IAPS Netball Championships

Bookings are now closed.

Please email sport@iaps.uk to enquire about spaces or to be added to a waiting list.

Entering the competition

Booking onto an event:

- All bookings are made online via the IAPS website.
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.
- If your chosen location is fully booked, please join the waiting list. Should space become available, we will contact you to offer you the space. There is no guarantee we can find schools an event to attend.

Eligibility:

- All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
- Competitors ages are taken from 1st September.
- Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part. Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
- Pupils **can only participate in one age group** throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
- All schools must bring first aid and additional first aid might be provided.

Terms & conditions:

- Please make sure to read our booking terms and conditions before booking onto an event.

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Championship format

Teams

- Teams across all age groups must consist of girls only for the 2026-27 season, in accordance with IAPS competition eligibility regulations.

	U11 Netball	U11 Bee Netball	U12 and U13 Netball
Squad	7-a-side Min 7, max 10	5-a-side Min 7, max 9 *Please note that squads must have a minimum of 7 players.	7-a-side Min 7, max 10
Rules		Bee netball, stinger stage rules. Pass within 4 seconds, no WA or WD.	
Equipment	10ft post, size 5 ball	9ft post, size 4 ball	10ft post, size 5 ball

U11 & U13 qualifiers

- Schools **must enter a qualifier** to qualify for the finals.
- IAPS will create the draw and share it with the organiser.
- The programme and event day information will be sent to schools approximately two weeks before the event.
- Schools must provide a **competent** and confident **umpire**, unless otherwise advised.
- We expect all umpires to read the umpiring expectation document before attending an IAPS competition.
- Schools will be asked to provide competitor details before attending the qualifier.

U11 & U13 qualifying for the finals

- The number of teams qualifying for the finals is determined by IAPS based on the total number of entries and qualifying events.
- IAPS will publish a list confirming how many schools qualify from each qualifier.

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U12 championships

- The U12 tournament is a one-day tournament.

U11 & U13 finals

- As many neutral umpires as possible will be provided
- Schools are expected to provide an umpire for the finals if required

Medals and certificates

Qualifiers

- 1st – 3rd place in the cup and plate competition will receive a medal
- 1st- 3rd place in the bowl competition will receive a badge

Finals

- 1st – 3rd place in the cup, plate and bowl will receive a medal.

Duration of matches

- Length of the play is determined by IAPS. It varies between each tournament to make sure competitors do not exceed the maximum playing time.

Competition rules

Rules and regulations

- The national governing body (NGB) for netball in England is England Netball.

- The U11, U12 and U13 7-a-side netball championships follow the applicable England Netball and World Netball playing rules, with adaptations set out in this booklet.

- U11 Bee netball championships are conducted under England Netball Stage 3 (Stinger) rules, with adaptations set out in this booklet.

- England Netball do not provide age dispensation for U11 and U13 age groups in their competitions, therefore competitors should play in the correct age-group, based on their age on 1st September.

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Scoring

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

Pool stage

- 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:
    1. Goal difference*
    2. Total goals scored.
    3. Result between the two teams

*Goal difference is calculated as the number of goals scored in all league matches minus the number of goals conceded.

e.g. - Team 1 – 15 goals for – 5 goals against = +10 (this team wins)
- Team 2 – 19 goal for – 10 goals against = +9

Knockout stage

- In the event of a draw in the knockout stages, the winner will be decided by:
    1. 5 minutes of extra time.
       There will be a 2-minute interval after full time before starting the extra time.

    2. A period of "Golden Goal". The first team to score a goal wins the match. The match does not stop after the 5 minutes, but the umpires communicate loudly and clearly that the match has now moved into golden goal.

Injury and accidents

- Play may be stopped if the Umpire deems it necessary due to the injury or illness of a competitor.
- Great care should be taken in moving an injured competitor or ill competitor from the court.
- Should the Primary Care Person/Umpire feel that an injury is critical (e.g, head, neck or back) and that the injured competitor should not be moved without assistance from Medical Staff, the umpires and schools should note

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the time lost during treatment and report it to the competition organiser who will adjudicate.

U11 BEE competition rule variances

Rotations

- Click here for England Netball's rotation sheets for your use.
- You will be asked to bring a copy of your rotations on the day.
- Schools must continue to work through the rotations throughout the whole tournament. You must not restart rotations for the knockout matches.

Umpiring adaptations

- Guidance on how to umpire Bee Netball is available in the rule adaptations here.

Substitutions due to injury

- When a player is injured during a match or a blood substitution is required, the player should, where possible, be replaced by the player off court who is due to come on in that position in the next rotation.
- The players should remain in that position until the next rotation. This could be half time if the injury occurred in the first half of a match. At that time a decision is made as to whether the injured player can return to the tournament. If they are deemed fit to return, all players should return to their original place in the rotation. If they are not able to return, then the players will remain in their new rotation positions for the remainder of the tournament.
- If the player is evidently going to be fit to return to play but the injury will take longer than the rest of that game to sort, they can be rotated back in as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

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- The injured player must take part in most of the pool matches to progress through to playing the knockout matches. If the player has sat out for most the qualifying matches, they cannot return to play in the knockout matches.

Ball hitting the post

- If the ball hits the post and comes back on to the court, it comes back into play. Play on.
- If the ball hits the post and goes in the hoop, it is a goal.

Useful links & documents

- Stinger rule adaptations
- Stinger play the game
- Off court roles
- Rotation sheets
- 6 a side rotation sheet (for injury or illness on the day only)

Risk assessment

A full risk assessment is carried out by the host. If you would like a copy of the risk assessment, please contact IAPS Sport.

IAPS policies

Please make sure you have read and understand our policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. All policies and procedures can be found on our website here.