



**2007 -2008**

***U14 & U16 Competition Structure***

***U14 Satellite Academies***

As a county, West Devon Netball covers Plymouth, South Hams, West Devon and parts of Teignbridge. However all players born, living or at a school or club in any part of Devon are eligible to participate in the activities of West Devon Netball.

### **U14 Age Group – years 8 & 9**

Following the success of last years Academies in Plymouth the County Association are planning to run 2 Satellite Academies during the 2007-08 season. Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be assigned to each of the Academies that will be run in accordance with England Netball guidelines.

The Satellite Academy will provide talented young players with access to quality coaching. They will receive a structured technical training programme and will be introduced to a basic fitness schedule. They will be encouraged to fill in a log book to monitor how much sport they play and to follow their progress.

Players will be selected by Academy or EN accredited Scouts. The selection procedure will be organised by the County Association.

U14 Satellite trials will be held during October/November 2007.

All players will need to comply with 2007-08 Eligibility (please see below)

Each Academy will run for 10 weeks from November – March. Each session will be for 2 hours per week.

Players in the satellite academies will be able to access the Regional U14 tournament through their club. The 2 teams who finish top in the U14 division of the Plymouth & District Netball League will be offered the opportunity of representing West Devon Netball in this event



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## **U16 Age Group – years 10 & 11**

The County Association is proposing that local leagues run an U16 league from September to November. The top 2 teams from each of the local leagues will enter into an U16 County Tournament at the beginning of December. The top 2 teams from the county tournament will then go onto represent West Devon Netball in the U16 Regional league.

At this moment, the Plymouth & District Junior Netball League is the only affiliated league within West Devon so this year the 2 teams who finish top in the U16 division will be given the opportunity to represent West Devon Netball in the U16 Regional League.

Local leagues will then restructure from January – April to provide competition for teams not playing in the Regional League.

**There will be no U16 county trials** – all talented U16s will need to be playing in a club for the possibility of playing at Regional level.

## **U16 Regional League**

- ♦ The U16 Regional League will run from January to March 2008
- ♦ All league games will be held on a Sunday
- ♦ Fixtures will be split on a north and south basis.
- ♦ The Regional League will consist of 6 fixtures dates 2 in Jan, 3 in Feb, 1 in March
- ♦ In April there will be playoffs between the top North and South teams to establish Regional Champions to go forward to the U16 National finals
- ♦ Each fixture will provide 2 matches of 4 x 10 mins
- ♦ All teams will play each other once
- ♦ All fixtures will be played at central venues organised by the Region
- ♦ All teams and players will need to be affiliated to England Netball
- ♦ All players will need to comply with 2007-08 Eligibility (please see below)
- ♦ All teams, with assistance from county, will need to provide umpires



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**Eligibility 2007-08 \*\***

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U14 (year 8 & 9) Players must be over 12 but under 14 at midnight 31st Aug/1st Sept 2007

U16 (year 10 & 11) Players must be over 14 but under 16 at midnight 31st Aug/1st Sept 2007

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\*\* No player shall be allowed to play whose age is outside this age band unless the player is identified in the Regional talent programme, is member of a SW High Performance Centre extension centre and procedure has been checked with the County Chair or Vice Chair.