

Dear Club Coaches/Secretaries

### **Save the Dates for Under 14, Under 16 & Under 19 Cup & Plate Competition**

As we approach the mid way point of the Leagues, we thought it would be helpful to remind you all of the new approach to the Cup and Plate (formerly Shield & Plate) for the above Junior sections, previously discussed and agreed following the Junior Survey in season 23/24.

The following should be read in conjunction with the Craggs (effective from 1 November 2024) and available on NNI website.

Please note the timeline and dates confirmed in the attached Annexes. **Dates must be adhered to, therefore Clubs should make early preparations now to ensure teams are available to play and contact umpires.**

**An additional info session will be held in online via zoom on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January for those who might need any extra assistance understanding new format for this season**

### **Completion of Leagues**

- Once League matches are completed, all teams in each Section will be placed in ranked order (1-8) or (1-7) final league placements.
- The top 4 ranked teams (places 1-4) in each Section will play for their **Section Cup**.
- The bottom 4 ranked teams (5-8) in each Section will play for their **Section Plate**. (except U19 A, B, C, U14 B & C, U16 C, D, E sections only 3 bottom ranked).

### **Cup & Plate Rounds 1, 2 & 3**

- There will be 3 Rounds (R1, R2, R3) within each Cup & Plate Section. These matches will be self-arranged by the first named Home team/Club. These matches **do not** have to be played on neutral venues or with neutral umpires. Cost of court Hire is split between both teams and usual umpire fees. Arrange umpires as soon as possible.
- After these 3 rounds, all Cup section teams will be ranked 1-4 and all Plate section will be ranked 1-4 or 1-3.
- Dates for matches to be played in each Sections Cup & Plate are detailed in the Annexes below.
- Annex A & B provides a quick reference for each Section.
  
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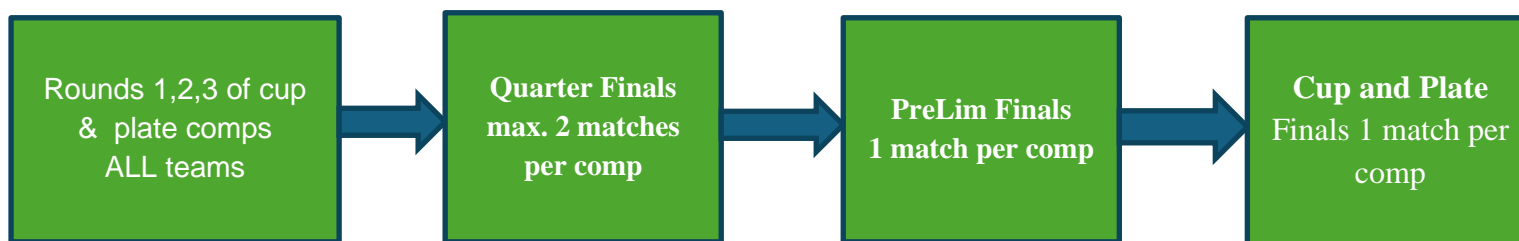
### Quarter Final

- Quarter Finals will be self-arranged by the first named Home Club by the week ending dates provided (see below Annex) and court hire will be split between teams and usual umpire fees. Please note NEUTRAL Umpires are required for the ¼ finals. Arrange umpires as soon as possible.

### Prelim (Preliminary) Finals & Cup & Plate Finals

- Prelim finals - court hire will be arranged by Netball NI and court fees will be invoiced to each club via NNI Finance. All umpires will be arranged as usual by each team themselves and usual umpire fees paid. Please note NEUTRAL umpires are required for the Prelims.
- Each Section Cup & Plate Final - court hire and umpires will be arranged by Netball NI, Officials Working Group and no fees required from each Team. The finals will have provision for spectators to attend. Further detail of the final set up will be sent closer to the time.
- ***Please note: Any team that forfeit a match including the finals day will incur the full cost of the court hire and umpire fees.***
- ***Please note where a 2 week period has been given to allow flexibility for Clubs to arrange a fixture (noted on Annexes as ‘over 2 weeks’)***
- **Please ensure you pay attention to round robin league final finishing positions as this informs your competition and fixtures thereafter.**

### ***Quick diagram re stages of new 24-25 competition layout***



***For Clarification in a fixture please note the home team and away team:-***

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**Competitions Working Group**

**4 December 2024**

first named team =  
HOME team

1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>

Second named team =  
AWAY team

**Annex A – U14 & U16**

League Groups & fixtures	Stages	Date to be played by	Match Organiser	Location confirmed
U14 A, B, C, D Cup (1st vs 3rd), (2nd vs 4th)  U16 A, B C, D, E Cup (1st vs 3rd), (2nd vs 4th)  U14 A & D Plate (7th vs 5th), (8th vs 6th)  U16 A & B Plate (7th vs 5th), (8th vs 6th)  U14 B & C Plate (5th vs 7th), 6th bye  U16 C, D, E Plate (5th vs 7th), 6th Bye	Round 1	Week Ending 9 Feb	Home named team arrange  e.g ( 1 <sup>st</sup> is home named team) and ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> is away named team)	TBA (To Be Arranged) by Home named Club/team

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U14 A, B, C, D Cup (4th vs 1st), (3rd vs 2nd)  U16 A, B C, D, E Cup (4th vs 1st), (3rd vs 2nd)  U14 A & D Plate (6th vs 7th), (5th vs 8th)  U16 A & B Plate (6th vs 7th), (5th vs 8th)  U14 B & C Plate (7th vs 6th), 5th bye  U16 C, D, E (7th vs 6th), 5th Bye	Round 2	Week Ending 23 Feb	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club/team
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<p>U14 A, B, C, D Cup (2nd vs 1st), (4th vs 3rd)</p> <p>U16 A, B, C, D, E Cup (2nd vs 1st), (4th vs 3rd)</p> <p>U14 A &amp; D Plate (6th vs 5th), (8th vs 7th)</p> <p>U16 A &amp; B Plate (6th vs 5th), (8th vs 7th)</p> <p>U14 B&amp; C Plate (6th vs 5th), 7th bye,</p> <p>U16 C, D, E Plate (6th vs 5th), 7th bye</p>	Round 3	Week Ending 2 Mar	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club/team
<p>U14 B &amp; C Plate (1st vs 2nd) 3rd bye</p> <p>U16 C, D&amp; E Plate (1st vs 2nd) 3rd bye to prelim</p>	Quarter Final Plate	*Week ending 9 or 16 Mar (over 2 weeks.)	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club/team
<p>U14 A, B, C, D Cup (1st vs 2nd), (3rd vs 4th)</p> <p>U16 A, B, C, D, E Cup (1st vs 2nd), (3rd vs 4th)</p>	Quarter Final	*Week ending 9 or 16 Mar (over 2 weeks).	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club/team

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<p>U14 B &amp; C <u>Plate Prelim</u> (Loser 1v2 1/4 final vs 3rd place)</p> <p>U16 C, D &amp; E <u>Plate Prelim</u> (Loser 1v2 1/4 final vs 3rd place)</p>	Prelim	Sunday 23 Mar	NNI CWG arrange courts only	<p>12 noon-5pm Ulster University Belfast (UUB)</p> <p>(Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date. To note the UU venue in a new venue in Belfast NOT Jordanstown)</p>
<p>U14 A, B, C, D <u>Cup Prelim</u> (Loser 1v2 1/4 final vs winner 3v4 1/4 final)</p> <p>U16 A, B, C, D, E <u>Cup Prelim</u> (Loser 1v2 1/4 final vs winner 3v4 1/4 final)</p> <p>U14 A&amp; D <u>Prelim Plate</u> (Loser 1v2 1/4 final vs winner 3v4 1/4 final)</p> <p>U16 A&amp;B <u>Prelim Plate</u> (Loser 1v2 1/4 final vs winner 3v4 1/4 final)</p>	Final Prelim	Saturday 29 Mar	NNI CWG arrange courts only	<p>9am – 5pm New Forge Centre, Belfast (2 courts no bleachers, no spectator space)</p> <p>(Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date.)</p>
<p>U14 <u>Cup and Plate Final</u></p>	Cup & Plate Final	Sunday 6 April	NNI CWG & OWG arrange courts & umpires	<p>9am -5pm South Lake LC (with bleachers) * 5 matches out of 8 finals matches</p> <p>(Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date.)</p>

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U14/16 <u>Cup and Plate final</u>	Cup & Plate Final	Saturday 12 April & Sunday 13 April	NNI CWG & OWG arrange courts and umpires	<p><b>12 April</b> 9am-6pm Ards Blair LC, Newtownards with spectators</p> <p>(U14 remaining 3 finals matches)</p> <p>(U16 - 5 finals matches out of 10 matches)</p> <p><b>13 April</b> 9am -6pm Ards Blair LC, Newtownards with spectators</p> <p>(U16 remaining 5 finals matches out of 10 matches_</p> <p>(Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date.)</p>
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## Annex B – U19

League Groups	Stages	Date to be played by	Match Organiser	Location confirmed
U19 A, B, C <u>Cup</u> (1st vs 3rd), (2nd vs 4th)  U19 A, B, C <u>Plate</u> (5th vs 7th) 6th bye	Round 1	Week Ending 9 Feb	Home named team arrange e.g ( 1 <sup>st</sup> is home named Club) and ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> is Home named Club)	TBA by Home named Club
U19 A, B, C <u>Cup</u> (4th vs 1st), (3rd vs 2nd)  U19 A, B, C <u>Plate</u> (6th vs 7th) 5th bye	Round 2	Week Ending 23 Feb	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club
U19 A, B, C <u>Cup</u> (2nd vs 1st), (4th vs 3rd)  U19 A, B, C <u>Plate</u> (6th vs 5th), 7th Bye	Round 3	Week Ending 2 Mar	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club
U19 A, B, C <u>Plate 1/4 final</u> (1st vs 2nd) 3rd place bye	Quarter Final	Week ending 9 Mar	Home named team arrange	TBA by Home named Club

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U19 A, B, C <u>Cup 1/4 final</u> (1st vs 2nd), (3rd vs 4th)	Quarter Final	*Week ending 9 or 16 Mar (over 2 weeks)	Home named team arrange (u19 Cup section only)	TBA by Home named Team (only u19 Cup section)
U19 A, B, C <u>Plate Prelim final</u> (3rd place vs loser 1st vs 2nd 1/4 final match)	Prelim Final	Friday 14 March - 2 matches  Sunday 16 March - 1 match	NNI CWG Arrange Courts only  NNI CWG Arrange courts only	South Lakes LC Friday 14/03 8pm- 9.30pm 2 matches (across 2 courts)  South lakes LC Sunday 16/03 10 am-12.00am 1 match  (Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date.)
U19 A, B, C <u>Prelim Final Cup</u> (Losers 1st vs 2nd 1/4 final match vs winner 3rd vs 4th 1/4 final match)	Prelim Final	Saturday 22 March	NNI CWG arrange courts only	12-5.00pm University of Ulster Belfast (UUB)  (Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date. To note the UU venue in a new venue in Belfast NOT Jordanstown)
U19 A, B, C <u>Cup &amp; Plate Final</u>	Cup Final Plate Final	Saturday 5 April	NNI CWG & OWG arrange courts and umpires	8am-6pm South Lakes LC  (Further details on specific matches will be provided closer to the date.)

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