



Spires Netball Club trial Policy

Trials are a challenging time for both the players, parents and trial coaches. Spires NC aims for our process to be open and transparent.

Sport trials are a series of exercises that test a players skill and ability. The selection is an opinion and although we would like to be objective we do accept subjectivity of the trial coaches too.

We do have a player development ethos at Spires, trials are about aligning players to the appropriate level of competition and that we still aim for all Spires players to play competitively as part of their development across the netball season. However with the high performance level of County and Regional netball we do need to have the right players with the right skills, coachability, mental approach and parental support to compete at this level.

Opportunity and expectations

- * This is a fantastic opportunity to play at a high level of Netball.
- * Commitment to training and matches; training commitment 1.5 hrs per week, Saturday matches in Southampton, Sunday regional matches, sometimes being in Bristol some 2 hours away.
- * Our extremely experienced performance coaches have been exposed to coaching squads at a regional level and above. All Spires coaches have up to date CPD plus first aid and safeguarding certificates.

Feedback

Decisions about trials will be communicated via email within 24/36 hours of the trials. All players, including those who have not been successful, will receive an individual email communicating the decision, but will not receive individual feedback. However, should a non successful player wish to know how to proceed, an action plan supporting that player can be provided on request.

Coaches are very aware that this can be a difficult time for those not selected, and ask parents to help manage how decisions are played out on social media and between the squads and players.

Selection will be over 3 days. There are skill levels that Spires have taken from Netball Scotland 1 and will be looking for players to meet those levels.

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1 <https://www.netballscotland.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Pathway-to-International-A4.pdf>