

Kent County Junior League 2024-25



Kent Netball - Club Secretaries

Entry is now open for next season's Kent County Junior League for the U18, U16 and U14 age groups. Please note Clubs must be affiliated to England Netball (through Kent Netball) for both the current 2023/24 and next 2024/25 season to be eligible for entry.

There are 8 available places in each age group in the main league. Once the number of applications is known the Committee will decide if it is necessary to organize a play off tournament to confirm the make-up of the League – this will be held on **Sunday 23 June 2024** at Rainham School for Girls. Depending on the number of entrants, Kent Netball may run a development league at U16 and U14 age groups for those that do not qualify for the main league. Clubs may also apply to enter a B team into the League.

Please understand that an application does not guarantee automatic entry to the KCJNL.

The closing date for entries is strictly 31 May 2024.

The age groups are defined as follows:

Players in the **Under 18 League must be over 15 and under 18** (usually school years 11, 12 & 13) on the **qualifying date**.

Players in the **Under 16 League must be over 14 and under 16** (usually school years 10 & 11) on the **qualifying date**.

Players in the **Under 14 League must be over 11 and under 14** (usually school years 7, 8 & 9) on the **qualifying date**.

The qualifying date for the League will be **midnight on 31st August 2024** (i.e. the next season's age groups).

The age of the players on the dates the matches are played is NOT the relevant factor.

Players who represent a club in the qualifying competition must represent that club in the League next season, unless their club does not qualify or take up a place. If a player wishes to transfer clubs after the qualifying competition and before the start of the league, it will be at the discretion of the committee, and if permission was granted it is likely that the player will be

required to serve a “stand down period” of a certain number of match days before being allowed to represent a different club. Please ensure your players are aware of this rule.

The age restrictions are strictly enforced in the League, and it is therefore important that you have enough players of the correct age in order to enter. Players must play in their own age group unless written permission is received (“age banding”) from the Head of Kent Talent allowing the girl to play in a higher age group.

All teams in the league must be working towards or hold an England Netball CAPS qualification.

New entrants may be asked to provide information about their club, if they are a new club or not well known to our committee, in order that we can ensure that the commitments required can be met.

However, before you decide if this is the right place for your Juniors, please consider carefully whether your club can meet the required commitment of the League.

U14 & U16 Age Groups

- Matches are played once or twice a month from September to April/May, always on a Sunday – **outdoors at a central venue**, Rainham School for Girls.
- There are 7 match days over the course of the season, along with a tournament at the end of the season for which entry is compulsory.
- Each age group plays on the same Sunday but has two matches on the same day of 4 x 10-minute quarters for the U14 age group and 4 x 12-minute quarters for the U16 age group. Matches are played consecutively, with U14s playing in the morning and U16s in the afternoon on the first match day and then alternating between mornings and afternoons going forward.
- We expect each team to register a minimum of 10 players to their squad to ensure they have adequate cover for illness and injuries. There is no limit to the number of squad members you can register, but you may only play from a squad of 12 for each match.
- Each team is required to provide an umpire of at least C Award standard who will be allocated to matches on a neutral basis. Umpires may not umpire more than two matches on any one day and teams are responsible for the payment of their umpires.
- Each team is expected to provide a scorer for matches.

- Should teams repeatedly cancel matches or play with less than 7 players, they may not be invited to join the league in future seasons.

Dates for the 2024-25 season (all Sundays) are:

23 June 2024 Qualifying Tournament

15 September 2024

13 October 2024

10 November 2024

15 December 2024

12 January 2025

09 February 2025

09 March 2025

26 April 2025 End of Season Tournament

11 May 2025 Reserve date in case of postponement for bad weather
(Note: in the event this date is required this will be used for the tournament and postponed league matches will be played on the 26 April

U18 Age Group

- Matches are played once or twice a month on Sundays from September to April/May, **indoors at home and away venues to be booked by the clubs**. Clubs may, by mutual agreement, play matches on a different day PRIOR to the scheduled date. Clubs must be prepared to travel to different venues around the county.
- We expect each team to register a minimum of 10 players to their squad to ensure they have adequate cover for illness and injuries. There is no limit to the number of squad members you can register, but you may only play from a squad of 12 for each match. U16 players may be used in this league as well as the U16 league (subject to age requirements above). There will be a restriction on players that play senior County, Regional or Premier League netball, which will be set out in the rules.
- Each team is required to provide an umpire of at least C Award standard for each match, and teams are responsible for the payment of their umpires.

Dates for the U18 League will be provided once the number of entries is known.

If you would like to enter the Kent County Junior League for the upcoming season, please complete the attached entry form and return as directed.

Entry fees are as follows:

	Initial deposit	Final fee	Total
U18	£50	-	£50
U16 League	£50	£50	£100
U16 Development League*	£50	-	£50
U14 League	£50	£50	£100
U14 Development League*	£50	-	£50
Unsuccessful application	£50	(£50)	-

- *If development league is run*

Initial deposits should be paid directly to Kent Netball:

Sort code: 30-91-60

Account: 03979576

Please quote "KCJL + *Club name*" – e.g. "KCJL – Pulse"

Entries and payments received after the closing date of **31 May 2024** may not be considered.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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