

Hampshire Junior League 2017-18 Season



Level of Play:

To continue to fulfil our county's commitment to providing competitive opportunities at all age groups and levels, the Hampshire Junior League in 2017-18 will continue to be run as a Performance League. This will provide an intermediate step between local and regional leagues and the opportunity for junior players to develop at a county level. Clubs have requested additional age groups, but if insufficient teams in each age group may result in amalgamation of ages.

Age Groups:

Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16,

Structure of the Leagues:

Each of the age groups will play in a division made up of 8 teams. The teams entered into each age group will be decided at an Entry Tournament to be held over the weekend of 9 and 10 September 2016 (day will be weather dependent), outdoors at Southampton Sports Centre. The date of the Hampshire Junior Entry Tournament is after Netball South's Regional Entry Tournament, so clubs in Hampshire will know if they are playing at a regional level. Teams successful at the regional entry tournaments **cannot** play the players that played in that tournament in the Hampshire entry tournament

Entry Criteria

A club may enter a team into the Hampshire Junior Entry Tournament in addition to a team that will compete at a Regional Level in 2017-18. However, club officials must be aware that a junior player may only take to the court on two occasions for a Regional team, before being tied permanently to the Regional squad and unable to play again in the Hampshire Junior League in the 2017-18 season. It is the club's responsibility to keep full and up-to-date records of individual player's court time at a regional and county level.

Only one team per club will be eligible to play in each of the age groups.

Players will be allowed to play in a higher age group, for example, an U12 may play for an U14 team in the HJL as long as the League Administrators are given written/emailed notice of a club's intention to play a player 'up' and that the club take responsibility for the welfare of a junior player taking to the court in a higher age group, as per England Netball's Safeguarding guidelines.

Venues:

Following the success of the 2016-17 league fixtures will continue to be played indoors.

Hampshire Netball Association will book three central indoor venues for each date from 9am to 5pm. Fixtures will be allocated to each venue

Dates:

The league will run on Saturdays from September to April

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Costs:

Cost per team is £200 for 14 indoor games. HNA are subsidising all teams

Cost of umpires is to be paid by clubs

Umpiring:

As the intention is that the league is of performance standard, umpires for the games will need to be active umpires qualified to C Award or at the discretion of the committee umpires that have attended a C Award Course and are being mentored to their C Award.

Entry Tournament if needed:

Date:

9 and or 10 September 2017 Dependent on entries

Time:

9am to 5pm dependent on entries

Venue:

Southampton Sports Centre Thornhill Rd, Southampton SO16 7AY

Cost:

£25.00 per team