



London Pulse U15 Academy programme

As you may know, either Sport England, or England Netball have, in previous years organised a weekend tournament for U15 athletes (athlete is U15 at 23:59 on 31st August 2023 – born on 1st September 2008 or after), known as The School Games. This is usually a 3-4 day residential tournament, where a wide variety of sports compete, designed to give young athletes their first experience of proper competition and high level sport in their designated field.

If you wish to trial for the London Pulse U15 Academy programme, you will need to sign up using the link below by 22 December 2023 and pay the fee to trial.

<https://londonpulsenetball.com/product/london-pulse-u15-academy-trials-07-01-2024/>

Trials will be held on 7 January 2024 from 09:00 to 13:00 at Score, 100 Oliver Road, London E10 5LE.

Athletes should attend wearing a black non club top, ready to play and train for the session. Registration will be open from 08:45.

Eligibility criteria for an NSL Team's Under-15 Academy programme trials in January 2024 are:

- Athlete is Under-15 at 23:59 on 31st August 2023 – born on 1st September 2008 or after.
- Athlete is currently part of an **any** EN Player Pathway Programme, for example:
 - o County Player Development Programme.
 - o Franchise Academy
 - o Franchise Player Development Programme
- Athlete is an EN member.
- Athlete was registered on ENgage as a member of the England Netball Player Pathway Programme **by the time when they attend the trials in January 2024.**

All athletes attending trials MUST be linked to their Player Pathway Programme on Engage. Please check that this has happened, as we cannot offer a place to any athlete who is not linked.

IMPORTANT:

Athletes selected for the London Pulse U15 Academy in January 2024, will be:

- Athletes who are from County Player Development Programme and will **stay with their County programmes** (from January – May) training with London Pulse once a month during this period.
- Athletes who are from **different Franchise's player pathway programme** who will have opportunity to decide by Sunday 4 February 2024 at 17:00, which Franchise pathway they will attend (after trials in January) - **athlete cannot be members of two Franchise player pathway programmes** (e.g Franchise 1 – U17 PDP and Franchise 2 – U15 Academy).

For further information, please see our FAQs on the overleaf.

Kind regards

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Programme Details

The U15 Academy programme is a player pathway programme endorsed by England Netball (<https://www.englishnetball.co.uk/the-roses-development-framework/player-pathway>). This is a fantastic opportunity to experience the pathway and receive additional coaching from the team at London Pulse, whether players are selected for the final squad or not!

Phase 1

20 successful triallists, who have accepted their offer will then be invited to attend Phase 1 of the programme, comprising of 5 sessions during the Spring Term, on the following dates :

LATYMER SCHOOL - Haselbury Rd, London N9 9TN, 10:00 – 12:00

- 28 January
- 25 February
- 24 March
- 28 April
- 26 May

Phase 2

Training dates for Phase 2 will be:

LATYMER SCHOOL - Haselbury Rd, London N9 9TN, 19:00 – 21:00

- June - 3, 10, 17, 24
- July - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Selection for our School Games squad will take place by end of July 2024, with the squad being reduced to approximately 15 athletes. These athletes will train through to the **School Games National Finals**.

12 athletes will be selected for the weekend, with 3 reserve players, who will not attend unless one of the squad is ill or injured. Training Dates are as follows :

LATYMER SCHOOL - Haselbury Rd, London N9 9TN, 19:00 – 21:00

- August - 5, 12, 15, 19, 22

Phase 3 - The School Games National Finals 2024 - 29th August – 1st September 2024 in Loughborough

Approximate Costs for the Programme – this will be confirmed by the trial date (with the exception of Phase 3, which we cannot cost until this has been confirmed by EN)

Phase 1	£100.00	All training sessions
Phase 2	TBC	All training sessions & match play
Phase 3		Costs not received yet from EN. Cost will cover kit, accommodation, travel and tournament fees for 12 athletes selected

We also want to highlight that this is a significant commitment for the players (and families) over the two terms and your summer holiday. We expect all athletes selected into the programme to attend **all** the sessions. The only exception we can make is for illness, or for pre-booked holidays (or similar commitments) in which case a maximum of two weeks across the whole programme is allowed. No absence can be approved in the two weeks before the competition.

FAQ's

Q1: My daughter would like to trial, but she attend if she is from a County Player Development Programme outside your territory?

Q2: My daughter is already with different Franchise Player Pathway Programme. Can she attend your U15 Academy trial?

- YES

London Pulse can select:

Any U15 athletes who attended any England Netball Player Pathway programme (it could be from different assigned territory), and who are registered on Engage **by the time when they attend the trials in January 2024.**

- Selected athletes who are from County Player Development Programme **stay with their County programmes** (January – May) training with London Pulse once a month during this period.
- Selected athletes who are from **different Franchise player pathway programme** will have opportunity to decide by Sunday 4 February 2024 at 17:00, which Franchise pathway they will attend (after trials in January) - **athlete cannot be member of two Franchise player pathway programmes** (e.g Franchise 1 – U17 PDP and Franchise 2 – U15 Academy).

If my daughter misses a Franchises U15 Academy programme trials in January 2024, can she still be considered for School Game selection?

- YES

In January 2024, [Franchises] will conduct Trials for their U15 Academy programmes. After those trials, [Franchises] can only consider athletes from their territory's player pathway programs who are registered on ENGage by 31 March 2024 for final School Game selection.

My daughter is in Year 9 – can she still be considered for the U15 squad?

Yes. Any athlete who is at the right level in School Year 9 or 10 can be considered for the squad.

If she makes the squad, but is not selected, what will she have gained from the process?

Regardless of selection into the final squad, the training offered to players is a great opportunity to develop their game sense, netball skills and learn from some of the best coaches within [NSL Team]. It is also a chance for [NSL Team] to get know players who hopefully will be trialling for us in the future and see what they can do on court outside of a trial environment.

How much will it cost?

We are still working out the exact amounts but are really conscious that we want to keep the costing as fair as possible. Each stage will be a separate cost, so that players leaving the programme do not pay for any more than they are actually receiving.

Will there be other opportunities to play matches other than the actual competition?

Yes, the squad will be playing matches set up against local clubs or other teams.