

## Yorkshire Netball Bursary Scheme Policy 2024 to 2025

### 1. Purpose

1. The Yorkshire Netball bursary scheme aims to improve access to and growth in Netball across the Yorkshire region over which Yorkshire Netball presides by providing financial assistance to those who may be facing financial, or related, barriers.

### 2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Scheme(see point 4 for funding options), the applicant(s) must meet the following criteria:

1. Actively involved in Netball as a player, coach, official and/or volunteer in the Yorkshire region.<sup>1</sup>
2. Experiencing a financial, or related, barrier to accessing and/or growing Netball in the Yorkshire region.<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Available Funds

1. For each submission period (see point 6.2 for submission dates), the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Committee will have a set amount available, to consider applications against. To have the best chance of success, only apply for what you need and note it may not be possible, financially, to support all applications.

### 4. Funding Options

As part of the Yorkshire Netball bursary application process, the applicant(s) can apply for one or more of the following types of funding, depending on their circumstances and need:

1. Full Amount: The bursary will cover the total amount needed to improve access to and/or growth in Netball activities.
2. Match Funding: The bursary will match an amount provided by the applicant(s) or another source (e.g., club) to improve access to and/or growth in Netball activities.
3. Percentage Contribution: The bursary will cover a specific percentage (e.g., 25%) of the total amount required to improve access to and/or growth in Netball activities.

### 5. Eligible Expenses

The Yorkshire Netball bursary can be used for various Netball-related expenses, including but not limited to:

1. Memberships: e.g. An annual membership fee for a player, coach, official and/or volunteer in the Yorkshire region.
2. Equipment: e.g. Costs for equipment and attire necessary to gain access to and participate in Netball.

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<sup>1</sup> To be determined by application form response and cross-referencing with ENgage, as appropriate.

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3. Continuing Development: e.g. Funds to attend courses (e.g., safeguarding, first aid, coaching, and officiating) necessary to improve access to and growth in Netball across the Yorkshire region.
4. Travel: e.g. Expenses associated with travelling to and from Netball training, matches, and events that would otherwise go unmet.
5. Events: e.g. Covering costs to participate in tournaments, leagues, and other relevant Netball events.
6. Insight: e.g. Costs associated with contributing to the evidence base that underpins improved access to and growth in Netball activities.

## 6. **Application Process**

To apply for a bursary, the applicant(s) must:

1. Complete the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Scheme application form (available on the [Yorkshire Netball website](#)).
2. There will be three submission windows annually – the submission windows will open on the first Monday in February, June, and October and will remain open for a period of seven days. Where there is a clear and pressing need, applications can be made outside of these dates, but the timing of their consideration will be at the discretion of the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Committee Chair, or nominated alternative, and this will be clearly communicated to the applicant(s) within a two-week period from receipt of application.

## 7. **Assessment and Awarding**

1. Review Process: The Yorkshire Netball Bursary Committee will meet a minimum of three times per year (February/June/October) to review all applications in context of the eligibility criteria, the extent of need, and available finances of Yorkshire Netball (see point 3.1).
2. Notification: Successful applicants will be notified within four weeks of the application submission deadline. All decisions taken by the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Committee should be considered final, but an opportunity to receive feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants if requested within 10 days of receipt of an unsuccessful outcome.
3. Disbursement: Depending on the nature of the expenses, funds will usually be disbursed directly to the named organisations' bank account in a timely manner.

## 8. **Conditions of the Bursary**

1. Use of Funds: Bursary recipients must use the funds for the specified purposes outlined in their application. If this condition is contravened, a recipient will be barred from applying to the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Scheme for a minimum period of 12 months and Yorkshire Netball can request a return of the funds provided.
2. Reporting: To maintain an appropriate audit trail of expenditure and document impact, recipients will be required to provide a brief report on how the funds were used and contributed to improving access to and/or growth in

Netball across the region. The format and deadline of the brief report would be agreed between the recipient and the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Committee.

3. **Publicity:** Recipients may be asked to participate in promotional activities to share their experiences and the benefits of the Yorkshire Netball bursary scheme. Such activity would be agreed between the recipient and Yorkshire Netball.

**9. Contact Information**

For any questions or further information, please contact the Yorkshire Netball Bursary Committee: **Email:** [bursaries@yorkshirenetball.net](mailto:bursaries@yorkshirenetball.net)

**10. Review and Amendments**

1. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Yorkshire Netball Regional Management Board and may be amended based on member and committee feedback and the evolving needs of the Netball community in Yorkshire.