**Lancashire County Junior Regional Qualifying League (LCRL) Information**

 **Running from 1st October 2023 to 18th December 2023**

**ELITE COMPETITION - Open to all.**

**What is the Lancashire Junior Regional Qualifying League?**This is a league that will be played October to December for all U14 & U16 Lancashire teams who wish to have the opportunity to qualify to represent the NW in the National Club Finals. All 5 Counties, run their own qualifying league and the top four teams from each age group will qualify for a place in the NW Regional league to compete against the best teams in the NW. The top four qualifying teams from each age group must be available and want to be in a position to progress to the NW Regional League.

The matches must be played by the 18th December on days and dates agreed by both teams. Clubs must provide their own qualified and registered C umpire or above. You will also have to provide a suitable indoor venue, scorers, timers and first aiders. The home team covers the cost of the venue and their own umpire. There will be a £15 registration fee to be paid via Bacs. Details can be found on the rules and regulations.

Matches will be 10-minute quarters for the U14s and 12-minute quarters for the U16s. All players have to be registered at least 48 hours prior to playing. All results are lodged with Jane Moodie the Lancashire Competition Officer and shared on LCNA website.

If your club is interested in submitting a team in one or both of the age groups then please complete the registration form **no later than the 18th September**. One team per age group.

This year the NW Regional Junior League will commence with a qualifier tournament on the 14th January 2024. The NW Finals tournament will be on the 7th April.

The regional qualifying tournament will provide a competition for nominated clubs from the 5 counties of the NW to decide the top 8 teams within the region at U14 and U16 whom will then play in a league and finals tournament to decide the top 2 clubs to represent the region at the England Netball National Junior Clubs 2024.

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|  | Cheshire | Cumbria | Manchester | Merseyside | Lancashire |
| U14 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| U16 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |

Each club must have current membership with England Netball, within the NW region and their county. Each player, coach, volunteer and supporter must sign an EN code of conduct prior to taking part in the regional event commencing in January 2023. The cost to take part in the event will be confirmed nearer the date.

**National Club Finals**The U14 & U16 National Club Finals, brings together the top 18 teams from each age category from across the country. The 18 teams from each age group consist of the winners and runners-up from the nine regional competitions that take place throughout the season. This competition offers young netballers from all corners of the United Kingdom the opportunity to test themselves against the best of their age group.