



# LYG Netball (Year 9 & Under) 2026

## Entry Information & Rules

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### Event Overview

**Date:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Venue:** Redbridge Sports Centre, IG6 3HD

**Approx Timings:** Registration 8:30, Event Timings 9:30-15:30

**Final:** Copper Box Arena – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 10.00pm.

**Squad Size:** Minimum – 7 & Maximum – 14.

**Competitions:** Girls Only.

### Age Categories

Likely School Year	Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
Yr 7 – Yr 9	U14	01/09/2011	31/08/2014

**Replacements:** Each borough is permitted two replacements, qualifiers and finals inclusive. No additions will be allowed even if a borough does not have the maximum squad number. Replacements are where you can bring an undeclared competitor to replace a registered competitor not attending on the day. All replacement details must be provided at registration on the day.

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## Full Rules & Regulations

**NET 1** All matches will be played to the England Netball Rules of the Game, currently in force at the time of the tournament, except where specific Tournament Regulations apply. Please refer to the: [World-Netball-Rules-Book-2024.pdf](#)

**NET 1.1** The London Youth Games Open Netball competition will follow the Transgender guidance outlined [Trans-Guidance-2017-updated-August-amends-final-2024.pdf](#)

**NET 1.2** Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by the International Netball Federation, these rules will supersede those.

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**NET 1.3** It will be at the discretion of the Competition Director and LYG personnel, as to the application of these rules. Any subsequent decision made by the Competition Director and LYG personnel will be final.

**NET 1.4** The Competition Director and London Youth Games reserve the right to alter or amend the playing schedule if necessary and make decisions on any matters arising during the tournament, including any matter not covered by the tournament regulations.

**NET 1.5** The Competition Director in consultation with LYG personnel reserves the right to suspend/cancel the event where required by unsafe conditions.

**NET 1.6** Appropriate sanctions for a breach of the Netball Competition Rules will be determined by the Competition Director in consultation with LYG personnel. This could involve a deduction of points and / or disqualification.

### NET 2 Age Category

**NET 2.1.** The following age groups and respective minimum/maximum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Netball Competition.

Likely School Year	Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
Yr 7 – Yr 9	U14	01/09/2011	31/08/2014

**NET 2.2** Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

**NET 2.3** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [London Youth Games' Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

**NET 2.3.1** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.

### NET 3 Squad Size & Coach

**NET 3.1** Boroughs are permitted to bring a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 14 players.

**NET 3.2** Boroughs are permitted to bring all 14 competitors entered in the event on the day however only 7 will be able to play per match, with substitutions that can be made at half time or in the event of an injury. Tactical changes, as permitted by standardised England Netball rules will not be allowed in this competition.

**NET 3.3** It is recommended that each team must be accompanied by a coach, with a minimum Level 1 assessed qualification.

### NET 4 Kit & Equipment



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**NET 4.1** Hair must be tied back, no jewellery or hair adornments may be worn, and earrings must be removed. Any clothing or bands etc. allowed for medical or cultural reasons will follow the guidance as found in the [England Netball Rules 2024](#).

**NET 4.2** Fingernails must be cut short, and shoelaces securely tied.

**NET 4.3** Each team must provide two different coloured set of bibs with positions initialled front and back.

**NET 4.4** Each team must provide a clearly marked size 5 match netball for warm up.

**NET 4.5** Match ball: Molten, size 5 (model international) is provided by London Youth Games.

## NET 5 Competition Format

**NET 5.1 Qualifiers** The following format will apply at the qualifying stage of the competition;

- Round 1: Round Robin format. No seeding. Groups will be allocated at random.
- Round 2: Teams will be regrouped based on finishing positions from round 1. Teams finishing in positions 1 & 2 from round 1 will be placed in the top half of the draw and will be eligible to proceed to the finals.

**NET 5.1.1** Number of groups and group sizes will be subject to entry numbers.

**NET 5.1.2** Matches will be 7 minutes each way, with 2 minutes at half time and with 2 minutes between rounds. The exact format of the competition including game length will be determined by number of team entries and confirmed prior to the competition.

**NET 5.2 Finals** The following format will apply at the finals stage of the competition;

- Teams finishing in positions 1 & 2 in the top half of the draw from Round 2 will qualify for the finals.

**NET 5.2.1** Matches will be 2 halves of 10 minutes, with 1 minute between halves, and with 2 minutes between rounds.

## NET 6 Sport Rules

**NET 6.1** During play, the following rules will apply;

**NET 6.1.1** Each match will start and finish on the umpire's whistle, which will normally be blown immediately after the sounding of a central bell/hooter. In the case of an ongoing penalty in the shooting circle, the play will continue, until the ball is out of play.

**NET 6.1.2** Captains must toss prior to the start of a game and inform the umpires of the outcome.

**NET 6.1.3** Late arriving players cannot enter the game while play is in progress but, after notifying the umpires, may take the court after a goal has been scored. The player must play in a vacant position.

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**NET 6.1.4** Teams arriving late on court may start playing as soon as they arrive, but their opponents will be given a 2-goal lead. The opposing team may not start play or gain any further goal advantage until both teams are present.

**NET 6.1.5** If a team fails to take the court for the duration of the match, the opposing team will be awarded 5 points and 3 goals. The team failing to take to the court will not be awarded any points or goals.

**NET 6.1.6** Coaches and squad players must not move along the side lines whilst play is underway.

**NET 6.2** In the case that injury occurs:

**NET 6.2.1** A match cannot be extended due to injury or illness. If a player is injured or ill, they must withdraw from the match immediately and a substitution (if one is available) may be made before the game continues. A team can continue playing with a minimum of 5 players. If in the opinion of the umpire, the injured player should not be moved, the Competition Director or Tournament Organisers should be notified immediately in order for a decision on the outcome of the match to be made.

**NET 6.2.2** Any player sustaining an injury causing blood to flow must immediately leave the court to cover the wound. All injuries should be referred to First Aiders on site and the Tournament Organisers.

**NET 6.2.3** An accident form must be completed for any injuries which should be signed by the Team Manager and Tournament Organisers.

**NET 6.3** Coaches/Team Managers are responsible for their teams' valuables, conduct and wellbeing.

## NET 7 Overall scoring

**NET 7.1** Points will be awarded for each game to give a borough's overall score for the event.

**NET 7.2** Points awarded are as follows:

- 5 for a win
- 3 for a draw
- 2 points if a team loses but gains more than 50% of their opponent's score
- 1 for a loss

**NET 7.2.1** Group positions determined by:

- Points accrued
- Goal difference
- Goal Average

**NET 7.2.2** In the event of a tie in the semi-final or final knockout stages, there will be a straight turnaround and teams will play a further 2 minutes. If teams are still level after 2 minutes, then play will continue and the team who scores the first goal will be deemed winners.

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**NET 7.3 Final Positions** Teams allocated points according to their group positions (PM).

**NET 7.3.1** The teams that finish in the top positions will be invited to play their final match at a separate date as part of London Youth Game's Olympic Park Finals weekend. The number of top positions will be determined by the number of entries and the final format agreed for the competition.

**NET 7.4** In the case of an incomplete competition. For example, if the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate a result.

- The furthest completed stage of competition will be used to countback.
- Any teams tied on position will be separated based on the rules above which determine group positions, using averages.
- The minimum competition required to determine a result is a completed stage.

## NET 8 Medals & Trophies

**NET 8.1** Medals and trophy will be awarded as follows:

**NET 8.1.1** Medals awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams. Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place and bronze medals will be awarded to both losing semi-finalists.

**NET 8.1.2** The Sonia Taylor Trophy will be presented to the overall winner of the competition.