

## North Bucks Netball Academy Trials 2019/20

Dear Club/School,

North Bucks Netball Association are pleased to announce the details for the U13 and U15 Academy trials for the 2019/20 season. Additionally, new to the Program, we will be running a session for 9 & 10-year olds (u11 Academy). Session for the U13 & U15 Academy will take place on Tuesday nights, and U11 Academy in Monday nights, starting September 2019.

Date: Sunday 30th June  
 Time: 9am – 3pm  
 Cost: £5 per player (contribution towards umpiring & venue cost)  
 Venue: Hazeley Academy, MK8 0NZ (outside courts)

**\*\*Please note 21st July is a reserve date for trials incase we need to see any players again following the first date\*\***

*To qualify for the age groups, players must be under 15 as at 1 September for the u15 group, under 13 as at 1 September for the u13 group and under 11 as at 1 September for the u11 group (minimum age 9).*

All trial applications should 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 North Bucks Netball Academies form the bottom two tiers of the England Netball performance pathway. If you are a teacher or club coach, please make use of the online video resource produced by England Netball to help inform yourself of the attributes and characteristics we are looking for in our athletes on the Pathway- <https://scouting.englandnetball.co.uk/>

In addition, the following table should help to focus attention on the key traits that we are looking for and keen to develop in our athletes which should help with selecting players to attend trials-

Defenders	Shooters	Centre Court
Tall, rangy	95% + shooting accuracy	Speed and Change of Direction.
Ability to jump	Fearless when putting up a shot from anywhere, against whoever, at whatever stage in the game.	Ball Skills: breadth and depth e.g. long ball off left hand; offload in air etc.
Always in the game; relentless, resilient	Wants the ball	Strong; able to contest on circle edge.
Turns ball over fearlessly	Quick and effective change of direction	Resilience against continuous pressure.
Understands the circle; switching	Good elevation	Vision.
Street wise	Good range (length of arms)	Understanding and use of space.
Know how to push rules to the boundaries	Tall	Strong attacking and defending skills.
Game Smart; understand tactics	Ability to get free	Relentless; go, go again, go again.
Deceptive	Good timing	
Ever present	Character – individually focussed	
Strong/powerful		

All players who wish to take part in trials should fill out the online form- <https://forms.gle/G15UAQN5RkiwRMV7>

Payment of £5 should be transferred to North Bucks Netball Association account via BACS

Sort code 60-14-55

Acct. 60603755

(Please state your daughter's name as reference)

Confirmation of a place at the trials will only be confirmed once the google form is filled out and payment is received. Forms and payment must be completed and received by **14th June 2019**. Any forms received after this date will be considered late and players will be unable to trial.

Please email Rhiannon (North Bucks Netball Academy Coordinator) on [nbna1academy@gmail.com](mailto:nbna1academy@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **North Bucks Academy Program Overview**

The Academy Program runs annually, from September to April, with screenings taking place during July/August for girls aged 9 -15 who are put forward by their clubs and schools.

The County Academy aims to develop talented players on their first step on the pathway, educating them and introducing them to the more pressurised environment of higher-level netball, and supporting them in opportunities to move further up the performance pathway. We cover subjects like nutrition, injury prevention and video-analysis in addition to coached sessions.

Training sessions will start in September and take place at the following venues and times-

- U11- monday nights 6.30-8pm- Venue to be confirmed
- U13s- tuesday nights- 6pm to 7.30pm at Sir Herbert Leon Academy
- U15s- Tuesday nights- 7.30pm to 9pm at Sir Herbert Leon Academy

There is no regular match play through the Academy, as it focuses more on individual, personal development, but there are some arranged matches and a tournament that takes place at the end of the season. For this reason, we recommend that the players do this Program **in addition** to their regular club and school netball.

At the trials, selectors will be using the following criteria list:

- ★ Sound skill base and consistency of performance on court in relation to competition and training age.
- ★ Core Competencies
  - Ability to demonstrate tactical awareness in game scenarios
  - Ability to be flexible when making decisions within the game
  - Ability to read the game in advance
  - Ability to reflect scenarios and develop alternative options
- ★ Personal Competencies
  - Willingness to learn
  - Disciplined
  - Evidence of Performance behaviours
  - Willing and an honest communicator
  - Respect others
  - Support others growth
  - Take responsibility for one's actions and outcome
  - Resilient under pressure
- ★ Consideration when selecting may also be given to the following factors
  - State of fitness and wellbeing
  - Coachability
  - Consideration may also be given to any other such factors that the selection panel considers in its sole discretion to be relevant and appropriate to the overall assessment of a particular player