



IAPS U13 Netball QUALIFIER

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WELCOME FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Players, Coaches, Teachers and Supporters,

Please may I extend a warm welcome to Sedbergh School for this exciting IAPS Netball Tournament. We are thrilled to host this competition and look forward to seeing the talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship that this competition will showcase.

The Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) has long been at the forefront of fostering excellence in education and sport, representing some of the most dedicated and dynamic schools across the country. The IAPS sports programme is renowned for encouraging young athletes to compete at the highest levels while instilling values of fair play, respect and camaraderie. Today's tournament exemplifies those principles, and we are proud to be part of such a prestigious sporting tradition.

Sedbergh School, with its long-standing heritage of sporting excellence, is delighted to provide the setting for this memorable event. Our facilities are designed to support both high-level competition and the enjoyment of sport, and we hope they serve as an inspiring backdrop for today's matches.

As the day unfolds, we encourage everyone to cheer loudly, compete positively, and, above all, enjoy the experience. Whether you are stepping onto the court or cheering from the sidelines, your enthusiasm and energy are what make events like these truly special.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the coaches, teachers and supporters who have helped prepare the teams for today, and to the officials and staff who ensure the tournament runs smoothly. Your dedication and hard work are deeply appreciated.

Best of luck to all the teams competing. May this tournament be an opportunity to celebrate your skills, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

With warmest wishes,

Kate Martin, Head, Sedbergh Preparatory School

WELCOME FROM IAPS

First and foremost, sport is about participation and enjoyment. It plays a vital role in children's personal development, helping them build confidence, resilience and teamwork skills. IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools) is proud to host over 22,000 children in 190 events across 21 sports each year as part of the IAPS Sport and Pupil Experience programme.

Your Headteacher is a member of IAPS, giving your school access not only to these extracurricular opportunities, but also to professional development, training, advice, events, services, and peer networks that support the whole school community. Your school's membership reflects the all-round quality of education that its pupils receive.

Whether this is your first IAPS event or one of many, we hope you enjoy the competition and good luck!

IAPS Sport and Pupil Experience





SAFEGUARDING

IAPS believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children (young people under the age of 18) and adults at risk attending an IAPS event is of the highest concern. All such persons have the right to safety and protection and any suspicions, concerns or allegations of harm will be taken seriously and will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

IAPS expects all adults who are engaged with the delivery of sports events to fully comply with safeguarding procedures as laid out in the IAPS Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, and the KCSiE September 2023 document (these are available on our website: sport.iaps.uk/safeguarding).

IAPS expects all coaches present to be DBS checked and have received relevant safeguarding training at their school/club.

IAPS expects that all adults attending events have read the IAPS code of conduct, photo policy & anti bullying policy. These are available to read and download from our website here: sport.iaps.uk/safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns today, please don't hesitate to speak to Emily Connell or a member of the organising team.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

Where permitted, we are delighted to welcome spectators to attend IAPS events.

As a **spectator/parent** at an IAPS sports event, you have a responsibility to:

1. Be a positive role model and lead by example. Children are involved in sport for their enjoyment and without undue spectator pressure.
2. Encourage children to play by the rules and respect the officials.
3. Always respect the officials and their decisions. Video evidence will not be accepted in any cases to dispute decisions.
4. Always respect the coaches and their decisions. They give their time, energy and experience to coach the children.
5. Refrain from any form of bad language or poor behaviour towards players, officials and fellow spectators.
6. Be friendly and respectful to the opposition.
7. Teach children that effort and teamwork are as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
8. Turn defeat into victory by helping children work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude.
9. Be aware that IAPS events have comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures, available on our website:
<https://iaps.uk/sports/useful-information/documents-links.html>
10. Try to relax and enjoy the event!

IAPS wants all competitions to run without any negative incidents. Excitement and emotions can run high at events, not least amongst the supporters. Unpleasant and inappropriate behaviour is very rarely seen but you should be aware that **IAPS retains the right to ask you to leave the event if you fail to comply with the code of conduct.**



EVENT INFORMATION

Parking

Parking for minibuses and spectators will be in School House Yard or Sedgwick House Yard on Busk Lane. There will be signs on the day directing visitors to these parking areas, but both are just a short walk from the Hirst Centre which is also situated on Busk Lane.

Late arrivals

The tournament schedule cannot allow for late arrivals. Any schools arriving late will forego points for that game and points will be awarded to the opposing team.

Tournament schedule

Teams should arrive from **12.30pm noon** at the Hirst Centre, Busk Lane, Sedbergh, LA10 5AD. Map coordinates: 54.320006022828245, -2.5309420590715.

What3words: glows.relax.hinders

Team managers should meet at **13.00pm** for a short briefing.

The tournament will start at **13.30pm** and finish at **4.00pm**

Umpires

Each team should bring a confident and competent umpire. Teams will use their own umpire to officiate their matches.

Qualification process

The tournament will be run as a round robin. The winning school (of the round robin) will qualify for National Finals to be held at Rugby School Sports Centre, CV22 5DJ on 13th March 2025.

There will be no final or semi-final as such.

The tournament will be played under England Netball Rules.



First aid

Medical cover will be provided by Sedbergh School, but schools are asked to bring their own First Aid kit for minor injuries or ailments.

Changing facilities

Separate facilities are available for competitors and adults / spectators on the ground floor of the Hirst Centre.

Refreshments

Schools will be expected to bring their own packed lunches, but tea/ coffee and snacks will be available for spectators throughout the tournament.

Packed teas will also be provided for teams that have requested them on departure.

MERCHANDISE

IAPS are delighted to have Team Elite as our official merchandisers, to sell branded products both online and at events throughout the year, All commission made from merchandise is directly put back into running the sports programme.



RESULTS

Results for team events will be published live using SOCS. Results for individual sports will not be available live but will be published as soon as possible after the event.



PHOTOGRAPHY ADVICE

There is no professional photography at IAPS Sports events, however parents and spectators can take their own pictures. There is no law against taking photos at public events for personal use, including pictures of other people's children (Ask the Police, 2018). IAPS asks parents and spectators to be cautious when sharing any images on social media.

The NSPCC have useful advice on sharing images here: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/>

SPORT TAPE

IAPS has partnered with SPORTTAPE to offer all participants an exclusive 10% discount on SPORTTAPE products.

To receive your discount:

- 1) Use our affiliate link: <https://ctrk.klclick.com//01K8NTAGXF6B56W0AG0XR1DXFR2>
- 2) Enter the code STIAPS10 at checkout.

You may also visit the SPORTTAPE website directly — simply enter the code STIAPS10 at checkout to receive your discount.



LIST OF SCHOOLS

POOL MATCHES

- This qualifier consists of 4 teams playing a round robin.
- Matches will be 13 minutes each way. 4 minutes half time and 15 minutes between games.

	Round Robin
1	Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School
2	Aysgarth
3	Chapter House - Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate
4	Mowden Hall School



TIMETABLE/SCHEDULE

	Court 1	Court 2
13.30	1 v 2	3 v 4
14.15	1 v 3	2 v 4
15.00	1 v 4	2 v 3
15.45	Presentation	



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Matches will be centrally timed and will be 13 minutes each way. 4 minutes half time and 15 minutes between games.

Matches will be umpired by each school, but all schools have undertaken to provide or employ a confident and competent umpire to ensure fair and high-quality umpiring throughout the tournament.

Teams should toss and decide first centre pass prior to the start of play.

All teams should provide a change of bibs in case of a clash.

The winner, progressing through to the next round will be determined purely from the round robin. There will be no finals.

SCORING

- 5 points – win
- 3 points – draw
- 1 point for scoring 50% or more of the winning team's score

TIES

The group order will be decided by the number of points scored by each team.

In the event of a tie on points the following will decide final placings:

- Goal difference
- Total goals scored
- Result between the two teams

The following rules have been introduced to ensure the tournaments remain smooth with minimum delay.

1. Request for Tactical Change

Each team can request one tactical change per game from the umpire.

2. Types of Tactical Changes

Tactical changes can include:

Swapping an on-court player with a substitute player.

Changing players' playing positions.

3. Procedure for Requesting Tactical Changes

Teachers/coaches are situated on the goal line near their defence at the start of play.

This positioning allows the teacher/coach to communicate with their GK/GS and ask them to inform the umpire about the desired tactical change.

The umpire must be informed of any request for tactical changes before the C-Pass.

Changes can only be made before a C-Pass.

Changes must be quick. Please ensure any substitutions have their bibs on ready to take the court

4. Umpire's Guidance and oversight

An umpire can refuse a tactical change if:

The changes are considered frivolous.

The request is made at a time that would disrupt or delay play.



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COURSES

"My Daughter has just got home from the Netball course and I wanted to say thank you to you and your team - she has had such a fantastic time!"

We are offering 10% discount on our residential Netball course

Use code **NETBALL10** at time of booking
(code valid until 28 February)

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