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**ESSEX METROPOLITAN NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Player Pathway Screening 2024-25**

**The Jean Brown Indoor Arena**

**Redbridge Sports & Leisure Centre**

**Forest Road**

**Ilford**

**IG6 3HD**

**Screening sessions for U13/U15 athletes for Essex Met Player Pathway Programme 2024-2025**

**All athletes must be available for their relevant screening day**

U13 – Years 6, 7 & 8 will take place on Saturday 21September 2024

U15 – Years 9, 10 & 11 will take place on Sunday 22September 2024

**Closing date for open nominations Friday 6th September 2024 23.59. Please complete this** [link](https://forms.office.com/e/wLnaSYv5Er)

All athletes who have returned their registration forms will be notified with further details by Monday 16th September 23.59.

**Fee is £25**

**No cash expected and NO LATE entries**

**A non-refundable payment must be made vis BACS transfer by Friday 6th September 2024 23.59:**

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| Account Name | Essex Metropolitan County Squad |
| Bank | Santander |
| Sort Code | 09-01-55 |
| Account | 77525182 |

***Please use your child’s full name as the reference***

**Emergency contacts on the day of screening:**

Michelle Cox 07985 251235 ------ Tracy Howe 07970 458238

**Notice of successful athletes will be sent via email in October 2024.**

**Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide feedback for unsuccessful athletes.**

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More information please email: essexmetcounty@gmail.com

**Please note**

Playing Kit for screening day – navy blue or black skirt/shorts and white t-shirt. NO CLUB KIT, COUNTY KIT or SCHOOL KIT Allowed

(In the case of religious/cultural reasons leggings are permitted)

Training will be held on Sunday afternoons for under 13s -Monday evening 6pm-8pm U15s excluding half term. Dates to be confirmed in September 2024

There may be a netball Festival in March 2025. Athletes MUST ATTEND as part of the Player Pathway Programme.

Please note that all successful athletes MUST be registered via England Netball for Season 2024/2025 either via their netball club, school or parent on Engage

Become a Member on Engage

<https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/membership/become-a-member/junior-member-benefits/>

**Costs if successful**

Training fee for the year October 2024-May 2025 £250 this includes training facilities, coaching fees, player and parent Psychology sessions, fitness sessions, T-shirt with London Pulse and Essex Met Logo, leggings and contribution to London Pulse Netball match.

We expect parents/guardians to purchase tracksuit hoodie and tracksuit bottoms. Optional to purchase the bag. Costs will be available once the player has accepted the offer.

**Important Information -Player Pathway Update**

Following the recent announcement regarding the relaunched Netball Super League in 2025, we wanted to share some broad updates on plans for the Player Pathway.

**England Netball**

**Vision and Intent**

We all want a Player Pathway that develops and supports the supply of outstanding players into the professional domestic and international games, that is made up of a countrywide network of programmes that are accessible to girls from all backgrounds, where the only entry requirement is talent. Achieving this may take time and we will need to continue to make refinements to our pathway model in the coming years.

The changes that have been made to the Netball Super League for next year, with the very best of intentions, are designed to make the game at the top-end even more captivating, to increase audiences, to generate greater commercial revenues, to enable more girls and women to see netball as a professional career and to improve the standards of coaching and support that athletes receive. This in turn will help grow the whole game from the grassroots up. The support the game is able to provide to developing athletes is inextricably linked to the ability of the sport to grow its audience.

Alongside this, we have sought to establish a Player Pathway that balances a number of, sometimes competing, factors.

• the right geographical distribution to enable accessibility

• the right number of athletes on the Pathway to ensure opportunity, whilst also driving up standards

by ensuring only the most talented athletes are selected

• an affordable and sustainable cost-model

• alignment of the pathway to Netball Super League clubs to ensure that athletes have a pathway into the professional game, supported by both ‘Professional’ and ‘professional’ coaches

**Essex Met would like to make it very clear we are not a hub.**

**Once accepted onto the England Netball Player Pathway Programme there will be no flexibility to change your county pathway training sessions day/time. The expectation and commitment will be Mondays for under 15 training and Sundays for under 13s training.**

Essex Met County Netball has a very long history of developing England players through the pathway who have gone onto become England Captains, England selectors and England players. We are a county that develops young players not only to play but also learn how to officiate.

Anyone can apply, no one needs to be nominated, we want to promote the game to all.

Good Luck

Yours in Sport

Michelle Cox

Head Essex Met County Player Pathway Coach