

REGIONAL U16 AND U14 LEAGUES 2026-2027 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS



U14 QUALIFIER – SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026

U16 QUALIFIER – SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026

Redbridge Sports Centre, Forest Road, Ilford IG6 3HD

INVITATION TO ENTER

Entries are now open for the London & SE Region U16 and U14 Regional League Qualifying Tournament. There are **8 places** available within each age group, and the top 2 teams at the end of the League season will qualify for the England Netball National Clubs Finals.

Closing date for entries: MONDAY 25TH MAY 2026

Please note, places may be limited and therefore allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The Rules and Regulations of the Tournaments are attached to this communication; however, some critical points are as follows:

Eligibility

Entry is open to Clubs with their primary registration through a County within the area of jurisdiction of the Region, being Essex Metropolitan, Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey. Clubs must have a genuine connection to the Region by virtue of competing in their relevant County league, having their training venue within the Region, and not be primarily connected with another Region (e.g. their senior or other age group teams competing in other county or regional competitions). This rule will be applied by the Region in their absolute discretion, and if the Region believes that a Club or Team has been created to circumnavigate this rule they will not permit entry to the qualifying tournament.

Players of Teams competing in the U14 age group must be over ten (10) years of age and under fourteen (14) years of age as at 11.59pm on **31 August 2026**.

Players of Teams competing in the U16 age group must be over thirteen (13) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age as at 11.59pm on **31 August 2026**. Any Clubs wishing to register Players under the age of fourteen (14) must have completed the Age Banding Consent Form and submitted this alongside the Squad Registration Sheet (see below).

Players who are registered for a Team for the Qualifying Tournaments may only represent that Club in the U16 or U14 Regional League, should that Team successfully qualify. Players may not play in more than one regional league or a its corresponding qualifying competition, and Clubs should be aware that this could result in the Team being disqualified.

It is therefore extremely important to understand, and to ensure that all players (and their parents) understand that:

- Any player that represents a Club in a different regional qualifying competition in the same age group for the 2026-27 season will be ineligible to play in this Qualifying Tournament, or in the League (should the team qualify).
- Any player that plays in this Qualifying Tournament will not be able to play for a different Club in the League in the same age group in 2026-27.

- Any player that plays in this Qualifying Tournament or in the League will NOT under any circumstances be eligible to play for a different Club (within the same age group) at National Clubs Finals 2027. This applies even if the Club she represented in the Qualifying Tournament does not qualify for the League.
- Other regions may have differing rules on eligibility for participation in their leagues and therefore if there is any doubt, players / parents should check with England Netball or the Competition Referee for the appropriate regional competition.

Entry Fee

£130 entry fee (non-refundable) for the Qualifying Tournament plus £100 deposit – **total £230**.

The deposit will be retained against the U16 or U14 Regional League entry fees for those teams that successfully qualify and returned to those who participated in the tournament but did not qualify. The deposit will not be returned to any club who withdraw from the tournament with less than 14 days notice.

For those teams who successfully qualify, the entry fees will be £300 for the U14 Regional League and £600 for the U16 Regional League.

How to Enter

Please return your completed Entry Form to Liz Roche via email (lsernajuniorleagues@gmail.com) before the closing date.

Once entries have been confirmed you sent a Squad Registration Sheet(s) for completion and return, and you will also be required to provide your Official Club Roster as a **screenshot** from the England Netball ENGage membership system in a specific format requested by the Region.

Note - all data requested is for the legitimate purpose of administering and organising the London and SE Region U16 and U14 Regional League Qualifying Tournaments. Full GDPR information is available on the London & South East Region website.

Umpires

Umpires will be provided by the Region for the Qualifying Tournaments. The Umpires will be organised on the day by the Umpire Co-Ordinator.

Please note that U14 Clubs who are successful in qualifying for the Regional League will need to provide an Umpire for all League matches. For the U16 Regional League, umpires are provided by the Region.

Scorers

Each Team must provide a competent scorer who is not a Player or a Team Official.

Tournament Format

To be confirmed once entries are received.

Queries

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Roche (lsernajuniorleagues@gmail.com).

Qualification

The top 8 teams from the Qualification Tournaments, in each age group, will qualify for the Regional Leagues. Clubs should note the commitment required for the U16 and U14 Regional Leagues and ensure they have the depth of squad, volunteer time, venue and umpire availability to be able to meet these.

Please note, if league matches are conceded during the season this can impact on the integrity of the league, and the Region may decide not to permit entry to future qualifying competitions for a period of time. The U14 & U16 Regional League rules for the 2025-26 season will be available shortly.

U16 REGIONAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

The U16 Regional League will be played at approved **indoor venues** on a **home and away** basis on **Sundays**. Clubs are responsible for booking and paying for their own home venues. The umpires for the competition will be provided by the Region (which will be reflected in the entry fee).

U16 Regional League dates: 2026 – 20 September, 4, & 18 October, 1, 8 & 22 November, 6 December and 2027 – 17 & 31 January, 7 & 21 February, 7 & 21 March, 4 April (reserve dates 14 December & 11 April).

[Note: 31 January may be used for the Regional Schools Competition in which case matches may be rearranged to the reserve date of 14 December or 3 January.]

U14 REGIONAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

The U14 Regional League will be played **outdoors** at **central venues** in the four counties of the London & SE Region (venues will be arranged and paid for by the Region, which will be reflected in the entry fee). Clubs are responsible for providing and paying for an umpire (C Award and above) for every match day. These umpires must be approved by the Region and will be allocated to matches on a 'neutral' basis. Each match day is a "double header" with each Club playing two matches (usually back-to-back) in a day.

U14 Regional League dates: 2026 – 19 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December and 2027 – 16 January, 6 February, 6 March (*reserve date 13 December & 3 April*).