

NSL Team's U15 Academy programme 2024 - FAQs

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Which programmes are endorsed by England Netball as a Player Pathway Programme?

- The NSL Teams' Under-21 Academy – 20 athletes.
- The NSL Teams' Under-19 Academy – 20 athletes
- The NSL Teams' Player Development Programme – Under 17-19 - 20 athletes.
- The NSL Teams' Under-17 Academy – 20 athletes.
- The NSL Teams' Under-15 Academy – 20 athletes.
- County Under-15 Player Development Programme – 20 athletes.
- County Under-13 Player Development Programme – 20 athletes.

What are the eligibility criteria for an NSL Team's Under-15 Academy programme trials in January 2024?

- Athlete is Under-15 at 23:59 on 31st August 2023 – born on 1st September 2008 or after.
- Athlete is currently part of an **any** EN Player Pathway Programme, for example:
 - County Player Development Programme.
 - NSL Team's Academy
 - NSL Team's Player Development Programme
- Athlete is an EN member.
- Athlete was registered on ENgaze as a member of the England Netball Player Pathway Programme **by the time when they attend the trials in January 2024.**

When NSL Teams, will organise trials for Under-15 Academy Player Pathway Programme?

ALL Under-15 Academy programmes trials will take place between Wednesday 3rd and Sunday 28th January 2024.

What will be a Selection process for NSL Team's Under-15 Academy Programme?

- Under-15 Academy Programme trials will be open for ALL eligible athletes (as per eligibility criteria listed above).
- Athletes who are selected must receive a Player Pathway Programme Offer ("Offer") from the NSL Team who select them within 5 working days of the event at which they were selected (Trials).
- Once a Player Pathway Programme Offer has been made by an NSL Team it cannot be withdrawn by that Team.
- Athletes have until the Sunday 4th February 2024 at 5pm to accept Player Pathway Programme Offer for the NSL Team's Under – 15 Academy programme.
- If athletes are on a reserve list for NSL Team's Under 15 Academy Programme that needs to be clearly stated in the Offer. Selected athletes have to be England Netball members.
- The Player Pathway Programme Offer must include all information related to the Player Pathway Programme and include:
 - Exactly what the offer is, using programme title - The NSL Teams' Under-15 Academy
 - The NSL Team's process for accepting or declining the offer which must include information on the dates athletes have until to accept an offer, and that an offer cannot be withdrawn within this time:
 - o Sunday 4th February 2024 at 5pm for the NSL Team's Under – 15 Academy programme
 - Link to the NSL Team's Selection policy which should include information about the deselection and promotion process within the Player Pathway Programmes.

IMPORTANT:

Athletes selected for NSL Team's Under - 15 Academy in January 2024:

- Athletes who are from County Player Development Programme **stay with their County programmes** (January – May) while they attend the NSL Team's Under-15 Academy programme activities.
- Athletes who are from **different NSL Team's player pathway programme** will have opportunity to decide by Sunday 4th February 2024 at 5pm which NSL Team's pathway they will attend (after trials in January) - **athlete can not be member of two NSL Team's player pathway programmes** (e.g NSL Team 1 – Under 17 PDP and NSL Team 2 – Under 15 Academy).

In January 2024, NSL Teams will conduct Trials for their Under-15 Academy programmes. After those trials, NSL Teams can only consider athletes **from their territory's player pathway programs** who are registered on ENgaze by 31 March 2024 for final

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School Game selection (12 athletes). (e.g., any adjustments to the 20 athletes selected in January must come from the NSL Team territory talent pool).

How many athletes will be selected for Under-15 Academy Programme?

20 athletes

When will School Games National Finals 2024 take place?

29th August – 1st September 2024 in Loughborough

What is the NSL Team's Under-15 Academy programme delivery model (February-August)?

- One technical session per month - January to May 2024*;
- Minimum one technical session per week, or a minimum of 30 technical training hours during June-August 2024 period (which may be delivered variously through training sessions, camps, etc., at the discretion of The NSL Team);
- A minimum of one strength & conditioning session per week, delivered under the supervision of a UKSCA accredited person – June/July/August 2024;

* NSL Team's Under – 15 Academy programme coaches will consider athletes' loading within other programs, travel time, and cost so they can create a holistic and athlete-centred approach to program scheduling. It helps prevent overloading, supports long-term development, and ensures that athletes can pursue their athletic and academic goals without undue stress or financial strain.

Questions from athletes:

Can an Under-15 athlete who is already in an NSL Player Pathway Programme trial for a different NSL Team Under-15 Academy?

- YES, they CAN.

An Under-15 athlete already within an NSL Team's Player Pathway Programme (e.g. NSL Team's Under-17 Player Development programme) **can trial** for a different NSL Team Under-15 Academy in January 2024.

Q1: Can I attend any NSL Team's Under-15 Academy trial, even if my County is not in the area covered by the NSL Team?

Q2: I am already with an NSL Team Player Pathway Programme (e.g NSL Team's Under-17 Academy). Can I attend a different NSL Team's Under-15 Academy trial?

- YES.

The NSL Teams' Under-15 Academies can select:

Any Under-15 athletes who attended any England Netball Player Pathway programme (it could be from different assigned territory), and who are registered on Engage **by the time when they attend the trials in January 2024**.

- Selected athletes who are from County Player Development Programme **stay with their County programmes** (January – May) while they attend the NSL Team's Under-15 Academy programme activities.
- Selected athletes who are from **different NSL Team's player pathway programme** will have opportunity to decide by Sunday 4th February 2024 at 5pm which NSL Team's pathway they will attend (after trials in January) - **athlete can not be member of two NSL Team's player pathway programmes** (e.g NSL Team 1 – Under 17 PDP and NSL Team 2 – Under 15 Academy).

Can I attend more than one NSL Team's Under-15 Academy trials?

- YES.

If I missed a NSL Team's Under-15 Academy programme trials in January 2024, can I still be considered for School Game selection?

YES

In January 2024, NSL Teams will conduct Trials for their Under-15 Academy programmes. After those trials, NSL Teams can only consider athletes **from their territory's player pathway programs** who are registered on ENgage by 31 March 2024 for final School Game selection.