

Louise Bugler is stepping down as ND Schools Rep. No replacement found, but a nomination form is ready to be shared. 2024-25 Area Reps are confirmed Louise Bugler (SW), Ceri Evans (ND), Clare Allen (Bourne) and Hayley McCalister (Poole).

Thank you to the host schools for running the area and county tournament, with the U14/16/19s progressing onto the Regional round (England Netball Schools Competition). After a couple of postponements due to the weather, we managed to complete the England Schools competitions area and county rounds (January planned for Regional). The standard of netball during the finals was outstanding. Results are as follows and huge congratulations:

#### **Under 19 Section**

Winner: Bryanston School

Runner Up: Bournemouth School for Girls

#### **Under 16 Section**

Winner: Canford School

Runner Up: Glenmoor Academy

#### **Under 14 Section**

Winner: Talbot Heath

Runner Up: Parkstone Grammar School

Thank you to all of the umpires that supported the schools and attended the events.

Note some host schools do not permit spectators (only school staff/umpires/managers) on site during school hours, please could participating schools share this information to their parents/supporters. We are still having to turn spectators away, and in some cases, they have made an especially long journey.

England Netball membership is a prerequisite for those wishing to enter the area schools competition, thank you to everyone who gets this done by September. Please could this be followed again this forthcoming season.

Please continue to use the U12s and 14s tournaments as a platform to identify talent, directing those towards the Satellite & County Performance Pathway. It is the responsibility of schools to update their contact information with the Schools Rep and NDO, to ensure communication relating to the Performance Pathway is disseminated fairly and opportunities for all are in place.

Schools are sent Y7 and Y8 Satellite trial information late July and early September, scheduled to run late September early October (SW/ND/Bourne/Poole), with County trial having recently been undertaken.

The AGM and dates planning meeting was held in June, but sadly this was only attended by 4 schools from across Dorset and 2 apologies. A review as to whether information is being disseminated to the right people, or is it apathy from our netball contacts is needed.

2024-25 county dates have been shared with area reps, who will share along with area dates.

Any questions or feedback, please get in touch.

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