

Competition AGM Report

Berkshire Junior Netball League

The 2025/26 season has been another successful year for junior netball across Berkshire, providing competitive and developmental opportunities for young players throughout the county.

This season, 20 junior clubs and 105 teams participated across age groups from U10 to U19, with over 800 fixtures hosted at six indoor venues across Berkshire. The continued success of the league relies on the dedication of our volunteers, coaches, officials and committee members, whose commitment provides a valuable and enjoyable introduction to competitive netball for hundreds of young players.

A key development this year was the introduction of the League Republic administration platform. This investment has significantly streamlined league administration and improved the recording and publication of results across BJNL, National Schools and the Berkshire Premier Netball League (BPNL).

League Champions

Congratulations to all of our league winners:

- U10: Eagles
- U11 Division 1: Royals
- U11 Division 2: Woodley
- U11 Division 3: Laurel Park
- U12 Division 1: Eagles
- U12 Division 2: Woodley
- U12 Division 3: Bs
- U13 Division 1: Poole (Dorset)
- U13 Division 2: Wokingham Red
- U14 Division 1: Laurel Park
- U14 Division 2: Rushmoor (Hampshire)
- U16 Division 1: Finch
- U16 Division 2: Bs Sky
- U16 Division 3: Passnplay (Surrey)
- U16 Division 4: Bs White
- U19: Laurel Park

Special congratulations go to Laurel Park U19, who represented Berkshire at the Netball South Qualifiers. Following the withdrawal of the Bs U19 Regional Team, Laurel Park has subsequently secured a place at the next stage of the competition.

Umpire Development

A particular thank you goes to Kerry Grundy for her outstanding work throughout the season. Kerry has worked tirelessly to maintain high umpiring standards while also supporting and developing new and young umpires, ensuring a strong foundation for the future of officiating within Berkshire.

Summer League

The Summer League again proved successful, with 35 teams from seven clubs competing during May and June at St Neots School and Garth College. The midweek outdoor format continues to provide additional playing opportunities and valuable development experiences for young athletes.

Financial Support

The Winter and Summer Leagues collectively recorded an estimated loss of approximately £5,500; this sum reflects each team participating in the BJNL at approximately £55 each. Despite the venues increasing their costs, we decided to keep the fee increase to a minimum. The support Berkshire Netball subsidises to develop junior netball in the County is significant, and we intend to continue to provide opportunities for over 800 junior netballers across the county. On behalf of all those players, I would like to thank the Berkshire Netball Management Board for its continued financial support and commitment to junior netball development.

Berkshire Premier Netball League

Berkshire Netball has continued to support the development of the Berkshire Premier Netball League. Through representation on the BPNL committee, Berkshire Netball has assisted with venue provision and fixture management, while also integrating BPNL fixtures and information onto the Berkshire Netball website to improve visibility and engagement.

National Schools Competition

The National Schools County Competition was held in the autumn at Theale Green School, with 32 teams competing across the U14, U16 and U19 age groups. We continue to support state schools by offering a full bursary for the tournament entry fee.

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up:

U14

- Winners: Claires Court
- Runners-up: The Marist

U16

- Winners: Wellington College*
- Runners-up: Queen Anne's

U19

- Winners: Wellington College*
- Runners-up: St Mary's Ascot

*Wellington College subsequently qualified for the National Schools Finals in the U19 age group.

Looking ahead, the 2026/27 National Schools County Competition will be hosted at Wellington College. We are grateful to Wellington College for their support in hosting this prestigious event. The U14 and U16 competitions will take place on 7 November, with the U19 competition being hosted at

the Robin Dyer Centre on 28 November, marking the first time the U19 event has been held in Berkshire as a standalone indoor competition.

Conclusion

Berkshire Netball continues to play a vital role in developing junior netball across the county, providing high-quality competition, supporting umpire development, and creating pathways for players, coaches and officials. With more than 800 young people benefiting from our programmes and competitions, we remain committed to growing opportunities for junior netball and ensuring the continued success of the game throughout Berkshire.*