

Bedfordshire County Netball Association



4th May 2025

Player Development Programme (PDP) Trials application **for players who are NOT currently in a 2024/25 PDP** **or Franchise programme**

For the attention of Club Coaches & School PE Teachers

Please read all the information below before passing this information on to Parents & Guardians of players you want to nominate/endorse for trialling.

Schools will only be able to endorse a maximum of **3** players per age group. If players are in Netball Clubs, please check with their Club Coaches if they are being endorsed through their Club. If they are then you do not need to count that player from your school. Criteria to help you decide whether or not to nominate players will be provided separately.

For the attention of Parents & Guardians -

Please read all of the information below before you complete the online application.

The PDP Program runs annually October-May and aims to develop talented netball players on their first step on the England Netball performance pathway. We select the best players for the county and develop their individual netball skills, educating them and introducing them to the more pressurised environment of higher-level netball training. This then supports them to move further up the performance pathway. For regular match play they will be expected to play with a netball club or in school matches. You will need to check that training and match nights for these DO NOT clash with county PDP training. There will be some County match play vs other county squads through the programme and we hold an annual county invitational tournament in April, which the best players are selected for.

- All trial applications **MUST be endorsed** by a netball club coach or school teacher who has knowledge of the England Netball performance pathway selection criteria. This is because the U15 and U13 County Player Development Programme forms the first two tiers of this pathway.
- Because this is Performance Netball, players should only apply if they will be able to **attend ALL the training sessions on a Monday evening**. This means county netball training **MUST** take precedence over other club or school commitments.
- Players must be **available for ALL screening dates**. No exceptions will be made.
- We know that players living outside of the Bedfordshire county apply for trials and a place in the Beds PDPs. **NOTE: for players that do NOT have a Bedfordshire home postcode, there will be a cap on the number of players finally accepted into each PDP age group (5 players only of 20).**

Training sessions are on a Monday evening, U15 6.30-8.30 @Marston Vale, Stewartby, Bedford and U13 6-8pm @Biddenham International School and Sports College, Bedford. Venues/timing may be subject to change depending on availability.

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The cost for the programme is £220 to cover costs. Note: there is a small fee payment required for trials as well. We have access to a County fund for financial support for anyone needing to apply for a funding subsidy. For more details on this please contact Mandy Mistlin bedsperlead@gmail.com. This is a confidential process.

The PDP age groups are as follows:

- a) U13 - This is open to players who will be in school years 7 or 8 from September 2025
Must be under 13 years of age on 1st September 2025
- b) U15 - This is open to players who will be in school years 9 or 10 from September 2025. Must be under 15 years of age on 1st September 2025

PDP Screening Process:

Due to the growing number of players wishing to trial for Bedfordshire PDP we have pre-screening trials in June for club and school players not currently in a PDP (or any appropriate franchise) programme. Players who are selected following these pre-screening trials will then go on to trial in September alongside players currently in the PDP programme (who are still age relevant).

PDP Pre- Screening TIMINGS and VENUE:

Monday 23rd June – if successful they will be invited to attend again on 30th June
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Monday 30th June – if successful they will be invited to PDP trials in September

Bedford Academy, Mile Rd., Bedford MK42 9TR. Outdoor Courts.

Registration 6pm, screening 6.30-8.30pm.

PDP Screening TIMINGS and VENUE:

For players selected from the June pre-screening trials and players currently in a county PDP (or franchise) programme.

U15s

Monday 15th September

U13's

Monday 22nd September

Redbourne School, Flitwick Road, Bedford MK45 2NU. Outdoor Courts.

Registration 6pm Screening 6.30pm-8.30pm

Application SUBMISSION and DEADLINE:

On the recommendation of club coaches/PE teachers, applications should be made by a player's parent/guardian via online submission no later than **6th June, 6pm**. You will need the coach/PE teacher's name, school/club name and a contact number for them.

The Online submission link is: <https://forms.gle/9go1kK8iDvNM9p4F7>

(please note NO late applications will be considered)

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On receipt of your application form and payment (see below) we will automatically include your daughter in the PDP pre-screening day. You will receive a copy of your form back from us which will confirm that we have received your application.

Notice re Injury

- If a player is injured prior to screening and cannot participate they must let Mandy Mistlin know as the organisation of the event will need to be amended.
bedsperflead@gmail.com

Trial FEES:

The fee for Beds County PDP June pre-screening trials is £10.

IF players are successful and put forward to PDP trials in September, a further £10 fee will be requested (prior to these trials).

Please make your BACS payment of £10 using these details

- Reference: player's initial, surname and relevant age group PDP i.e.
NSmithu13PDPjune
- Bedfordshire County Netball
Sort Code: 40-12-19
Account: 11213474

PDP Screening COMMUNICATION

The SPOND app, a sports team management app, will be used for all county trials communication. It will be used to register attendance and inform of any changes to time or venue. Please can you download the app in readiness. <https://www.spond.com/>
You can download it on any of your phone, ipad and/or computer.

We use the guardian/parent contact number from your application in the app. In due course you will be invited to a county trial group on the app with all relevant information. Please ensure you have Spond notifications turned on.

If you can't download the app or don't have a mobile please email bedsperflead@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing players at the trials.
Kind regards,

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