**East Midlands Netball**

**Technical Support Group Reports**

**2013-2014**



**Competition TSG**

**Report loosely covers the period 1st June 2013 - 31st May 2014**

## **Members of the Group**

Chair Carol Spencer

County Reps Derbyshire- Caroline Richards

Leicestershire- Kathy Stripp

Lincolnshire- Lizzie Saywell

Northamptonshire- Yvonne Blunt

Nottinghamshire- Liz Lorrimer

Regional League Lynn Moore

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 governance re-structure, the umpire representative has been absorbed by the Officiating TSG but regular contact is made with Heather Gleadall via email, phone and Regional Operational Group meetings (meeting of all TSG Chairs).

We meet to plan all aspects of forthcoming events including rules and regulations, procedures and protocols, budgets, eligibility, allocation of events and event management - to name just a few.

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.

The introduction of division 3 into the Regional League is a direct result of feedback from clubs. The new division will play most if its matches at the central venue alongside the division 1 and 2 matches with the remaining games being played on a home/away basis. These are exciting times and it is good to offer opportunities to even more players and umpires. The divisions next season will look like this

Division 1 Division 2 Division 3

Bluetits Brigg 1 Boots

Charnwood Falcons Bridgford

Hinckley Hurricanes Grasshoppers Brigg 2

Leapoole Loughborough University Hinchliffe

Lincoln City 1 Sleaford Barge 1 Lincoln City 2

Nottingham Knights Pennine Northants JMs

Nottingham City 1 Ripley Nottingham City 2

Southgate TFC Too Sleaford Barge 2

**Opportunities**

There are regional competition opportunities available at every level, some are open entry and some where clubs need to qualify through a county competition.

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 final 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 Clubs High 5

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 final in May.

U16s's- The top two from each county qualify for the regional finals which are held indoors on two Sundays March/April. The top two from the regional finals go forward to the national final in May

National U19s- To be re-introduced into the calendar next year and will be organised by England Netball. This will be an open entry competition, directly into a National Tournament which will be held in July of each year

Regional League Qualifying Tournament- The top two teams from each county will now 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 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

Masters Tournament- Being introduced and organised by England Netball next season. Open to teams with players over 40. Small clubs may combine for the day. It will be open entry directly into a national tournament which will include accommodation and evening entertainment!

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 Sir David Wallace 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 regions counties have different half terms.

The competition calendar is attached so please check with your County Secretary, the East Midlands website or myself (carolspencer2@btinternet.com) for details of entry into any of the above competitions.

The number of teams in the clubs Hi 5s 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 queuing 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 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.

# Competition Results 2012-2013 season - Events held last season after last year's AGM

**Qualifying Tournament 2013** Open to the top 2 teams from each county

(to find the 3 teams to join and the teams finishing 7th and 8th in R/L division 2

division 2 of the Regional League

2013-2014) 1st Southgate

2nd TFC Too

3rd Grasshoppers 4th Boots

5th Lincoln City 2

6th Nottingham City Comets

7th          Hinchliffe Hydraulics

8th Knighton

**Schools High 5 2013** 1st Harpur Hill

2nd Dale Community

3rd St Gilberts

4th Salterford House

5th Barnby Road

6th Chuter Ede

7th Good Shepherd

Carol Spencer

Competition TSG Chair

# Competition Results 2013-2014 season

**U14 Schools Tournament 2014** 1st Loughborough High

2nd Uppingham

3rd West Bridgford

4th Quinton House

5th Nottingham Girls High School

6th Stamford High

7th Oundle

8th Boston High

9th Ecclesbourne

10th Littleover

**National Schools U14 Finals**

(Top two qualifiers from each Region)

Loughborough finished 5th=/18, Uppingham finished 15th=/18

**U16 Schools Tournament 2014** 1st Repton

2nd Oundle

3rd Trent

4th Loughborough High School

5th Nottingham Girls High School

6th Lincoln School of S & T

7th Uppingham

8th Campion

9th Queen Elizabeth Grammar School

10th West Bridgford Grammar School

**National Schools U16 Finals**

(Top two qualifiers from each Region)

Repton finished 15th=/18, Oundle finished 15th=/18

**U19 Schools Tournament 2014** 1st Nottingham Girls High School

2nd Northampton High School

3rd Bilborough

4th Oundle

5th Stamford Priory Academy

6th Loughborough High School

7th Trent College

8th Repton

9th The Deepings

10th Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth

**National Schools U19 Finals**

(Top two qualifiers from each Region)

NGHS finished 15th=/18, NHS finished 17th=/18

**U14 Clubs Tournament 2104** 1st Futureprint

2nd Northants JMs

3rd Cliftonettes

4th Brigg

5th Allestree Swifts

6th Charnwood

7th Fenland

8th Alletree Ospreys

9th Kimberley

10th Rutland Rockets

**National Finals**

(Top 2 qualifiers from each region)

Futureprint finished 15th/18, Northants JMs finished 16th/18

**U16 Competition 2104**  1st Charnwood Sapphires

2nd Brigg

3rd Sleaford Barge

4th Ripley

5th Cliftonettes Jade

6th Rutland Rockets

7th Northants JMs

8th Futureprint

9th Pennine

10th Cliftonettes Gold

(Top 2 teams from each region)

Brigg finished 12th/18

Charnwood finished 18th/18

**Regional League 2013-14** Division 1 Division 2

1st Nottingham City 1st Southgate

2nd Hinckley Hurricanes 2nd Sleaford Barge

3rd Leapoole 3rd Lincoln City

4th Nottingham Knights 4th Grasshoppers

5th Bluetits 5th TFC Too

6th Falcons 6th Brigg

7th Charnwood 7th Iceni

8th Pennine 8th Northants JMs

Southgate - automatic promotion to Div 1

Pennine – automatic relegation to Div 2

Iceni and Northants JMs - automatic relegation to the

Qualifying Tournament

**Regional League Play offs 2014** 6th & 7th from Div 1 and 2nd & 3rd from Div 2 contested

the Regional Playoffs

1st Charnwood placed in Div 1

2nd Lincoln City placed in Div 1

3rd Sleaford Barge placed in Div 2

4th Falcons placed in Div 2

**National Play offs** (to find 3 teams to join Premier League Div 3

(Winner from each region and bottom 3 from Div 3)

Nottingham City finished 4th in their section

**Qualifying Tournament 2014** Open entry for 2014 only - to maintain 8 teams in Div 2

and also form division 3

Division 2 Ripley

Loughborough University

Division 3 Northants JMs

Boots Linear

Lincoln City

Nottingham City 2

Bridgford

Brigg 2

Sleaford Barge 2

Hinchcliff

**Clubs High 5’s 2014** 1st    Allestree Kestrels

2nd   Charnwood Sapphires

3rd    Allestree Hawks

4th    Futureprint

5th    Rutland Rockets

6th    Cliftonettes

7th Corby

8th Horncastle Belles

**12’s Tournament 2014**   1st    Allestree

2nd   Northants JMs

3rd    Cliftonettes

4th   Duston

5th    Market Harborough

6th    Rutland Rockets 1

7th    Charnwood Sapphires

8th    Corby

9th    Long Eaton

10th Rutland Rockets 2

11th Futureprint

12th Ripley Lightning

13th Ripley Thunder

**Schools High 5's**

To be held in Derby on 21st June 2014

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| Version 4 20th May 2014 | CompVenue | REGIONAL EVENTS2014-2015 | **NATIONAL EVENTS**  **2014-2015** | **Closing date for**  **entry to**  **Nationals Finals** |
| Sept 6 |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  | Prem 1 |  |
| 13 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 14 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 20 |  |  | AGM Goalden Globes |  |
| 21 |  |  |  |  |
| 27 |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | SDW | Regional League wk 1 | Prem 2 |  |
| Oct 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | NC | Regional League wk 2 | Prem 3 |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | SDW | Regional League wk 3 | Prem 4 |  |
| 18 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 19 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 25 |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | SDW | Regional League wk 4 | Prem 5 |  |
| Nov 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | SDW | Regional League wk 5 | Prem 6 |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | SDW | Regional League wk 6 | Prem 7 |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | SDW | Regional League wk 7 | Prem 8 |  |
| 22 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 23 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 29 |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | SDW | Regional League wk 8 | Prem 9 |  |
| Dec 6 |  |  | NPL Opener |  |
| 7 |  |  | NPL Opener |  |
| 13 |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |  |  | Prem 10 |  |
| 20 |  | CHRISTMAS | National Academy |  |
| 21 |  | CHRISTMAS | National Academy |  |
| 27 |  | CHRISTMAS |  |  |
| 28 |  | CHRISTMAS |  |  |
| Jan 3 |  |  | National Academy - Tri Region |  |
| 4 |  |  | National Academy - Tri Region |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | NC | Regional League wk 9 | Prem 11 |  |
| 17 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 18 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 24 |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | NC | Regional League wk 10 | Prem 12 |  |
| 31 | Leics | Regional Schools | NSL |  |
| Feb 1 | NC | Regional League wk 11 | Prem 13 |  |
| 7 |  |  | NSL |  |
| 8 | SDW | Regional League wk 12 | Prem 14 |  |
| 14 |  |  | NSL |  |
| 15 | SDW | Regional League wk 13 | Prem 15 |  |
| 21 |  |  | National Academy NSL |  |
| 22 |  |  | National Academy |  |
| 28 | Leics | Regional Schools Reserve date | NSL |  |
| Mar 1 | SDW | Regional League wk 14 | Prem 16 |  |
| 7 |  |  | NSL |  |
| 8 | Derbys | U4 Tournament | Prem 17 |  |
| 14 |  |  | National Schools Finals NSL |  |
| 15 | SDW | Regional U16 wk 1 | Prem Reserve |  |
| 21 |  |  | NSL NE U17 |  |
| 22 | Leics | U14 reserve date R/L Reserve date | NSL Prem 18 NE U17 |  |
| 28 |  |  | National Screening NSL |  |
| 29 | SDW | Regional U16 wk 2 | Prem Reserve |  |
| Apr 4 |  | EASTER | NSL NPL Closer |  |
| 5 |  | EASTER | NPL Closer |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | tbc | U16 reserve date R/L Reserve date | Prem Reserve | U16 |
| 18 |  |  | NSL |  |
| 19 | SDW | Regional League Play offs | NSL | Open |
| 25 |  |  | NSL NE U19 (Sc) |  |
| 26 |  |  | NE U19 (Sc) |  |
| May 2 |  |  | National U16 Finals |  |
| 3 |  |  | National U16 Finals | U14s |
| 9 |  |  | Prem Play offs |  |
| 10 | Lincs | Regional Clubs U12s and Hi 5's | Prem Play offs |  |
| 16 |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | N'Hants | R/L Qualifying Tournament |  |  |
| 23 |  |  | National U14 Finals NE Open (NNI) |  |
| 24 |  |  | National U14 Finals NE Open (NNI) |  |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Lincs | Reserve U12 & Hi 5's |  |  |
| June 6 |  |  | Marion Smith |  |
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| 14 |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Leics | Schools Hi 5's |  |  |
| 27 |  |  | National Masters |  |
| 28 |  |  | National Masters |  |
| July 4 |  |  |  |  |
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| **Competition TSG** | | |  |  |  |  | **Sept 1st 2013 - 26th May 2014** | | |  |
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| **EVENT** |  |  | **INCOME** | **Actual** |  |  | **EXPENDITURE** | **Actual** |  |  |
| **Schools Tournament** | | | Entry Fees x 30 | 1,200.00 |  |  | Venue Hire | 99.20 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Umpire expenses | 451.80 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | First Aid | 253.44 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Trophies | 256.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Host expenses | 61.84 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **1,200.00** |  |  |  | **1,122.28** |  |  |
| **U14 Tournament** | |  | Entry Fees x 10 | 400.00 |  |  | Venue Hire | 208.95 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Deposits | 250.00 |  |  | Umpire expenses | 159.44 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Host expenses | 34.82 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | First Aid | 0.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Trophies | 80.50 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Deposits | 250.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **650.00** |  |  |  | **733.71** |  |  |
| **UU16 Competition** | |  | Entry Fees x 10 | 1,500.00 |  |  | Venue hire | 1,224.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Umpire expenses | 476.40 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Host Expenses | 37.20 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Trophies | 47.50 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **1,500.00** |  |  |  | **1,785.10** |  |  |
| **Regional League** | |  | Entry Fees x 16 | 640.00 |  |  | Prize money | 100.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Umpires x 8 | 1,200.00 |  |  | Trophies | 29.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Pooled Fares | 592.00 |  |  | Pooled Fares | 592.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Deposits | 480.00 |  |  | Deposits | 480.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Court fees | 6,987.50 |  |  | Venue hire | 6,216.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Umpire expenses | 858.40 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Refund umpire fees | 320.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Admin expenses | 0.00 |  |  |
| **Play offs** |  |  |  |  |  |  | Venue hire | 288.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Umpire expenses | 130.80 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Host expenses | 37.20 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **9,899.50** |  |  |  | **9,051.40** |  |  |
| **Qualifying Tournament** | | | Entry Fees x 10 |  |  |  | Venue Hire |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Deposits |  |  |  | Host expenses |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Deposits |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **0.00** |  |  |  | **0.00** |  |  |
| **Clubs High Fives & U12s** | | | Entry Fees x 21 | 525.00 |  |  | Venue Hire | 206.25 |  |  |
|  |  |  | Deposits | 525.00 |  |  | Host expenses | 23.34 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | First Aid | 135.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Deposits | 525.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Medals & Trophies | 144.50 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **1,050.00** |  |  |  | **1,034.09** |  |  |
| **Schools High 5's** | |  | Entry Fees x 10 |  |  |  | Venue Hire |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Host Expenses |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | First Aid |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Trophies & Medals | 64.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **64.00** |  |  |

Excess of income over expenditure as at 26th May is £450. Please note all invoices and income for period 1st Sept - 31st August 2014 have not yet been submitted or received yet

**Officiating TSG**

**Members of the Group**

Chair Heather Gleadall

Regional Umpiring Secretary (RUS) Jo Stephenson

County Reps Derbyshire- Donna Beckett

Leicestershire- Claire Ludden-Vincent

Lincolnshire- Robyn Rodgers

Northamptonshire- Debbie Edwards

Nottinghamshire- Pam Weatherby

The first meeting of this new TSG took place on 5th February 2014. This was an induction meeting for all members of the TSG and all members present signed Codes of Conduct. Only four counties were represented at this first meeting and then Debbie Edwards later came on board from Northamptonshire. It was an exciting first meeting with everyone agreeing that future meetings would give us a good forum to discuss each county’s issues and best practices and to work out how this TSG can best serve the East Midlands and its umpires and bench officials.

The second meeting was held on 17th March 2014. This meeting was much more involved. As a result of discussion between all five county reps and the RUS, it is now planned to hold a workshop on 29th June 2014. England Netball wanted some regions to trial the new bench officials paperwork and we volunteered to do this in the East Midlands. The workshop will be open to anyone who would like to attend but is specifically aimed at bench officials who work at all divisions in regional league, NPL matches and NSL matches.

This TSG will ensure that all officials will be kept up to date with any changes made by England Netball. This will be done through the county reps and they will then deliver the information back to each county.

The TSG will work closely with the Competitions TSG to allocate umpires to many of the competitions in the region. This will ensure the quality of umpires on our competitions, and that the mentoring programme already in existence in the region continues to flourish.

This season the region produced five new B Award umpires and 13 umpires passed the A & B Written Assessment. This is really good news for our region and also for England Netball. We are working to build on the number of C Award umpires in the region, as the changes in the officiating structure last season did affect the number of C Award courses and assessments in the counties.

The TSG will also work closely with the Regional Office keeping it up to date with all officiating news.

There are so many opportunities for umpires and bench officials in our region and we want to ensure that everyone who wants to be involved, whether at county level or regional level, gets the opportunity.

Heather Gleadall

Officiating TSG Chair

**Performance TSG**

This new TSG has been in operation since December 2013 and much of the time has been spent inducting new members; getting to know the background of Performance in the East Midlands region and prioritising areas of work in line with the Regional Plan to move forwards.

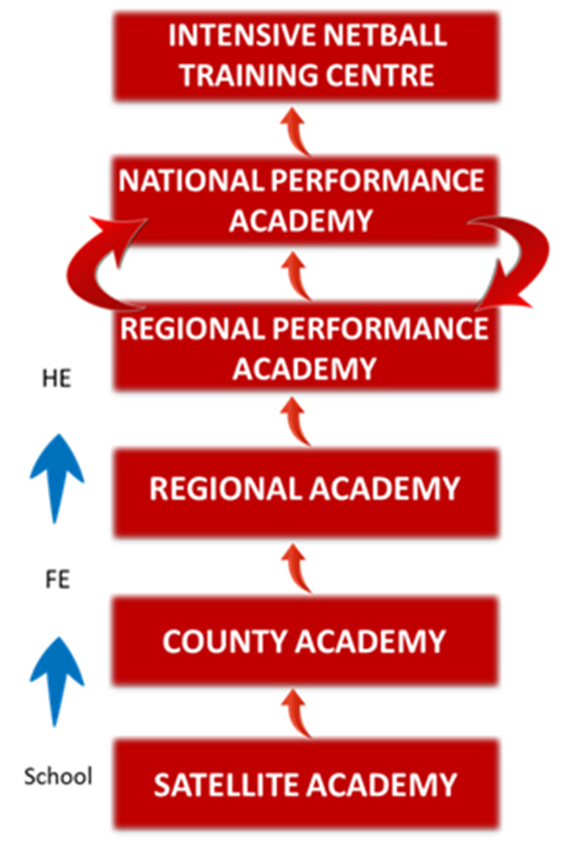
In summary, my findings over the last six months are:

* New England Netball player pathway fully delivered in the region and all five counties. All KPI's for year one have been achieved.
* Areas for development in the Regional Academy were identified by National Performance Pathway Manager which were generally in relation to the support services rather than netball specific.
* New Performance TSG was implemented successfully with a range of expertise within netball but also from outside the sport.
* Unfortunately Rosie Port decided to resign from her England Netball post as the East Midlands Performance Pathway Coach.
* Shortly after this Val Kindred decided to step down from her voluntary position on the Performance TSG as the Performance Pathway Coordinator.
* It is important that both Rosie and Val are recognised for their outstanding commitment to the development of the Performance Pathway over a number of years within the East Midlands and I am sure that everyone involved in the region would like to thank them for all that they have done for netball in the East Midlands.
* Excitingly England Netball have been able to appoint Sam Brightman as the new Performance Pathway Coach and we have appointed Lyn Winkworth as the new Performance Pathway Coordinator. They will both bring a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to East Midlands Netball and I am sure everyone will welcome them in the positive manner that I received just a few months ago.
* Exciting projects await us with the Performance TSG and Loughborough Lightning working closely together to try and continue to develop performance netball in the region. We have also started to engage with Loughborough College to support regional activity in relation to support services to ensure holistic development of our athletes.
* We have recently had our County Plan for all five Counties accepted which includes

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|  | County Academies | Satellite Academies |
| Derbyshire | 1 | 2 |
| Leicestershire | 1 | 1 |
| Lincolnshire | 2 | 2 |
| Northants | 2 | 2 |
| Notts | 1 | 2 |

* I have been accepted onto the England Netball National High Performance Advisory Group
* Bev Burnham has started to engage with all County Head Scouts to disseminate national objectives in relation to Talent ID. This will help the region and counties to identify the right individuals to be on the Performance Pathway.

Congratulations to all athletes who have participated in the Performance Pathway this year:



**Derbyshire Leicestershire Lincolnshire**

Freya Wood Olivia Gilchrist Hannah Tiller

Amber Hancock Oriana Simmonds Poppy Douglas

Harriet Haswell

**Northamptonshire** Anne Sharpe

Maddie Munro-Hall Carla Baker

**Derbyshire**

Megan Wildman

Brittany Coleman

Tamikah Campbell

Zoe Matthews

Cherese Naylor

Cara Adams

**Leicestershire**

Adelaide Muskwe

**Lincolnshire**

Pollyanna Seamer

Rosie Tate

Jade Potter

**Northamptonshire**

Jaydene Robinson

Sasha Atlas

**Nottinghamshire**

Iman Thomas

Isobel Beighton

**National Academy**

Tamikah Campbell

Jaydene Robinson

**Potential Group**

Iman Thomas

Brittany Coleman

Adelaide Muskwe

* Thanks go to all the coaches, administrators, officials and other volunteers who have contributed to the Performance Programme supporting athletes at all levels.

Gareth Weaver-Tyler

Performance TSG Chair

**Recognition and Profile TSG**

I would like to begin this report with a bit of an introduction, as you may be aware the Recognition and Profile TSG was chaired by Peter Dickenson up until March 2014. I was officially announced as the new chair soon after this. Peter did an exceptional amount of work raising the recognition pathways of netball within the region so for me I have some large shoes to fill, but I look forward to the challenge with the first aspect of this being the 2014 Goalden Globe Awards on the 22nd June.

My priorities over the next few months will be to focus on delivery of the annual Goalden Globe Awards and to assist in any way I can with raising profiling of netball within the East Midlands. This will include match reports; advertisements and other various forms of raising the profile of the sport of netball.

**Match Reporting in 2014**

On the subject of match reports, Peter was very keen in keeping that responsibility of the group. So if you would like to submit a match report the contact is [emnrecoprofile@gmail.com](mailto:emnrecoprofile@gmail.com). You can access a template for match reporting from <http://www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk/newspaper-submissions.html>.

The key to effective match reporting is the submission date; usually reports need to be received very soon after a game (by Monday night if the game has been played on Sunday) so that they can be turned around before the newspapers deadline (usually Tuesday lunchtime) and also that submissions come in on a regular basis. By showing we could do this, the East Midlands Netball community made a number of significant recognition and profile breakthroughs over the past few years with match reporting. Hopefully this success can continue in the near future.

**Yearly Goalden Globe Event (2014)**

Once per annum the Radisson Blu hosts the East Midlands Netball Goalden Globe Awards allowing the celebration and recognition of all volunteers to be recognised. Winners of the regional awards will also go on to the National Awards in September. The regional Goalden Globe awards of 2013 proved to be a great success…so much so that the format of the event changed to a more formal presentation setting. Due to the success and overall positive feedback of last year’s event the budget to deliver this year has also increased. The Recognition and Profile TSG is currently looking at ways we can add extra value to the event on the day so stay tuned for updates on this. Tickets are still available for the Goalden Globe Event on the 22nd June from [eastmidlands@englandnetball.com](mailto:eastmidlands@englandnetball.com) and are priced at £20pp.

**Publicity of East Midlands Netball shows improvements**

The overall publicity of netball has improved over the last year with weekly NSL games featuring on Sky Sports and also interviews with players and staff featured on Sky Sports News, BBC Breakfast and Radio 5 to name a few. The social media side of things has also had a revamp, a much more focused social media policy is now in place, this has seen a new Facebook page-generating daily likes and currently over 950 netball fans follow our Twitter page. Posting of live match reports and updates on general proceedings within the region have helped with increasing interest in social media streams.

**Thin on Members**

****The Recognition and Profile TSG is looking for volunteers to assist with increasing awareness of netball within the East Midlands. This could include tasks such as photography, video editing, match reports, sponsorship avenues and events staffing. If you would be interested in assisting the Recognition and Profile TSG please speak directly to your County Chair or to me at [MarkElliott1502@gmail.com](mailto:MarkElliott1502@gmail.com)

Mark Elliott

Recognition and Profile TSG Chair

**Volunteer and Club Development TSG**

This TSG is one of the newest TSGs to be formed under the East Midland Netball’s governance structure and first met in February 2014. The group’s purpose is “to facilitate the development of volunteers and clubs, irrespective of their levels of ability”.

To meet that purpose or remit the roles of the group are:

• To support the promotion of England Netball programmes; development projects and pilots within the region (i.e. Back to Netball; School Club Links etc.)

• To communicate with county and regional TSGs to ascertain areas for development

• To organise forums and workshops to assist clubs with self development

• To guide and support clubs wishing to realise Performance status

• To help promote all levels of netball within the region

• Contribute to the regional calendar

The group is made up of the Chair, a representative from each county and the Regional Coordinator and meets 6 times a year. We are fortunate that the group has members who have various skills, experience and valuable contributions to make. Representatives include:

Derbyshire- Oli Hooper

Leicestershire- Jenny Smith

Lincolnshire- Mandy Hall

Nottinghamshire- Anne Henderson and Pauline Shipman

Unfortunately as yet, there isn’t a rep from Northamptonshire, so all communication from the TSG goes to the County Chair.

The group has quickly established a rapport and appreciation of each others’ input and all have made worthwhile contributions. Several issues relating to Volunteer and Club Development have been raised and preliminary discussions have taken place. Issues such as CAPS Accreditation and incentives for clubs are so important that the group feels that this should have a meeting solely devoted to it. Other topics such as the Goalden Globes (how to increase nominations and share good practice of the different processes adopted in the different counties) the Regional B2N Tournament (where does it sit) and also how the group can work with the Netball Development Officers (NDOs) have also been touched upon and require further in depth consideration.

Much of the work assigned to the Volunteer and Club Development TSG complements the work of the NDOs and the Netball Development Community Coach (NDCC). It is important that the TSG liaises and communicates with all of the staff and it is envisaged that from time to time an NDO or the NDCC will be invited to attend a meeting of the group to maintain this contact.

One of the first tasks of the TSG is the Regional B2N Tournament on 28th June at the Netball Centre, Loughborough University. The Regional Coordinator has already organised much of the background work to this. Most members of the TSG are available on the day and jobs are being shared out amongst the volunteers and staff. We are relying on the NDOs and NDCC to nominate teams to enter the tournament which is 2 per county plus one team from each area of the NDCC’s B2N programmes – 12 in total. Officiating reps for each county have been requested to nominate 2 umpires to officiate on the day.

Mary Yardley

Volunteer and Club Development TSG Chair