they also qualify for the league.
- Open Entry, but only one team per age group per club is allowed
- Umpires for the Qualifying Tournaments will be provided by the region
- Teams must provide someone to keep score.
- U14s - Players must be over 11 and under 14 years of age at 31st August 2025 (ie must be in yr 7 and above on the day of the tournament)
- U16s – Players must be over 14 and under 16 years of age at 31st August 2025
- Players may apply for Age Banding for the U16 tournament only
- Qualifying Tournament Entry fee £80
- The Tournament will be played to INF Rules of the game in force at the time.
- The format of the Tournament will depend on the number of entries.

Additional information about the LEAGUE

- Umpires for the U16 League will be provided by the region.
- Umpires for the U14s League - Teams to provide a C Award umpire who will umpire their own games. It is hoped that by 2026/7 the region will be able to provide umpires for both age groups
- The format of the league will be matches of (one) 1 hour duration (4 quarters of 15 minutes)
- The league will be played at a combination of Ratcliffe College and Soar Valley
- There will be one division of 10 teams for each age group
- Teams will play each other once.
- The league will be held on Sundays.
- Times of games to be confirmed, but generally afternoons

- Dates to be confirmed. (Unfortunately, there are insufficient available dates in the calendar to avoid clashes with the Regional League or school holidays.)
- U14 League: Players must be 11 years old and under 14 years of age at 31st August 2025 ie must be in yr 7 when the league starts in September and age banding applications will not be accepted
- U16 League: Players must be over 14 and under 16 years of age at 31st August 2025 unless they have completed the Age Banding Consent Form and submitted it to the Junior League Secretary with the Squad Registration form
- League Entry fee £60 t.b.c.
- Court fees for 9 games £270 fees payable in two instalments t.b.c
- Umpire fees for U16s only £270 payable in two instalments t.b.c.
- Teams will be expected to provide someone to keep the score and someone to time the game for all league matches.
- Trophies will be awarded to the Winners & Runners-up and the Most Valued Players at the Regional One Awards at the end of the season.
- The League will be played to INF Rules of the game in force at the time.

10th April 2025