

LYG Year 3&4 Bee Netball Festival 2026

Entry Information & Guidance



Event Overview

Date: Tuesday 17th March 2026.

Approx. Timings: Registration 10:00, Event Timings: 10:45- 14:30

Venue: Redbridge Sports Centre, Forest Road, Ilford, Essex, IG6 3HD.

Contact: rory@londonyouthgames.org

Entry Information

School Group Entry Deadline: Wednesday 11th March, 10pm

School Group Size: Minimum - 6 & Maximum - 10

Festival: Female first, but mixed groups welcome.

Age Categories

Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
7-9 years	01/09/2016	31/08/2018	Years 3 & 4

Eligibility Criteria

Festival Tier: Develop

Festival Intent: Developmental event which will focus on extending children and young people's knowledge & understanding of a particular sport using station based or non-scoring games formats. The measure of success is determined by demonstrating sporting values or through the accrual of team best scores. Local qualifying festivals may be used as a selection process to these events but is not mandatory.

Participant of Focus: Aimed at children and young people who are new to the sport and are not currently receiving regular coaching outside of school but may be more likely to take that step as a result of attending the event. Ideal for pupils who may be active and have basic competence but are not representing school teams.

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BNET 1 The London Youth Games School Games Bee Netball Festival will be run in accordance with the [Netball Primary Guidelines](#) - please note the Festival Guidance is on Page 2.

BNET 1.1 Should any guidance listed below contradict those outlined by England Netball, these will supersede those.

BNET 1.2 It will be at the discretion of the event referee and LYG personnel in conversation with the festival director as to the application of this guidance, and any subsequent decision made by LYG personnel and event referee as a result will be final.

BNET 2 Age Category

BNET 2.1 The following age groups and respective minimum/maximum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games School Games Bee Netball Festival:

Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
7-9 years	01/09/2016	31/08/2018	Years 3 & 4

BNET 2.1.1 Participants should not enter this festival if they are ineligible.

BNET 2.1.1.1 Should a school wish to bring a participant who falls beyond this age range, approval should be sought from LYG by emailing becca@londonyouthgames.org.

BNET 2.2 It is the responsibility of teachers & SGOs to ensure all participants details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to take part.

BNET 3 Eligibility Criteria

BNET 3.1 Festival Tier: Develop

BNET 3.1.1 Festival Intent: Developmental event which will focus on extending children and young people's knowledge & understanding of a particular sport using station based or non-scoring games formats. The measure of success is determined by demonstrating sporting values or through the accrual of team best scores. Local qualifying festivals may be used as a selection process to these events but is not mandatory.

BNET 3.1.2 Participant of Focus: Aimed at children and young people who are new to the sport and are not currently receiving regular coaching outside of school but may be more likely to take that step as a result of attending the event. Ideal for pupils who may be active and have basic competence but are not representing school teams.

BNET 4 School Group Size

Schools are permitted to bring a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 participants.

BNET 4.1 Teams can be mixed gender, but female participation first encouraged.

BNET 5 Kit & Equipment

All equipment is provided by the festival providers.

BNET 6 Format

The festival will run across 8 netball courts and consist of station-based activities and friendly match-play.

BNET 6.1 Station Based Activities Each group rotates to take part in each activity for approx 10-15 minutes. Below are some examples of popular activity stations that may be offered on the day:

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- Netball Rally
- Number Passing
- Run the Gauntlet
- Safe Zones
- Target Practice
- Netball Rounders
- Quick Thinking
- 5 Passes
- Bees in the Honeypot

Here is a useful resources for reference: [Bee Netball Activity Plan](#)

BNET 6.1.1 Timings of play time per station will be subject to entry numbers.

BNET 6.2 Match Play In the afternoon, Teams will get the opportunity to implement the skills they have practiced in the morning by participating in some friendly Bee Netball match-play.

BNET 7 Scoring The festival is non-scoring. Schools are encouraged to record individual participants scores, during stations a in order to highlight their improvement throughout the day and keep track of their progress.