

NETBALL DORSET – PERFORMANCE – REPORT – AGM 2024

The 2023/2024 season for the U15 and U13 Player Development Programme has been a great success for all Dorset performance hubs (County U15, Bournemouth & Poole U13, North Dorset U13, South & West U13). Dorset continues to provide access to the performance pathway throughout the County.

It is evident from the number of junior Clubs and teams competing for a place in the regional league that the standard of play of the performance programmes has filtered down to the clubs. This has created a demand for a junior County league, which is being looked into by Alison, Competitions Director.

Dorset continues to provide strong links to Team Bath Netball. This has been particularly important this season in view of the decisions of England Netball to re-align franchise clubs across the country and reduce the number of NSL clubs. However, it has now been confirmed that counties will continue to run the U13 and U15 PDP and Team Bath will continue to run its U15/U17/U19/U23 programmes.

In order to ensure there is a countrywide network of accessible pathway programmes it has been confirmed that Team Bath, who were unsuccessful in the NSL tender process, have agreed to operate the full Player Pathway from Under 15 up to Under 23 in the South West.

Trials for the 2024/2025 Dorset U15 PDP have been completed in the main, with a few triallists who were injured or unable to attend trials to be assessed and trialled at 1st and 2nd training sessions, to ensure all talent is screened.

Ali and Donna have worked hard over the season to provide a mixture of performance coaching, S & C and match play with other county PDP's. The attached Roundup of the season which Ali has circulated demonstrates the opportunities provided.

Venues for the U13 & U15 PDPs have been booked for the new season and U13 trials forms circulated. Kelly and Louise have been successful in sourcing

venues in the South West area, following Budmouth Community Centre sports hall being condemned.

Selected athletes from the U15 PDP took part in a Netball tour to Jersey on 17th May, arranged by Netball Jersey and Team Bath.

The end of season PDP Tournament also took place at Exeter University with Dorset athletes who did not take part in the Jersey tour, representing Dorset.

A big “Thank You” to the Dorset Performance Team:

Alison Holmes (Head U15 PDP Coach)

Donna Butcher (Assistant U15 Coach/Manager)

Sue Richardson (Bournemouth & Poole U13 Head PDP Coach)

Sophie Flood (Bournemouth & Poole U13 Assistant Coach)

Sian Whitlock (North Dorset U13 Head Coach)

Deena Ritchie (North Dorset U13 Assistant Coach)

Louise Bugler (South & West U13 Head Coach)

Kelly Browne (South & West Assistant Coach)

Darryl Davies (North Dorset Trainee Coach)

Linda Cutler – Dorset Performance Lead

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