

Nov 2022 | Dorset Schools Rep Report

Thank you to Lindsay Curry who served as schools rep, although has since stepped down. No replacement found, therefore I have agreed to stay on until the end of the academic year.

Thank you to the host schools for running the area and county tournament (U14/16/19s). 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: Canford School

Runner Up: Talbot Heath School

Under 16 Section

Winner: Bournemouth School for Girls

Runner Up: Parkstone

Under 14 Section

Winner: Bournemouth School for Girls

Runner Up: Talbot Heath School

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

A consideration for the County Schools Meeting will be the number of teams qualifying from the area tournaments to the county finals (presently 3 from areas, yet only 2 to regionals). It was felt that on occasions that by having 3 teams, it can make for a greater gulf between the playing standard, as well as disparity between qualifying numbers area (3) and county (2); to be discussed. Qualifying entries would impact the tournament format of either two pools, semis and final (with 3 teams qualifying) or round robin (with 2 teams qualifying).

Note some host schools do not permit spectators (only school staff/umpires/managers) on site during school hours.

Gentle reminder to ensure all those attending (players, teachers, coaches, umpires and parents) the tournament and representing their schools are familiar with the England Netball teachers, coaches, spectators and players code of conduct. The schools rep received feedback regarding the negative conduct of a very small minority.

Please continue to use the U14s tournaments as a platform to identify talent, directing those towards the 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.

The area schools U12s tournaments remain an opportunity for talent ID and those players to trial for the Performance Pathway (Satellite).

Schools are sent Y7 and Y8 Satellite trial information late July and early September and County trial information is normally shared around April time.

Planning AGM is likely to happen in June, please bring any blanked dates to this meeting, so as to minimise the overlap of other events/sports in the calendar. Once dates have been published, it is difficult to change.

Any questions or feedback, please get in touch.

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