



SPRING 2023



EAST MIDLANDS NETBALL NEWSLETTER

SEASON RESULTS

Our 22-23 season is coming to an end! From Regional League, Regional Clubs, our qualifying tournaments and Premier League. Take a look at our standings...

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REGIONAL NEWS

We have our regional One Awards, Annual General Meeting and Coaching Conference coming up soon! We are also looking for new regional volunteers...

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UPCOMING COURSES

VIRTUAL LEVEL 1 COACHING AND INTO OFFICIATING JUST RELEASED!

LEVEL 2 COACHING

Where: University of Lincoln
When: Starting 15 June
22-23 July practical weekend
Booking closing 7 June

Where: Loughborough University
When: Starting 30 September
18-19 Nov practical weekend
Booking closing 16 September

[Click here to find a course](#) 
Can't find a course for you? Let us know [here](#)



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SEASON RESULTS

2022-23 REGIONAL RESULTS REGIONAL LEAGUE



Division 1

- 1 Bridgford
- 2 Hinckley Hurricanes
- 3 Charnwood Rutland
- 4 Northants Storm 1
- 5 Grasshoppers 1
- 6 Southgate
- 7 Nottingham City Aces
- 8 Nottinghamshire Sirens



Division 2

- 1 Lincoln City
- 2 TFC Too
- 3 Grasshoppers 2
- 4 Cliftonettes Navy
- 5 Falcons Yellow
- 6 Cliftonettes Scarlet
- 7 Northants JMs
- 8 Sleaford Barge Lightning



Division 3

- 1 Hucknall Town
- 2 Charnwood Rutland 2
- 3 Ashby Giants
- 4 Northants Storm
- 5 Lincoln City 2
- 6 Brigg Impacts 1
- 7 Nottingham City Comets
- 8 Brigg Impacts 2

National Premier League

The final league positions

Charnwood - 3rd in Division 1

Northants Storm - 3rd in Division 3

TFC Leicester - 10th in Division 3





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REGIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE



U14 Regional league

- 1 Northants Storm
- 2 Louth
- 3 Charnwood Rutland
- 4 Lincoln City
- 5 Long Eaton
- 6 Market Harborough Panthers
- 7 Cliftonettes Jade
- 8 Bingham White

U16 Regional League

- 1 Nottingham City Phoenix
- 2 Cliftonettes Black
- 3 Charnwood Rutland Warriors
- 4 Lincoln City
- 5 Northants Storm
- 6 Louth
- 7 Market Harborough
- 8 Epworth



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REGIONAL CLUBS



U14 Regional Clubs

- 1 Lincoln City
- 2 Charnwood
- 3 Louth
- 4 Ashbourne
- 5 Northants Storm
- 6 Market Harborough
- 7 Cliftonettes
- 8 Ripley
- 9 Bingham
- 10 Towcester

U14 National Finals

Lincoln City finished 15/18
Charnwood finished 18/18

U16 Regional Clubs

- 1 Northants Storm
- 2 Charnwood Rutland
- 3 Cliftonettes Black
- 4 Nottingham City
- 5 Lincoln City
- 6 Louth
- 7 Ripley
- 8 Market Harborough
- 9 Allestree
- 10 Towcester Tornadoes

U16 National Finals

Northants Storm finished 16/18
Charnwood finished 17/18



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2022-23 REGIONAL RESULTS



Bee Netball (U11) Tournament

- 1 Charnwood Purple
- 2 Louth
- 3 Charnwood Blue
- 4 Lincoln City
- 5 Hawks
- 6 Charnwood Black
- 7 Fenland
- 8 Ripley
- 9 Charnwood White



U12 Tournament

- 1 Bramcote
- 2 Louth
- 3 Charnwood
- 4 Bingham
- 5 Nottingham City
- 6 Futureprint NC
- 7 Washingborough
- 8 Lincoln City
- 9 Northants Storm
- 10 Ashby
- 11 Market Harborough
- 12 Cliftonettes



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ONE AWARDS 2023



Thank you to all those that nominated our amazing netball volunteers for our East Midlands One Awards. The ONE Awards spotlight the amazing people who volunteer and make netball happen, through varying roles like officiating, coaching, administration, supporting school netball activity, clubs and local leagues. Nominations closed on 31 May and it was the most we have ever received! Nominees will be contacted shortly to attend our event on 2nd July at the Raddison Blu Hotel near East Midlands Airport.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**East Midlands Netball
Annual General Meeting 2023**

to be held on
Wednesday 14th June 2023
7pm

Via Zoom (registration required)

Check your emails for details
Queries to
EastMidlands@EnglandNetball.co.uk

More information on our website [here](#)



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REGIONAL NEWS

WE ARE RECRUITING



REGIONAL CHAIR

To lead, manage and inspire netball in the East Midlands

SKILLS

- Management, leadership and delegation skills
- Organisation skills
- Decision Making
- Communication skills
- Able to commit reliably with flexibility



KEY TASKS

- Leadership style that ensures the region has a voice
- Direct and manage the East Midlands region
- Lead the region in the planning process to ensure strategic goals are met
- Chair all Regional Management Board meetings
- Committed to delivering regional plan in line with England Netball's Adventure Strategy
- To represent the region at the National Regional Chairs Forum

HOW TO APPLY

Send your application to

eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk

Initial stages will include an informal discussion with some of the current regional board members

See more information and form at
eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk/current-vacancies.html



Derbyshire are looking for a new County Chair! Could this be you?



The Derbyshire Netball County Association (DCNA) is looking for a new Chair to lead the County Management Board into the 2023/2024 season and beyond. This is an exciting time for netball, a growing sport for women and girls.

The County Netball Association works to ensure that netball is strategically placed to access support and new initiatives that could benefit the County and oversees county programmes such as county leagues, player development, officiating, coaching and competition working to England Netball frameworks.

The successful candidate will lead the County Management Board, support the East Midlands region and represent Derbyshire in England Netball forums.

The role requires business experience, a passion for sport, experience in leading a team and strengths in organising and communication.

Read more about the role and how to apply [here](#)



If you're interested in getting involved in a county, our regional board or any of their working groups, get in touch at EastMidlands@Englandnetball.co.uk



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WORLD CUP ROSES SELECTION



Vitality Roses Head Coach Jess Thirlby has named the squad that will be flying out to compete in the Vitality Netball World Cup!

Taking place from 28 July to 6 August in Cape Town, South Africa.

The 12-player squad features a mixture of experience and youth, with 810 caps shared amongst the group, including Loughborough Lightning's Fran Williams!

Read more [here](#).

We will have some exciting Netball World Cup themed events over the summer, so watch this space and make sure you are following us on social media for latest news.

ROSES 23-24 SELECTION





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GRAND FINALS SOLD OUT!



With a sold out arena, your only way to watch this exciting clash live is on Sky Sports Action and [YouTube](#). Coverage starts from 19:00, with the FCP 19:30.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FAST 5 TICKETS!



GET TICKETS!



NETBALLHER



At the end of March, England Netball launched NETBALLHer – a programme to better educate women and girls at all levels of sport about their bodies across the different life stages. It is an industry-leading education programme that through the provision of a necessary level of knowledge and support for everyone, aims to drive real change and normalise conversations on topics around the female body. With topics including pelvic health, menopause, periods, and bras, and more to come...

Dedicated website can be found [here](#)!

ENGLAND NETBALL AT LONDON PRIDE



For the second year, England Netball will be at London Pride! The parade will be held on Saturday 1 July 2023 and will take place around England's capital city, featuring over 500 groups and 30,000+ participants marching – would you like to join us and be a part of it?

Sign up to take part [here](#), only a few places left!

(open to LGBTQ+ community and allies!)



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BEE NETBALL GOES TO LINCOLN SHOWGROUND!

Sunday 16th April Bee Netball was exhibited at Countryside Lincs Family Day at Lincolnshire Showground in the Sport and Physical Activity Zone. A record 6,258 visitors attended the event! The day involved lots of superb interactive learning experiences, demonstrations, and activities. Children and their families were enabled to be connected that little bit closer to the importance of agriculture, where food comes from, the countryside, and the importance of physical activity to be healthy. The zone was packed all day with families trying shooting challenges on the netball posts, aiming with beanbags, quick feet in the ladders and finding where their nearest sessions were. Find your nearest Bee Netball Club [here](#).



ASHBY NETBALL CLUB FINALIST FOR BBC MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD



Following Ashby Netball Club's significant fundraiser and World Record attempt, which you may have seen in our previous newsletter, have since been shortlisted for the BBC make a Difference Award in their fundraiser category.

Wishing Ashby Netball club the best of luck and we look forward to hearing more about the awards and results later this year! Well done!



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PLAYERS NETBALL CLUB FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT

By Vicki Ashman

Every year Players Netball Club host a charity netball tournament to support Cancer Charities, to date we've raised over £20k! This year it was personal to the Nottinghamshire Netball Family as one of our own, Chloe Gibson of Boots Netball Club, was diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer in August last year and is fighting the fight against this horrible disease. Chloe chose this year's charity, which is Pancreatic Cancer UK.

30 teams from across the region turned up ready for the day, which started with a lot of rain but it soon passed and nothing would stop the fun competitive nature of tournament. Sausages were on the BBQ, an abundance of cakes, sweet treats, drinks, goodie bags and the famous big prize raffle, were all on display. We saw some fantastic netball, heard a lot of laughter and we all had sore feet by the end of the day – thank goodness we have a physio tent!

Chloe had one thing on her bucket list that we all wanted to fulfil for her. She last played netball at our tournament last year and she wanted to play netball one last time with her best mate so she could retire from the beautiful game on her terms, not the Cancer's. She joined Team Chloe for 7 minutes to play against her former Club Cliftonettes, and her best mate Jo Hale (Hucknall Town Netball Club). Everyone gathered round to watch Chloe's wizardry on court and for 7 minutes, she didn't have cancer.

Huge congratulations to the eventual winners Ashby Stars and runners up, Nottinghamshire Sirens Cops. Thank you to everyone that played, umpired, spent money and supported us. Thank you to the Players NC Committee for all their hard work to make the tournament a success and to all the Players girls for their dedication to raising our biggest total to date.

£7810 will be donated to Pancreatic Cancer UK, in Chloe's name and £1000 will be given to Chloe so she can tick a few more things off her bucket list.

As we were about to publish we received the news that our beautiful friend Chloe passed away peacefully and pain free with her family by her side on 6th June. Players NC and all of the Nottinghamshire Netball family are devastated and send love and sympathy to Chloe's family and friends.

Rest in peace Chloe, we'll miss you on court xx



Jo and Chloe



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SPONNE SCHOOL UNDER 16S PAVING THE WAY



National Schools Finals 2022-2023

SPONNE SCHOOL UI6'S

www.sponne.org.uk

As we continue to celebrate netball across the county this is the first time ever to have a male school netball team from East Midlands competing in a National Schools competition.

Sponne School under 16 boys netball team took part in the 'England Men's & Mixed Netball' competition and brought home the silverware as National Champions. What a fabulous achievement for Sponne School following their female counterparts who competed at National Schools in early March and finished top 15 in the country.

Netball is a thriving sport at Sponne and its thanks to the hard work from the staff, parents and players for the preparation and dedication to providing these opportunities. Well done!

Sponne U16's

"We owe so much to so many people who have supported us on our journey so far. Sponne staff, our Parents, Northants County Netball and East Midlands Netball have all shown us how committed they are to helping us along the way. We hope to be back at Nationals as an U19's squad next year but know we have a lot of work to do to make that happen. Thank you everyone for all your support."

The team were awarded the Endeavour Award, this award is chosen by the Umpires who recognised their Sportsmanship and resilience amongst other things.

"Being awarded the Endeavour Award is a true testament to the work that goes on behind closed doors. We have learnt the importance of team work and perseverance and will always give 100% on court for each other."

Team Sponne x





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MIXED NETBALL FUNDRAISER IN GRIMSBY



On 21st May, Grimsby and District Seniors Netball League hosted a mixed netball tournament in memory of Kristal Jackson of DVT Thunder. In January earlier this year, she sadly lost her battle with breast cancer.

The group raised an amazing £1,050 for St Andrew's Hospice, £1,050 for North East Lincs Downs Syndrome Family Support Group and £50 for Oasis Wintringham charity.

"Kristal absolutely loved her netball, but due to being diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2020 and then secondary breast cancer, she couldn't play."

"But she came to support us and was always involved in our team. Unfortunately, she lost her battle to cancer on 21 January at the hospice and that's why this was one of our chosen charities." Laura Hurst speaking to [Gi Grimsby News](#)



GOLD FOR NETBALLER AT WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES!

Denise James from Towcester Walking Netball group / netball coach for Towcester Kites is a lady of many talents. Her love and passion for netball is very contagious but we get to share her with couple of other sports such as Golf & Road Running and athletics. However in 2015 Denise under went a kidney transplant after battling years with type 1 diabetes and to this day she still gives her all to netball in many different aspects from volunteering, coaching, tutoring and running sessions in Northamptonshire. However her involvement in sport took a little trip down under where she was recently selected to take part in the World Transplant Games in Perth, Australia in April 2023 to compete in the 5km road race and golf for the GB and Northern Ireland. With some fundraising,



and the amazing support of Towcester Walking netball and Towcestrian Kites netball Club, she was able to get to the games! Denise returned home with a 3 Gold medals breaking the fastest time in her age group for the 5k Road Race and the GB & NI ladies team also won the team gold medal. But this wasn't the last of the bling with Denise and her team mate being the only female team in the Golf competition and achieved yet another 1st place!

"To raise awareness of organ transplants, raise the awareness of possibilities of what people who have had a transplant can do and the wonderful thing of gift of life, everyone involved had that at the forefront of their participation It was absolutely amazing and a truly memorable experience."



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LIGHTNING

NETBALL SUPERLEAGUE

Loughborough Lightning are nearing the end of the season with the semi-finals coming up soon! Currently sitting in 2nd places 3 points behind London Pulse. They will take on Manchester Thunder on 9th June at Loughborough University. Tickets selling out fast, get yours now..



Get your Lightning
Tickets [here!](#)



LIGHTNING CLUBS TOURNAMENT!

Loughborough Lightning are looking to host a tournament for the clubs in the East Midlands! If your club is interested in participating and want a say in what it may look like, then complete the expression of interest form [here!](#)

LIGHTNING EXPERIENCE HUBS TRIALS

Trials and booking information for the 23/34 Loughborough Lightning Experience programme will become live soon.

Trial dates include:

25th June 2023 - 14-16 years old

2nd July 2023 - 11-13 years old

Booking will become live from [this website](#) on the 2nd June.

Age groups will go on Date of Birth.

11-13 years old - Athletes must be OVER 11 but UNDER 13 at 23.59pm 31st December 2023.

14-16 years old - Athletes must be OVER 14 but UNDER 16 at 23.59pm 31st December 2023.

See Lightning's website [here](#).

Further age group trials for NPL U17, U19 and U21 will be held following county trials. To keep up to date on all trials dates please see our website [here](#) for the latest information.

Meet the Team...!!!



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