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The Regional Operating Group (ROG) consists of the following members:

Sue Connor	ROG Chair
Carol Spencer	Competition TSG Chair
Heather Gleadall	Officiating TSG Chair
Mary Yardley	Volunteering & Club TSG Chair
Kelly Washington	Performance TSG Chair
Sue Collin	Regional Chair
Melissa Carr	East Midlands Regional Manager

There is also currently a vacancy for a representative from the Recognition & Profile TSG.

The group meets 4 times a year and is responsible for working towards the targets set by the Region in line with the EN 4 Year Plan. Targets are set for each year by each TSG and these targets reflect those set by the Region and each CNA in their 4 Year Plans. Apart from the Performance TSG, all counties are invited to have representatives on each of the TSG groups to help support the work of their CNA and the Region.

The TSGs have worked extremely hard throughout the year and this is evidenced in the success of the majority of targets being met. The TSGs are led by very experienced and competent chairs that are passionate and professional in ensuring that netball in the East Midlands is well supported and developed.

At the Planning meeting held in February to identify the successes from 2014/15, the feedback was extremely positive but it also highlighted the need to do more to support volunteering and club development within the CNAs. We need to identify more volunteers at a county level and then provide appropriate training/coaching/mentoring opportunities for players, coaches, umpires, bench officials, tournament referees, committee members and administrators. Some of these areas of development will be reflected in next year's plans for all TSG groups.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all TSG Chairs and its members for working so hard on behalf of the region and their counties. There has been significant growth over the past year in terms of player, official and coach development and this is reflected in some of the successes that we have achieved. There is still more to be done though if we wish to raise our standards and achieve greater success at a national level.

Sue Connor
ROG Chair



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Officiating TSG Report

It has been an exciting year in officiating. The TSG meetings have been very productive with every meeting having representation from all Counties in the Region. We welcomed Kirsty Lawes as the new County Umpiring Secretary for Northamptonshire and said goodbye to Debbie Edwards who had been standing in.

Stuart McErlain-Naylor and Tamsin Majerus became A Award umpires and at the moment we have 6 B Award umpires working towards their A Award. All of these B Award umpires have officiated at NPL matches and tournaments this season and four of them were selected for National competitions. Congratulations to them all.

County Umpiring Secretaries are identifying C Award umpires in each County with potential to move forward to B Award and these umpires will be encouraged to attend the next B Award Course in our Region and then become part of the Region's mentoring programme.

All County Umpiring Secretaries are working hard to increase the number of C Award umpires in their county. There are good mentoring programmes being set up, or already in place, in each county.

Officiating met most of the targets for this last year, as set out in the four year plan. One area that has caused us problems is the training of bench officials. Two courses have been set up, with a tutor and resources being purchased, but unfortunately both had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. We are again setting up further training opportunities in September for the teams in the Regional League and a full accreditation course in November. Thank you to Helen Lillie who has once again agreed to be the tutor. Fitness testing was set up for umpires in the Regional League this season for the first time. No umpire is now allowed to officiate unless the fitness test has been passed and their name is on the list of accredited umpires.

Congratulations to Sue Collin who passed the ADL tutor award in December. Jo Stephenson and Heather Gleadall will be attending the course in June and July. All tutors must now hold the ADL Award before being able to tutor.

The requests for umpires came in thick and fast this season for many events, and thanks to the commitment of the umpires in our region and our Regional Umpiring Secretary, Jo Stephenson, we were able to source every one.

This region is fortunate to have very committed umpires, tutors, assessors and mentors who are passionate about officiating, and this is the reason we are going from success to success.

Heather Gleadall
Chair of the Officiating TSG



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Volunteer and Club Development TSG Report

This year the Volunteer and Club Development TSG have been considering its roles and responsibilities, discussing its priorities and sharing good practice. The TSG also works alongside the Netball Development Officers (NDOs) to add to their work.

The group has operated this season with a full complement of representatives from all counties in the Region bringing a range of skills and experience to the TSG. Unfortunately due to work and other netball commitments, Jenny Smith from Leicestershire, is reluctantly leaving the TSG. Thanks must go to Jenny for her invaluable input and I'm sure that if needs be, Jenny will offer support where possible.

The group is made up of:

Chairman – Mary Yardley

Derbyshire Rep – Oli Hooper

Leicestershire Rep – Vacant

Lincolnshire Rep – Mandy Hall

Northamptonshire Rep – Felicity Howlett

Nottinghamshire Reps (shared) – Anne Henderson and Pauline Shipman

Regional Coordinator – Stephanie Orr/Katie Griffin

The planned Back to Netball Tournament scheduled for 28th June 2014 was cancelled due to lack of number of teams entering. For 2015 the group has decided to offer a Fast Net for All Tournament on 4th July at Soar Valley Netball Centre, Leicester. The idea came from the desire to offer all clubs in the Region an opportunity to participate in a competition as well as having fun and raising money for charity. Information can be found on the East Midlands website or contact Mandy Hall at bargeandbottlenc@aol.com

The group have discussed many matters relating to developing volunteers and supporting clubs and is seeking suggestions as to what volunteers and clubs require through the County Representatives. If anyone has anything they wish the TSG to address please contact your County Rep or NDO.

Mary Yardley

Chair of Volunteering & Club Development TSG



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Performance TSG Report

The 2014/15 season has seen lots of change for Performance within the East Midlands. A new Performance TSG Chair has been appointed, in the shape of me- Kelly Washington. The Region has a new Performance Pathway Coach- Sam Brightman, and has recruited an Assistant Coach- Lisa Manning. As well as new coaches, the RA/RPA athletes have been working towards a new training programme, and this year has received new competition dresses.

Loughborough Lightning has also undergone change, and has seen the return of legends Karen Atkinson and Olivia Murphy as Head and Assistant coach respectively. Lightning have also introduced a new Junior Training Academy. With such change, there has been an element of bedding in happening, but going forward it is an exciting time with lots of new ideas and plans to improve performance within our region.

From a coaching development perspective it has been a little dormant for various reasons, but as a group we plan to address this with an introduction of a Coaching & Scouting subcommittee which will sit underneath the Performance TSG, and work closely with the counties. Coaching is a very important part of performance development, so this area will finally get the attention it needs.

We plan to re-introduce a coaching/ teachers conference for the region as part of our mission to work more closely with our counties and develop and support the game makers we have in place.

A successful RPA and RA academy has been running under Sam's new management and she has implemented a county rota whereby the counties can send their best 2 players to attend a regional session. This encourages good behaviour/ work ethic at county level but also provides natural competition with existing players in RA. There has been some great use of social media which has not only boosted the profile of RA/RPA but it enabled the girls to win a training session with Sasha Corbin. RA is quite a young group with lots of future potential and their progression is a result of a big focus on Strength and Conditioning. RPA showed potential in their competitions against other regions and saw 4 athletes successfully gaining a place in the National Academy. Sam has highlighted that generally across both groups more court time is required. The number of hours that an RA/RPA athlete is supposed to complete was going to increase next season, but the EN performance team have pushed this back to Sport England and this is currently under review. It was however met positively by Sport England with a view of tailoring to regional needs rather than a "one template fits all" approach.

A new scouting workshop is about to be released and feedback from RHS has been good, so watch this space for up and coming workshops.

Financially the RA/RPA programme has kept on budget which is fantastic with work already happening on next season's forecasts.

The focus for next season is to work closer with the counties and to understand their strengths in performance and areas in need of development. We hope to provide support via various means, to strengthen our region and ultimately provide more athletes/game makers with national potential from the great East Mids region.

Kelly Washington
Chair of Performance TSG



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Competition TSG Report

Report loosely covers the period 1st June 2014 - 31st May 2015

Members of the Group:

Chair	Carol Spencer
Regional League	Lynn Moore
County Reps	Caroline Richards (Derbys)
	Kathy Stripp (Leics)
	Lizzie Saywell (Lincs)
	Yvonne Blunt (N'Hants)
	Liz Lorrimer (Notts)

The Competition TSG is made up of seven people and consists of the TSG Chair, a representative from each county, and the Regional League Secretary. The Regional Chair and Regional Manager are also invited to attend the bi-monthly meetings. Since the introduction of ROG (Regional Operating Group) regular contact is made with other TSGs, including Performance and Officiating.

The Competition TSG meet to plan all aspects of forthcoming events including rules and regulations, procedures and protocols, budgets, eligibility, allocation of events and event management and also to share good practice between the counties. We are trying to standardise the administration of events and the Event Handbook has gone a long way to ensuring that teams receive the same level of information whether it is a High 5's competition or the Regional League play-offs.

We appraise every event and implement changes to improve the quality of netball we provide at regional level. The best way we have of improving the service we give, and making sure we are meeting your needs, is for clubs to complete the Evaluation Form after each event. Our aim is to provide a high level of competition, at a reasonable price, at quality venues and ultimately give teams a positive experience - win or lose.

Only two of the 336 matches were conceded due to teams being unable to field a team which is a reflection of the success of the league. The introduction of Division 3 has added great depth to the league and produced some very close games. We were very pleased at the end of the league that 8 teams entered the Qualifying Tournament to compete for entry into the league next season.

The University offers superb facilities and the smooth running of the league owes a great deal to Lynn Moore, Heather Gleadall and all the teams who take on responsibility for the setting up and clearing away and ensuring the results are in on time.

It was unfortunate that Bluetits, Falcons Black and Loughborough TFC didn't make it through the Premier Play-Offs, but their presence in the Regional League next season will only strengthen it and should produce some excellent netball

The divisions for 2015-16 will look like this (please see next page):

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Division 1

Bluetits
Charnwood
Hinckley Hurricanes
Falcons Black
Lincoln City 1
Sleaford Barge 1
TFC 1
Nottingham City 1
Southgate

Division 2

Brigg 1
Falcons
Grasshoppers
Loughborough Uni
Brigg 2
TFC Too
Northants JMs 1
Nottingham Knights

Division 3

Pennine
Bridgford
Leapoole
Hinchliffe
Ripley
Sleaford Barge 2
Northants 2
Nottingham City 2

The playing season starts in September, but preparation starts in January- booking facilities and preparing the Competition Calendar. With so many competitions and so few weekends, it is a juggling act any circus would be proud of. We are very lucky to have the SDW three-court indoor venue at Loughborough University in addition to the two courts at the Netball Centre- both with excellent facilities and helpful staff. The availability of courts, national deadlines, clashes with other competitions and Bank Holidays are all factors we have to take into consideration which means it isn't always possible to avoid school holidays, especially when the region's counties have different half terms.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing discussions with Loughborough University, the Competition Calendar is not attached. An updated version of the calendar will be provided at the AGM. In the meantime, please visit the Regional website or Carol Spencer carolspencer2@btinternet.com for details of entry into any of the above competitions.

The number of teams in the clubs Hi 5's and U12s competitions is rising year on year. At this rate of growth, we may need to look at holding these two events on separate days. Increasing numbers is great for the sport - these youngsters are the future of Netball - let's not lose them to other sports. PLEASE consider starting a junior section at your club, don't assume they will come ready trained ten years' time queueing up to join your club!

Finance

Most of our tournaments continue to rotate around the region, giving each county the opportunity to stage the various events giving clubs the occasional chance of a 'home' venue. The cost of venue hire, first aid, travel expenses of umpires and the workforce varies tremendously across the region and makes the setting of entry fees very difficult.

Other events are held at Loughborough University where the three-court indoor venue provides the perfect venue, but significantly increases the cost of entry fees.

However, it is our aim to produce neither a profit nor a loss. A profit from one event goes to offset the loss of another either within the same season or from year to year. As you will see from the Competition Balance Sheet (pages 11 & 12) our financial year runs from 1st Sept - 31st August so we are able to directly compare the cost of events from one season to another. The attached balance sheet is a snap shot at 26th May and not all the income and invoices have been submitted yet, so the completed Balance Sheet will be available after 31st August.

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Opportunities

There are regional competition opportunities available at every level, some of the competitions are open entry and some where clubs need to qualify through a county competition. Others are provided by England Netball and are open entry.

Schools High 5's - The top two from each county qualify for the Regional Final each June.

Schools U14s, U16s, U19s - The top two in each age group from each county qualify for the Regional Finals which is held every January. The top two in each age group from the Regional Final go forward to the National Finals in March each year.

Clubs High 5's - Open entry for affiliated players - small clubs can combine players for the day - usually held in May.

Clubs U12s - Open entry for affiliated players - small clubs can combine players for the day - usually held in May at the same venue and on the same day as the High 5 tournament.

Clubs U14's - The top two from each county qualify for the Regional Finals each year held in March/April. The top two from the Regional Finals go forward to the National finals in May.

U16s's - The top two from each county qualify for the Regional Finals which is held (indoors) across two Sundays in March/April. The top two from the Regional Finals go forward to the National finals in May.

National U19s - Organised by England Netball; this is an open entry competition, directly into a National Tournament which is held in July of each year.

Regional League Qualifying Tournament - The top two teams from each county compete alongside the bottom two teams from Division 3 to decide which teams will play in Division 3 the following season.

Regional League - Entry into the Regional League is via the Qualifying Tournament. It is normally played on 14 Sundays between September and March. Winners of Division 1 go forward to the National Play-Offs to try and get into the National Premier League.

Regional League Play-Offs - to decide promotion and relegation between Divisions 1/2 and Divisions 2/3. Usually held April.

Competition Results 2013-2014 Season

Events held last season after last year's AGM

Schools High 5's (21st June 2014)

1 st	Saxilby (Lincs)
2 nd	Oakwood (Derbys)
3 rd	Bourne (Lincs)
4 th	Greenwood (Notts)
5 th	Osmaston (Derby)
=6 th	Wandsworth
=6 th	West Bridgford

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Competition Results 2014- 2015 Season

U14 Schools Tournament	1 st	Oundle School
	2 nd	Uppingham School
	3 rd	Quinton House School
	4 th	Repton School
	5 th	Ecclesbourne School
	6 th	Kibworth High School
	7 th	Nottingham Girls High School
	8 th	Bourne Grammar School
	9 th	West Bridgford School
	10 th	Priory Academy

National Schools U14 Finals

(Top two qualifiers from each Region)

Oundle finished 15th=/18

Uppingham finished 17th=/18

U16 Schools Tournament	1 st	Loughborough High School
	2 nd	Stamford High School
	3 rd	Oundle School
	4 th	Repton School
	5 th =	Nottingham Girls High School
	5 th =	Ecclesbourne School
	7 th	Northampton High School
	8 th	Rushcliffe School
	9 th	Uppingham Community College
	10 th	Sir John Nelthorpe School

National Schools U16 Finals

(Top two qualifiers from each Region)

Loughborough High School finished 15th=/18

Stamford High School finished 15th=/18

U19 Schools Tournament	1 st	Oakham School
	2 nd	Repton School
	3 rd	Trent College
	4 th	Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth
	5 th	Caister Grammar School
	6 th	Oundle Loughborough High School
	7 th	Stamford Priory Academy
	8 th	Northampton High School
	9 th	Nottingham Girls High School
	10 th	Bilborough College

National Schools U19 Finals

(Top two qualifiers from each Region)

Oakham School finished 7th=/18

Repton School finished 17th=/18

U14 Clubs Tournament	1st	Allestree
	2nd	Rutland Rockets
	3rd =	Charnwood
		Futureprint
	5th =	Brigg
		Long Eaton Centaurs
	7th =	Corby

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Fenland
9th= Cliftonettes
Hucknall Kimberley

National Finals

(Top 2 qualifiers from each region)

Allestree finished 17 /18

Rutland Rockets finished 18/18

U16 Competition

1st Futureprint
2nd Sleaford Barge
3rd Northants JM's
4th Brigg
5th Rutland Rockets
6th Allestree
7th Cliftonettes Gold
8th Cliftonettes Blue
9th Ripley
10th Lambs

National Finals

(Top 2 teams from each region)

Futureprint finished 15th/18

Sleaford Barge finished 16th/18

Regional League 2014-15

Division 1

1st Southgate
2nd Bluetits
3rd Lincoln City 1
4th Hinckley Hurricanes
5th Nottingham City Aces
6th Charnwood
7th Leapoole
8th Nottingham Knights

Division 2

1st Sleaford Barge 1
2nd Loughborough University
3rd Brigg 1
4th Falcons
5th Grasshoppers
6th Ripley
7th Pennine
8th TFC Too

Division 3

1st Northants JMs
2nd Bridgford
3rd Brigg 2
4th Sleaford Barge 2
5th Hincliffe
6th Nottingham City Comets
7th Cliftonettes
8th Lincoln City 2

Sleaford Barge 1 - automatic promotion to Div 1
Nottingham Knights – automatic relegation to Div 2
Northants JMs - automatic promotion to Div 2
TFC Too - automatic relegation to Div 3
Lincoln City and Cliftonettes - automatic relegation to the
Qualifying Tournament

National Play-Offs

*To find 3 teams to join Premier League Div 3
Winner from each region and bottom 3 from Prem Div 3*

Falcons Black finished 3rd in their section
TFC finished 3rd in their section
Bluetits finished 4th in their section

Falcons Black, TFC and Bluetits will return to the
Regional League for 2015-16

Regional League Play-Offs

*Division 1/2 Play-Offs (6th & 7th from Div 1 and 2nd & 3rd
from Div 2 contested the Regional Play-Offs)*

1st Charnwood placed in Div 1
2nd Brigg 1 placed in Div 2
3rd Leapoole placed in Div 2

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Loughborough unable to attend – remain in Div 2

Division 2/3 Play-Offs (6th & 7th from Div 2 and 2nd & 3rd from Div 3 contested the Regional Play-Offs)

1 st	Brigg 2	placed in Div 2
2 nd	Bridgford	placed in Div 3
3 rd	Pennine	placed in Div 3
4 th	Ripley	placed in Div 3

Qualifying Tournament

Open to 2 clubs per county and the two teams relegated from Div 3

1st	Northants JM Pinks
2nd	Cliftonettes 1
3rd	Cliftonettes 2
4th	Grasshoppers 2
5th	Lincs 2
6th	Louth
7th	Charnwood 2
8th	Boston

Clubs High 5's

Open entry

1 st	Market Harborough
2 nd	Future Print Comets
3 rd	Nottingham City
4 th	Cliftonettes
5 th	Future Print
6 th	Long Eaton
7 th	Fenland
8 th	Allestree
9 th	Nottingham Knights Purple
10 th	Rutland Rockets
11 th	Nottingham Knights Blue

U12's Tournament

Open entry

1 st	Lincoln City Pink
2 nd	Cliftonettes
3 rd	Allestree
4 th	Futureprint
5 th	Long Eaton Typhons
6 th	Horncastle
7 th	Market Harborough
8 th	Northants JMs
9 th	Rutland
10 th	Lincoln City Purple
11 th	Long Eaton Ravens

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Competition TSG Balance Sheet

September 1st 2014 – 26th May 2015

EVENT	INCOME	Actual	EXPENDITURE	Actual	
Schools Tournament	Entry Fees x 30	1,200.00	Venue Hire	120.00	
			Umpire expenses	387.60	
			First Aid	152.50	
			Trophies	257.20	
			Host expenses	25.39	
		1,200.00		942.69	257.31
U14 Tournament	Entry Fees x 10	0.00	Venue Hire	501.50	
	Deposits	250.00	Umpire expenses	210.80	
			Host expenses	54.80	
			First Aid	351.00	
			Trophies	81.40	
			Deposits	250.00	
		250.00		1,449.50	1,199.50
U16 Competition	Entry Fees x 10	1,500.00	Venue hire	1,287.00	
			Umpire expenses	272.40	
			Host Expenses	84.40	
			Trophies	69.40	
		1,500.00		1,713.20	-213.20
Regional League	Entry Fees x 24	960.00	Prize money	150.00	
	Umpires x 8	1,200.00	Trophies	39.00	
	Pooled Fares	592.00	Pooled Fares	592.00	
	Deposits	480.00	Deposits	480.00	
	Court fees	9,490.00	Venue hire	8,382.47	
			Umpire expenses	1,054.04	
			Admin expenses	0.00	
Play offs			Venue hire	495.00	
			Umpire expenses	172.80	
			Host expenses	86.80	
		12,722.00		11,452.11	1,269.89
Qualifying Tournament	Entry Fees x 10	400.00	Venue Hire	693.00	
	Deposits	200.00	Host expenses	20.00	
			Deposits	200.00	
		600.00		963.00	-313.00
Clubs High Fives & U12s	Entry Fees x 16	550.00	Venue Hire	175.00	
	Deposits	550.00	Host expenses	20.00	
			First Aid	0.00	
			Deposits	550.00	
			Medals & Trophies	144.50	
		1,100.00		889.50	210.50
Schools High 5's	Entry Fees x 10	225.00	Venue Hire	200.00	
			Host Expenses	20.00	
			Admin	20.00	
			First Aid	166.32	
			Trophies & Medals	64.00	
		225.00		470.32	-250.32
		17,173.72		17,880.32	-706.60

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Miscellaneous			Paddles	75.00	
			Picture frames	55.00	
			Sports Bands	84.24	
				214.24	

Carol Spencer
Chair of Competition TSG