

NW Junior Regional Club League Qualifying Tournament 2024



U14s & U16s

Sunday 14th January 2024

Wright Robinson College, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton,
Manchester M18 8RL

5th January 2024

Dear Team

Congratulations on reserving your place in the first North West Regional League Qualifying tournament. You have earned your place via your county to attend this event, from which the top 8 teams will then play on to qualify for the U14 and U16 National Club Finals.

We would like to thank the North West Regional Management Board for subsidising this event and the forthcoming regional junior leagues.

In order to secure your spot, see below:

1. Payment The fee for the tournament is £60
 This covers court hire and umpiring.

To be paid by BACS to:

Bacs details for North West Regional Netball Association

Sort code and account number

HSBC

40-31-17

51209019

U14 fees – reference 23 plus your club

U16 fees – reference 24 plus your club

2. Email your player registration sheet to patevans57@msn.com no later than Weds 10th January 2024 including your club's name and age group in the email subject.

Final details of entries will be provided the week of the event via your designated email, with copies posted on our website.

We look forward to seeing you.

NW Technical Support Group for Competition

TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament Referee: The tournament shall be played to EN rules. The Tournament Referee will decide on any matter arising during the course of the event. The referee's decision shall be final.

Registration: All teams must be registered by:

U14 08.45 (matches are due to start at 09.15)

U16 13.15 (matches are due to start at 13.45)

Coaches to sign off on their squad sheets and scorers to sign in at registration.

There will be a five-minute warning bell at 9.10 and 13.25 to signal teams to be ready on court the first match of each section.

Teams are made up of – max 12 players and max of 5 match bench officials / coaches / volunteers.

Start of Play: All teams must be on court ready to play at the stated time with at least five players. Captains should toss for the centre pass before the start of play and notify the umpires of the result.

Scorers: Scorers to sit at the allocated score table and agree the score following each goal, using the flip chart to show the score during the match.

Late Arrivals: If a team arrives late on court, for each minute late, the opposition will be awarded 2 goals, if they are on court and in position to play at the correct time. If after 4 minutes the team is not on court, then the game will be given to the opposition. The umpires will be responsible for the timing of the above.

Players arriving late can join the game in a vacant position after a goal is scored and with the permission of the umpires. A reserve, playing because of the late arrival of a player, shall continue to play in that position until half time as per EN rules.

Match Times: A central hooter will indicate the start, half time and end of matches;. however, games will start and finish on the umpire's whistle. Matches will be 7 minutes each way, 1 minute at half time and 3 minutes between rounds. Extra time will be allowed to take a penalty shot, if it has been awarded before the final whistle.

INJURY/ILLNESS: No time shall be added on for injury or illness. The substitute should take up the position of the injured player as quickly as possible; the opposition cannot make changes at this time.

PLAYERS AND BLEEDING: Please note that Rule 9.3.1 of the official netball rules would allow the umpire to stop the game if she/he saw a player playing on with blood running from an injury. Where no time is allowed for injuries:

if the bleeding is not profuse, the player should be asked to cover the injury at the next interval.

if the bleeding is very heavy, the player will be asked to leave the court for the dressing of the injury and return according to rule 9.3.1 (after a goal, stoppage or interval) or may be substituted and return after the interval.

In these shorter matches it is not the intention to penalise a team with an injured player and umpires will need to be very aware of the time until the next interval in order to keep a player on court unless it is absolutely necessary to have the injury covered.

Please note:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM OFFICIALS TO HAVE FIRST AID DRESSINGS AVAILABLE AT THE SIDE OF THE COURT. If they are not available, the substitute would be used, or the team would have to play with only six players.

Scoring: 5 points for a win, 3 points for a draw, 2 points for the losing team if within 5 goals, 1 point for the losing team if scoring **over** 50% of the opponent's goals. If results show a draw final positions will be decided by goal difference. Then goals for.

Umpires: To be managed by NW Officiating lead Chris McCall

Equipment: Each team will need to provide:
A well-marked ball (size 5)
Two sets of bibs (in case of colour clash)
First Aid kits

Umpires/Coaches Responsibilities: Players must not take to the court until all jewellery (including charity bands, watches, or piercings) is removed and fingernails cut short. Umpires will check all teams before the first game.

Liability: NW Netball and Wright Robinson College cannot accept liability in respect of personal injury, which players, officials, or spectators sustain, nor responsibility for any loss of valuables or clothing.

Conduct: A verbal warning will be issued to any person who the umpire feels is behaving in an unacceptable manner. If problems still occur the offending party will be asked to leave the courts for that round. If it persists, the offender will be banned from the side of the courts for the rest of the day. Refusal to leave will result in the game being stopped and 5 points being awarded to the non-offending team.

Spectators: spectators to remain in designated areas during the matches of their club.

1st floor area only when your team is playing – please clear following conclusion of match.

First Aid: Each team should provide their own first aid kit.

Results of the competition.

The top 8 team in each age group will be invited to take part in the regional qualifying league which will take part over 7 dates below – fixtures to be provided immediately after the tournament.

21 st January	Leigh Sports Village Sale Way, Leigh WN7 4JY	10:00 – 15:30
4 th February	Edge Hill University St Helens Road, Ormskirk L39 4QP	10:00 – 15:30
18 th February	Wright Robinson Sports College, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester M18 8RL	09:30 – 15:00
25 th February	Wright Robinson Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester M18 8RL	10:00 – 15:30
3 rd March	Edge Hill University St Helens Road, Ormskirk L39 4QP	09:30 – 15:00
17 th March	Platt Lane Sports Complex, Yew Tree Road, Fallowfield M14 7UU	10:00 – 15:30
24 th March	Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE	10:00 – 15:30

Umpires will be allocated by the NW regional officiating lead.

The remaining teams in each age group will be invited to take part in the regional Champs league which will be designed around the remaining teams who wish to take part with fixtures to follow.

After the conclusion of the Regional Premier league, a finals day will be held on Sunday 7th April at Platt Lane Sport Complex to select the two teams from each age group for the National Finals.

The top 4 teams from each league will play off as follows:

Minor Semi Final

3rd v 4th The winning team will advance to the Preliminary Final and the loser will be eliminated.

Major Semi Final

1st v 2nd The winning team will advance to the Grand Final and the loser will play in the Preliminary Final.

Preliminary Final

The winning team will advance to the Grand Final and the loser will be eliminated.

Grand Final

The winning team will be the first ranked NW team and the losing team will be the second ranked team.

National U14 Club Finals

Finals Date: Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024

Venue: EIS Sheffield

National U16 Club Finals

Finals Date: Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April 2024

Venue: Beacon of Light, Sunderland

Volunteers and Contacts

Tournament Referee

Estelle Graham

Registration desk and score sheet

located in reception.

Volunteers

Umpire Management

Chris McCall (NW Officiating Manager)

Timers / Court Managers

Volunteers from Gtr Manchester County Netball Association

Event Organiser

Estelle Graham (with support from NW Competition Group)

Qualifying Teams

	U14s	U16s
Cheshire 1	Kingsway Power	Kingsway Power
Cheshire 2	Chester	Ellesmere Port
Cheshire 3	Warrington	Chester
Cheshire 4	Macclesfield	Macclesfield
Lancashire 1	Wyre	Ribble Valley
Lancashire 2	Ribble Valley	Chorley
Lancashire 3	Chorley	South Ribble
Lancashire 4	Blackpool	Wyre
Manchester 1	Oldham	WYCA Bury
Manchester 2	YWCA Bury	Oldham
Manchester 3	Tameside	Bramhall
Manchester 4	Bramhall	Trafford
Merseyside 1	Chesterfield	Chesterfield
Merseyside 2	Empire	Galaxy
Merseyside 3	Supreme	Unity
Merseyside 4		Empire
Manchester 5	Rivington	