Merseyside County Schools' Association Handbook

2019/2020

Merseyside County Netball Association

Schools' Section

Committee 2019/2020

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Wirral	Miss A. Lodge	See above
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Calendar of Events 2019/2020

Saturday 9th November 2018 National Schools' Tournament, Merseyside Round

Venue: Wirral Grammar **Organiser**: A. Lodge

Saturday 11th January 2019 Wirral Schools U14, U15, U16 & U19 Tournament

Venue: Wirral Grammar **Organiser:** A. Lodge

**Please note - Wednesday 29th January 2020 is the reserve date for the Wirral Schools U14/U15/U16/U19 county qualifier and will be used in the event of bad weather.*

Saturday 25th January 2019 Regional National Schools

Venue: Merseyside **Organiser**: Estelle Graham

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 Liverpool Schools U16 & U18 County Qualifier

Venue: St Mary's College **Organiser:** Sally Townsley

**Please note - Wednesday 29th January 2020 is the reserve date for the Liverpool Schools U16/U18 county qualifier and will be used in the event of bad weather.*

Wednesday 5th February 2020 Liverpool Schools U14 & U15

Venue: Formby High School **Organiser:** Frankie Melia

**Please note - Wednesday 12th February 2020 is the reserve date for the Liverpool Schools U14/U15 county qualifier and will be used in the event of bad weather.*

Saturday 8th February 2019 Wirral Schools Tournament U12 & U13

Venue: Wirral Grammar School for Girls **Organiser:** A. Lodge

**Please note - Tuesday 11th February 2020 is the reserve date for the Wirral Schools U12/U13 county qualifier and will be used in the event of bad weather.*

Saturday 7th March Merseyside County Schools' Finals U14, U15, U16 & U19

Venue: Formby High School **Organiser:** F. Melia & S. Townsley

Tournament Regulations

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION NEXT SEASON

Entries

All entries for tournaments must be sent to the County Secretary or to any other named person at least a week prior to the event. Please post entry fees prior to the day to the treasurer or bring them on the day of the tournament

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Withdrawals: for County Tournament

Please let the tournament organiser know about any withdrawals at least 48 hours prior to the event.

All schools must provide:

The following for each team
a. A clearly marked ball
b. First aid
c. A set of bibs marked back and front. Teams without these bibs will not be allowed on court.

Umpires

ALL SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE QUALIFIED UMPIRES FOR THEIR TEAMS AT ALL TOURNAMENTS. Umpires will umpire their own teams at all tournaments. Neutral umpires will be provided where possible for semi-finals and finals. If teams are knocked out in the first rounds, they may be asked to help with umpiring in the following rounds.

Number of Umpires

Schools should provide a minimum of:

ONE QUALIFIED UMPIRE PER TWO TEAMS

These rules are included to assist the smaller schools. Those with adequate staff are asked not to take advantage of these rules and to provide as many umpires as possible.

If it is found that schools have been abusing these rules they will be withdrawn. For regional events all schools must provide one qualified umpire per team.

Teams arriving without the stated number of umpires will be disqualified.

Age Limits

Age limits are stated on the individual tournament details and must be strictly adhered to; also team lists must be provided whenever asked for. Teams not complying with these regulations risk immediate disqualification.

Substitutes

For all tournaments … each team is allowed a pool of ten players from which any combination of seven can be chosen for each match. In all tournaments the same seven players must play throughout any one match unless an accident or illness occurs, in which case:

a) A substitute is allows but must finish the match. She must not go on court without the permission of the umpire.

b) A substitute may play for a late arrival but must finish that match.

Late Arrivals

No team may start a match with less than five players on court. If a team fails to be on court with at least five players when the whistle is blown, the opposing team has the right to claim the match. LATE ARRIVALS MAY ONLY JOIN A MATCH AFTER A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE UMPIRE. They may play in the vacant position/s. Positions may be changed at half time.

No girl may play for more than one age group at any stage in any tournament.

I.e. Prelims, County, Regional and National rounds. A player nominated as a reserve for one age group, but who has not played in that age group may play for another age group for which she qualifies according to the age limit.

Timing

All county and regional tournaments shall normally consist of matches not more than ten minutes and not less than seven minutes each way.
A bell will be rung at the beginning and at the end of each match and one bell at half time.
All periods of play begin on the OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPERS BELL. No injury time is ever played at tournaments.

Points System

Scoring in all tournaments will be as follows:

Win	5 points	
Draw	3 points	
Loss	1 point	- where the score is 50% or more of the winner's score
Loss	0 points	- with less than 50%

To determine finalists

In the case of a tie on points, section placing will be decided on GOAL DIFFERENCE (the team with the greatest difference between the goals scored and the total goals scored against them win). In the event of a tie on goal difference, GOAL AVERAGE will determine placing (goals for divided by goals against). If a team has been awarded a walk over, all games involving the offending team shall be discounted when calculating goal difference or goal average.

Semi-final and final

In the event of a tie at the end of a semi-final, final or final round, teams should re-toss, change ends and play for a further five minutes. In the event of a further tie the team should toss for choice of centre pass or end and continue to play until the next goal is scored.

Tournament Referee

A tournament referee will be appointed for all tournaments. She will be introduced to staff and players at a meeting 15 minutes before the first match of very tournament. She will be available all day to adjudicate on matters of dispute.

The tournament referee has the right to relieve, for the remainder of the tournament, any person whose umpiring is not up to the accepted standards.

Umpires should, wherever possible, hold an A.E.N.A. umpiring qualification.

General Behaviour

The general behaviour of teams on and off the court and of spectators, is the responsibility of the member of staff in charge. It is recommended that where there is only one umpire for two teams that another member of staff accompany one of the teams to ensure adequate supervision. Any group reported to the tournament referee for behaviour, which may bring disrepute to the Association, will be immediately reported to the Tournament Referee or a member of the Committee who will then watch the team and have the right to recommend that the offending SCHOOL be excluded from all tournaments in the following season.

Litter and vandalism

Staff is asked to ensure that no litter is left anywhere on the school premises and that no property of the school is damaged in any way. Due to damage caused in the past a number of valuable venues have been lost and the Committee have the right to exclude schools found responsible from all tournaments in the following season. A member of staff should always check cloakrooms before leaving the venue.

Jewellery

In accordance with the A.E.N.A rules Section 1 Item 14: For reasons of safety, jewellery must not be worn on the court. The Tournament Referee or any umpire will send off court, to remove or tape items of jewellery, any offending player. Permission must then be given by the referee or umpire for that player to re-enter the court.

Liability

The Regional and County Associations and all schools holding Association events cannot be responsible in respect of any personal loss or injury which players, umpires or spectators may sustain.

Rules

A.E.N.A Rules will be used in all tournaments. The decision of the umpire is final in all references to play. The decision of the Tournament Referee and organisers is final in any other reference.

The Regional and County Committees have the right to exclude schools not adhering to the above regulations from all tournaments in the following season.

Affliation

All schools must be affiliated to England Netball.

Affiliation to Merseyside Netball is £15.00 per school, per academic year. Please send your payment to before 31st October 2019 to:

Mrs A Goodall
West Kirby Grammar School
Graham Rd
West Kirby, Wirral
0151 632 3449
agoodall@wkgs.net

National Schools' Tournament

The National Schools' Tournament leads eventually to the National Finals for all top teams in the country. The local rounds are to select the top teams from the regions to go to these finals. The tournament is open to **all affiliated schools** who may enter one team per age group, Under 14, Under 16 and senior.

Under 14 Section

All players must be under 14 at midnight on the 31st August 2020.

Under 16 Section

All players must be under 16 at midnight on the 31st August 2020

Senior Section

All players must be under 19 at midnight on 31st August 2020.

All players must be in full time education

Entry Fee

£2-00 per team to be sent with entry form.

Umpires

Schools must provide one qualified umpire per team. Names must be stated on the entry form and must be strictly adhered to. Failure could lead to disqualification.

Regional Finals

All schools must provide one qualified umpire per team.

National Finals

The Region will provide umpires and their expenses divided between the nine qualifying schools.

County Round

This will be held on **Saturday 9th November 2019** at Wirral Grammar School.

Regional Final

The Regional Final will be held on **Saturday 25th January 2020** venue TBC. The two top teams will qualify for the National Final.

The National Final

The National Final **Saturday 14th March 2020** at a venue to be confirmed. Further details will be given at a later date.

Entry forms, Fees and first class stamped addressed envelopes to:

Miss A Lodge,
Wirral Grammar School for Girls
Heath Road, Bebington, Wirral. CH63 3AF
ael@wirralgirls.co.uk

County Schools' Tournament

This tournament is open to all affiliated schools in the U14, U15, U16 & Senior Age Group. There are two preliminary competitions – A Wirral Schools Championship and a Liverpool Schools Championships. The top 3 schools in each Competition play off in the County Finals.

Preliminary Tournament

Wirral Schools **Under 12 & Under 13** Saturday 8th February
Venue: Wirral Grammar **Organiser:** A. Lodge - Wirral Grammar

Wirral Schools **Under 14 & Under 15** Saturday 11th January
Venue: Wirral Grammar **Organiser:** A. Lodge - Wirral Grammar

Liverpool Schools **Under 14 & Under 15** Wednesday 5th February
Venue: Formby High School **Organiser:** F.Melia

Wirral Schools **Under 16 & Senior** Saturday 11th January
Venue: Wirral Grammar **Organiser:** A. Lodge - Wirral Grammar

Liverpool Schools **Under 16 & Senior** Wednesday 22nd January
Venue: St Mary's College **Organiser:** S. Townsley

The top three teams in each tournament will qualify for Finals.

County Finals Tournament

Under 12 & Under 13: Organised by Merseyside School Games. Date and venue TBC

Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 & Senior **Saturday 7th March 2019** at **Formby High School**

Please Note:

Senior Section

All players must be in full attendance at school.
No girl may play in more than one age group or team at any stage.

Umpires

One umpire for every two teams

Entry forms to:

Wirral Schools -
Miss A Lodge,
Wirral Grammar School for Girls
Heath Road, Bebington,
Wirral, CH633AF
ael@wirralgirls.co.uk

Liverpool Schools –
Mrs S Townsley
St Mary's College
Everest Rd
Crosby, L235TW
fostsst@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk

NATIONAL SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

Entry Form

Name of School _____

Address_____

_____**Post Code** _____

Tel Number _____ **Fax Number** _____

I wish to enter a team in the Under 14 section _____

I wish to enter a team in the Under 16 section _____

I wish to enter a team in the Senior section _____

N.B. One team only in each age group.

UMPIRES MUST BE NAMED BELOW AND MUST HOLD AN UMPIRING QUALIFICATION OR EQUIVALENT
One umpire per team on each date

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Please send entries to:

Miss A Lodge,
Wirral Grammar School for Girls
Heath Road, Bebington, Wirral. CH63 3AF
ael@wirralgirls.co.uk

N.B. **You must be affiliated to enter this tournament.** Affiliation forms are now sent directly from AENA Ltd and returned directly to them. Forms are available from Sam Castle at England Netball.
Declaration

I have read and agree to abide by the Tournament Regulations

SIGNED _____POSITION _____

COUNTY SCHOOLS' TOURNAMENT

Entry Form

Name of School _____

Address_____

_____**Post code** _____

Tel Number _____ **Fax Number** _____

I wish to enter a team in the Under 14 section _____

I wish to enter a team in the Under 15 section _____

I wish to enter a team in the Under 16 section _____

I wish to enter a team in the Senior section _____

N.B. One team only in each age group.

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Everest Road
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fostsst@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk

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MERSEYSIDE NETBALL ACADEMIES

All enquires about the Merseyside Netball Academies should be made to Louise Moss, Merseyside Netball Development Officer.

Contact: Louise Moss
England Netball, Everton Park Lifestyles
1st Floor – Sports & Recreation Services, Greater Homer Street,
Liverpool L5 5PH
Tel: 07726 692701
Email: louise.moss@englandnetball.co.uk

SCHOOL GAMES ORGANISERS

In an attempt to improve communication re Netball on Merseyside the School Games Organizers' are available to answer any queries and will be developing Netball in their respective areas. Please feel free to contact them at any time about Netball in your area

Halton
Halton Borough Council
Karen Drake – School Games Organiser
0151 511 7403
Karen.drake@halton.gov.uk

Knowsley
Knowsley School Sport Partnership
Kerstine Hogg
Partnership Development Manager / SGO
07748 142648
K.Hogg@kirkbyhighschool.net

David Sweeney
School Competition Manager
07795 497425
D.Sweeney@kirkbyhighschool.net

Liverpool
Liverpool School Sport Partnership
Adela Ball – South LSSP
Partnership Development Manager
0151 728 4329
aballpdm@lssp.co.uk

Vicky Marshall – South Central LSSP
Partnership Development Manager
0151 722 1561
vmarshallpdm@lssp.co.uk

Suzanne Ramsey – Central LSSP
Partnership Development Manager
0151 233 6916
sramseypdm@lssp.co.uk

Gerry Wigglesworth – North LSSP
Partnership Manager
0151 233 6316
gwigg@lssp.co.uk

Jay Watkinson – Competition Manager
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jwatkinsoncm@lssp.co.uk

Grace Perry – Secondary Competition Manager
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07557949860 gperry@lssp.co.uk

Faye Denby – Competition Manager
North and Central SSP
0151 233 6916 fparsonscm@lssp.co.uk

Sefton
South Sefton School Sport Partnership
Ali Watt – School Games Organiser
0151 526 7044 aliwatt@hotmail.com

Stanley High School
Kate Alyson – School Games Organiser
01704 228940
k.alyson@staneyhigh.co.uk

Chesterfield High School
Penni Allen – School Games Organiser
0151 924 6454
pallen@chesterfieldhigh.co.uk

St. Helens
St Helens Council Sports Development Team
Damian Keegan – Sports Development
Officer – (School Games)
01744 675406
damiankeegan@sthelens.gov.uk

Rainhill High School Media Arts College
Dianne Murphy – School Games Organiser
dianne.Murphy@sthelens.org.uk

Wirral
Bebington High School
Jo Newman – School Games Organiser
0151 645 4154 ext 248

Birkenhead Park School
Gemma Corcoran (Maternity cover) from Sept – School Games Organiser
07730 273534 gcorcoran@birkenheadparkschool.com