

County Schools Finals 2023 LINCOLNSHIRE

Under 14, Under 16 & Under 19



Tournament Organiser

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IMPORTANT:

Team managers must report to the registration table.
Team sheets must be re-checked for accuracy; any amendments made
and signed off before the tournament begins.

Nb – Please also bring any age banding completed forms.

OVERVIEW

About

The England Netball National Schools Finals is the biggest and longest running competition in English Netball. The winners & runners-up in each age group from this County round, will go on to represent Lincolnshire in the Regional Finals on Saturday 3rd February (Reserve date; February 10th) at Oundle School, Peterborough. This competition will then culminate in the National Finals on 11th & 12th March, also held at Oundle for the second year running.

We hope you & your teams all have a fantastic County tournament and regardless of the results, are proud of your successes this year.

Key Details

Event: England Netball County School Finals 2023 - Lincolnshire

Venue: Stamford Endowed Schools

Dates: Under 14 & 16 Finals – Saturday 11th November 2023
Under 19 Finals – Wednesday 15th November 2023

VENUE

About

Stamford School has 6 full size netball courts with plenty of space for 'team camps' to set up on the grass and from which spectators can view the matches whilst remaining outside the court surrounds.

Venue Details

Address: Stamford Schools
Welland Courts/Wothorpe Sports Centre
Kettering Road
Stamford
PE9 2LR
Please use postcode PE9 2WB for parking

Contact No.: Liv Mason / 07396369732 – VENUE QUERIES ONLY

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Site Plan and Set-Up

We will be using 6 outdoor netball courts for the competition.

Outdoor Areas

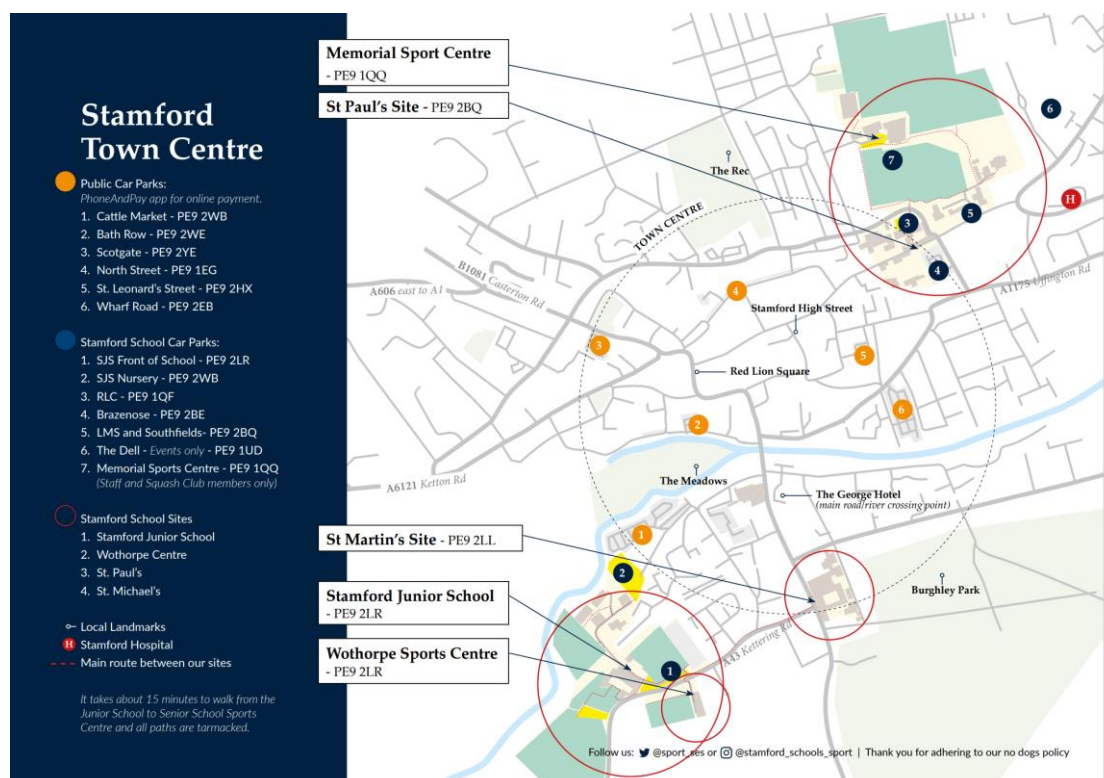
- **Warm up courts** – TBC > Availability will be dependant on no. of entries.
- **Team Marquee Area** – All schools may set up team marquees/gazebos on the grass field directly adjacent to the courts. Teams are responsible for providing all of their own gazebo equipment. Stamford School & Lincolnshire County Netball Association reserve the right to ask a school to remove their gazebo if it is not appropriately weighted or is not erected safely. We may also need to remove the use of gazebos should the weather not be appropriate (i.e., strong dangerous winds).

Indoor Areas

We will be utilising the following areas inside the Stamford Schools site:

- **Toilets** - Outside the Wothorpe Sports Centre
- **Wothorpe Sports Centre** - Refreshments Area
- **Changing Facilities** – It is strongly advised that the players come ready changed as changing facilities are limited

Travel



Post Code for Sat-Nav: PE9 2WB

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Parking

[ALL Parking is at PE9 2WB – Stamford Junior School Nursery.](#) Please see additional parking information sheet for full details.

Mini-buses & coaches – Minibuses and coaches should park at Stamford Nursery School. Coaches should not stop on Kettering Road to drop off.

Disabled Parking – will be available at the front of Stamford Junior School.

Officials Parking – will be available at the front of Stamford Junior School.

Catering

Refreshments will be available to buy throughout the day from the Riverside Drinks Company who will have hot & cold drinks, snacks and cakes.

SPORTS COMPETITION

Competition Structure

The competition structure for each age group will be the same provided entries are sufficient. **Note:** In previous years U19s have been in one group and played a round robin format only because of reduced numbers - this will affect timings and format.

County Schools Finals

- The teams from each age group are split into two even groups where possible.
- Teams from the same area are split into separate groups.
- Teams then play a round robin within their group, so each team plays each other once.
- Following the completion of the group stages, teams will be re-grouped for semi-finals, finals and play-offs with the top two positions in each age group progressing to the **Regional Schools Finals** round of the competition.

Medals and Trophies

- The winning team of the Final in each age group will be crowned **County School Champions** and awarded the winner's (trophy TBC) and medals.
- Teams who finish second (and third TBC) in the Finals will receive silver medals.

Competition Format

Match Timings

- 8 minutes – 1st half
- 1 minute – half time
- 8 minutes – 2nd half
- 3 minutes – Court switchover

- Only injured players can be substituted during a game.
- All other substitution must be made at half time.
- Group stage games can end in a draw
- Semi-finals, place play-offs and finals must be played to a result, therefore:
 - o If the match is a draw at the end of the game, there will be a one-minute break followed by 2 x 2-minute halves (No break in between halves, just switch ends)
 - o If the score is still tied at the end of extra time, the match doesn't stop and the next team to score wins (Golden Goal).

IMPORTANT

All matches are centrally timed; so teams must be bibbed and ready to play once they get to their court. Also, when your match ends you must vacate the courts immediately - please don't cool down on court There will be no clock stoppages for injuries, however any serious injuries that require the game to stop for a prolonged period of time will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Competition Schedule

The competition schedule will be shared once all entries are confirmed. Please familiarise yourself with your team's schedule including what court you are on for each game. There are only short gaps between matches, so teams need to be ready to move on and off court quickly.

Competition Results

Results will be shared at the registration gazebo.

Presentations

Presentations will be made shortly after the finals and will take place near the registration gazebo. Winning team photos will be on Court 1.

Competition Regulations

The Competition Regulations will be shared alongside this document. Lincolnshire Netball will be appointing a Competition Referee/s who will be responsible for ensuring all rules and regulations are followed and deal with any competition related issues. **The appointed referee/s will be confirmed when full fixtures are released.**

The Competition Referee/s will also manage the registration of teams so will be available at the registration gazebo throughout the tournament day.

Appeals of the decisions of Competition Referee/s should be sent FAO. Clare Kitchen to competition@lincolnshirenetball.com.

THE TEAMS

Competing Teams Details

U14 Section A			
School	Region	Dress	Bibs
Spalding High School	Boston		
Waltham Tollbar C	North East		

U14 Section B			
School	Region	Dress	Bibs
University Academy Holbeach	Boston		
Humberstone Academy	North East		

U16 Section A			
School	Region	Dress	Bibs
Spalding High School	Boston		
Humberstone Academy	North East		
KEVIGS Louth	Coastal & Wolds		

U16 Section B			
School	Region	Dress	Bibs
Bourne Grammar	Boston		
Clee Academy	North East		
QEGS Horncastle	Coastal & Wolds		

U19 Section			
School	Region	Dress	Bibs
Stamford High School	South Kesteven		
Carres	South Kesteven		
Priory LSST	Lincoln		
Branston Community Academy	Lincoln		
QEGS Horncastle	Coastal & Wolds		
KEVIGS Louth	Coastal & Wolds		

Key Team Timings

Time of Arrival and Registration from 9.30am

All Team Managers must report to the Competition Referee/s at the registration gazebo to sign in and collect team packs from 9.30am onwards. Teams can use all courts for warm-ups during this time.

Information for scorers can be found in **section 5** of this document.

Appropriate teams must be ready on court for the first round to start promptly at 10:00 am.

Competition Start Time at 10am

Matches will start at 10:00am each day. Teams must be ready outside of the court area at the conclusion of the previous match to ensure all matches start on time. We will be using a central timing system so teams who are not ready on court when the match is scheduled to start may concede the fixture.

Please see regulation 6.5 of the National Schools Regulations for match timings.

Lunch Break

There is no specified lunch break - teams are encouraged to schedule lunch around their fixtures.

Competition Break

At the end of the group stages, there will be a short break in the competition to ensure we have enough time to advance teams to the semi-finals and give enough time for a break for the teams.

Presentation

Following the final games, the presentation will take place – we would encourage all teams to stay for this where possible.

Team Packs

When registering, each Team Manager will be handed their team pack. This will contain all of the essential information and equipment you need for the event:

- Schedule
- Scorecards
- Photography wristbands (if applicable)

OFFICIATING

Umpires

Umpires will be appointed by Lincolnshire County Netball Association for the County Schools Finals. Umpire Assessors will also be present to support the umpire's development. **Note:** This won't be possible for all U19 teams so will likely be asking for help where possible.

Note: Umpires will monitor safety aspects courtside – please help them by ensuring all players and team officials, bags/clothing/balls etc are to the right-hand side of the post at your teams first half defending goal end.

Scorers

Schools must provide a scorer for their own matches (a scorer may be a student as long as they can complete a scorecard proficiently). Ensure you have the right scorecard and a pencil to hand.

Protocol for Scorers

- Scorers will score their own teams matches throughout the Tournament.

- Scorers must neither coach nor encourage their team during the game. Failure to abide by this regulation will be notified to the Competition Referee/s.
- Both Scorers will stand and work together, at a place designated by the umpire. This could be either on the side-line or goal-line.
- **Both Scorers will record each goal scored on the issued Score Card. One Scorer will “call” the score after each goal, who this will be, should be agreed prior to the commencement of the game.**
- On the final whistle, both scorers will agree on the final score, ensure the winner and final score is clearly indicated and sign their scorecard.
- The scorer for the winning team should take both score cards to the registration desk straight after the match.
- If a Team arrives on court late, the name of the Team and the time they arrived will be recorded on the Score Card by the Umpires, prior to the commencement of play, as they are controlling the game.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Photography

As per last year, there will be an official photographer at this event – David Dales – to take action shots and teams photographs throughout the day. These will be available post event to all schools and may be used for county promotional material eg on the County website & for sharing results on the Lincolnshire County Facebook page. If any player from your school does not wish to be photographed whilst playing or collecting medals, please inform the Competition Referee/s at registration. David will also be available at that point for any questions or team photo requests.

The England Netball Duty of Care guidelines require that any person wishing to use a video, zoom or close-range photography or mobile phone camera must register their details at the registration gazebo before the start of the tournament - or during the day before taking photographs. Photography accreditation must be worn and visible at all times. Any persons taking images without the correct accreditation will be asked to stop.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Medical Provision

Each team should come prepared with a first aid kit. No further first aid cover will be provided on the day. Players with open wounds may not continue to play unless the wound is fully covered. There is a minor injuries unit in Stamford & the school will have a nurse on duty.

Risk Assessments

It is highly recommended that schools produce their own risk assessment for travelling.

Mitigation Plans

Weather

Lincolnshire County Netball Association will monitor the weather provided by the Met Office. Should weather warnings be out in place, we'll monitor these carefully and in the event of severe weather conditions i.e., snow, ice or flooding, a decision will be taken at 7pm on Friday 10th November as to whether the tournament will be cancelled.

If Team managers are unsure as to whether the event may be cancelled on the morning of the tournament, they must ring the **Competition Referee/s (telephone number TBC)**. Do not email or text.

Indoor Provision

Please note that there is no indoor space in the case of bad weather so we ask all teams to arrive suitably equipped for any eventuality.

Code of Conducts

Please see Page 11 onwards.

OTHER

General Supervision

All teams will be held responsible for the behaviour, demeanour and actions of their players, officials, and spectators, please refer to the Code of Conduct section for more information.

Valuables, Lost Property & Injury

Please do not leave valuables unattended; Lincolnshire County Netball Association and the venue accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal property during the event - nor for injury to any player, official or spectator whilst at the tournament.

Lost property should be handed in to the Registration gazebo. If any items remain unclaimed at the end of the day an email will be sent round after the tournament and any item which remains after 28 days will be taken to a local charity shop.

Litter

Please ensure that you place all litter in the bags or bins provided. Bin liners will be available at the Registration gazebo if required.

Code of Conduct for Athletes

Our Codes of Conduct require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected at all times. Everyone must conduct themselves in an honest, fair, impartial, and transparent manner.

Our Codes of Conduct are applicable to all aspects of the Sport and are driven by England Netball's Values (Respect, Teamwork, Achievement and Fun) and the Guiding Principles (set out above).

I will Respect:

- The rules, regulations, and requirements of the Sport, including, but not limited to, any competitions in which I participate either directly or indirectly
- The rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion, or political opinion
- The rights, dignity and worth of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk and ensure that I am aware of the Safeguarding best practice guidelines and procedures when interacting with them.
- Confidentiality and the sensitivities of information I hold on other individuals.
- Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments about a fellow participant, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball's staff that will bring the Sport or those associated with delivering the Sport into disrepute, including making comments on social media technology. I will respect EN's guidance and policies on social media technology.
- The position I hold within Netball and always conduct and dress myself in an appropriate manner.
- The result of the game and will not attempt to offer, offer, or accept either directly or indirectly any consideration whatsoever in return for influencing or attempting to influence the result or seek to achieve personal gain on a result which I can influence by betting on any match or event where I am participating, either by playing, coaching, or officiating, or through direct or indirect involvement.

Netball is based on Teamwork, therefore I will:

- Not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me in my team, be that my playing team, Club, County, Regional or England Netball
- Be on time, dressed appropriately and ready to give my full attention to the role I am carrying out within Netball
- Recognise that individuals bring different qualities and attributes but "together we will excel".
- Welcome new members, volunteers, and connected participation and cooperate with Members, Connected Participants, colleagues, coaches, officials, and administrators already in the Sport.

I recognise individuals participate in Netball to achieve and have fun, therefore I will:

- Recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes
- Endeavor to ensure that all involved in the Sport optimise their potential by promoting the positive aspects of the sport and never condoning the use of inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination, or physical violence.
- Not impinge on others enjoyment of the Sport or my performance by consuming alcoholic drinks or smoke immediately prior to or while participating in the sport, or while safeguarding children, young people, or vulnerable adults
- Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participant in a fair, honest environment by rejecting cheating, abiding by the Anti-Doping policies, and not taking illegal substances immediately prior to or while participating in the Sport.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat; be sporting – whether I win or lose; always acknowledge the other team and the umpires at the end of the game with a handshake or three cheers.
- Never argue with an official or participant during a game and listen to and cooperate with officials' decisions
- Control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators, or participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking a participant, coach or official is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- Enjoy the game and ensure other can also enjoy it.

I will endeavour to abide by this code of conduct and promote it to others. I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the England Netball, the Regional Association, or the County Association may take action against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including fines and suspension.

Code of Conduct for Coaches, Umpires, Table Officials, Team Managers, Teachers, Assessors, Testers, Trainers, Verifiers, Mentors and Volunteers

EN has Codes of Conduct across all aspects of the sport, which is driven by its' core values of leadership, integrity, teamwork, and excellence. Our codes require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in Netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times.

The Code of Conduct state the values and standards expected at all times. In addition to these, when in my capacity as a coach, umpire, table official, team manager, teacher, tutor, assessor, tester, trainer, verifier, mentor, or volunteer, I will also:

- Be a positive role model for netball by acting in a way that projects a positive image of my role within netball and being fair, considerate, and honest with participants and officials
- Display high standards in my language, manner, punctuality, preparation, and presentation to ensure that all time spent with me by participants or colleagues is a positive experience
- Exercise reasonable care and skill when carrying out my duties, including but not limited to keeping up to date with the latest practices and developments by taking up further education and other personal and professional development opportunities
- Be consistent, independent and demonstrate complete impartiality through exercising reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game by applying them fairly and to effect control of the game
- As a coach, seek to inspire and motivate in accordance with an individual's abilities to enable them to play to the best of their ability and realise their potential
- As a coach, provide athletes with planned and structured training programmes appropriate to their abilities and goals by ensuring that equal attention and opportunities are available to all, including those requiring a modified plan due to sickness or injury
- As a tutor, assessor, tester, trainer, verifier, or mentor, provide candidates with the appropriate information, planned and structured programmes appropriate to their needs and goals, ensuring that equal attention is applied, and to provide appropriate feedback following observation of a session
- Be mentally and physically fit to carry out my role within netball
- Ensure that the training and/or competition environment is safe and appropriate for the age, physical and emotional maturity, experience, and ability of the athletes
- Ensure that I follow instructions and comply with all health and safety regulations that apply to the role I am undertaking.

I will endeavour to abide by this code of conduct and promote it to others. I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the England Netball, the Regional Association, or the County Association may take action against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including fines and suspension.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

The enjoyment and safety of your child when involved in a netball activity is of paramount importance to England Netball. Every child will be encouraged and asked to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times. As parents, you are asked to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of our game.

As a parent/carer, I will:

- Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Support my child's efforts and performance, give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort and learning
- Understand that competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment
- Be a positive role model to my child by helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
- Remember that children learn best by example; I will applaud good play by both my child's team and their opponents
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time for my child and not interfere with their decisions
- Help when asked by a coach or official
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion, or political opinion
- Read the rules of the sport to understand better what I am watching and discussing with my child
- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers, and supporters
- Be aware of my child's club safeguarding policy and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club's safeguarding officer or England Netball's Lead Safeguarding Officer.

As a parent/carer, I will not:

- Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their sport not mine
- Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators
- Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game
- Force my child if they are unwilling to participate in the sport
- Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball staff
- Consume illegal substances either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating in the sport
- Consume alcoholic drinks or smoke either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating.