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Dear PE Teacher/ Club Coach



Re: Nominations to Norfolk Satellite and County Netball Screening

As you are probably aware England Netball has a Performance Pathway. This was set up to improve the standard of competitive netball played in England, with the aim of ensuring there is an increased number of better quality athletes progressing into the England High Performance programme. The Performance Pathway is the main way of developing high quality English athletes, taking players from 11-12 years old all the way through to our Senior National team.

The Screening Process

In 2018 the screening process will be as follows:

- **Saturday 19th May – athletes in current years 6,7 who are not in an academy at present will trial from 9 am to 12 noon at UEA Sportspark, Norwich NR4 7LP**
- **Saturday 19th May 2017 – athletes in current years 8, 9, who are not in an academy at present will trial from 1 pm to 3 pm at UEA Sportspark, Norwich, NR4 7LP**
- Athletes selected from these trials will then go into 2 long squad sessions with the current academy athletes. These 2 long squad sessions will be held at UEA Sportspark on **Saturday 9th June and Sunday 24th June 2018.**
- At the end of the long squad sessions athletes will be advised if they have been successful in being selected for a place in one of the academies.

Should you wish to nominate player(s) to attend the screening please ensure that the athlete is available for the above dates.

What about current academy players?

If you currently have players in the Norfolk Satellite and County Academy system they will be automatically invited to the 2 long squad sessions being held on June. You do not need to nominate these athletes.

What if a player cannot make the screening dates?

If you have players who cannot make the relevant dates please notify Jenny Day by Monday 7th May 2018 by email jenny.day@englandnetball.co.uk or call on 07854089822. We will aim to send out a scout to observe the players who cannot attend on the set dates, but we are not able to guarantee this. Please note: the scouts are volunteers and the club/school will be expected to reimburse travel expenses at 40p per mile or £10 minimum.

Who should be nominated?

Academies are for players who demonstrate a good range of netball skills and have the potential to achieve even more, so players who are ready for academies should consistently demonstrate the following:

Satellite Academy

At Satellite Academy level we are looking for athletes who exhibit a natural level of "Game Sense". Skills and experience specific to Netball are not required at this age.

A maximum of 5 girls to be nominated from each year group, so a max of 10 per school/club for Satellite screening.

County Academy

At County Academy we are looking for an athletes Netball skills to be more accomplished than at Satellite level. We would expect basic skills of passing, catching, landing, footwork and movement to be technically proficient. Experience in netball is ideal but not compulsory. We are not necessary looking for players who are aware of their positional roles and responsibilities.

Schools/clubs to nominate a max of 3 players per year group so a max total of 6 for County screening.

What will happen on screening day?

This will be a mixture of invasion games which will test an athlete's game sense of attacking and defending and also match play. Players may be asked to play out of position during the day.

Should you wish to nominate player(s) to attend the screening please complete the attached player nomination form along with a photo (head shot only). **Forms will only be accepted with photo attached** and return to the email address ncnanetballscreening@gmail.com

You will receive a confirmation email within 3 working days. Please contact us if you do not receive this.

Nominations received after Monday 7th May 2018 will not be accepted for screening.

What should players wear?

Players should wear a t-shirt and dark skirt/shorts and no club colours. Appropriate footwear is essential.

What does it cost to attend screening?

The cost for screening will be £10 per player, payable on the day, to cover the cost of arranging the screening (hiring courts, organising first aid etc).

The county looks forward to receiving your nominations.

Kind Regards

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