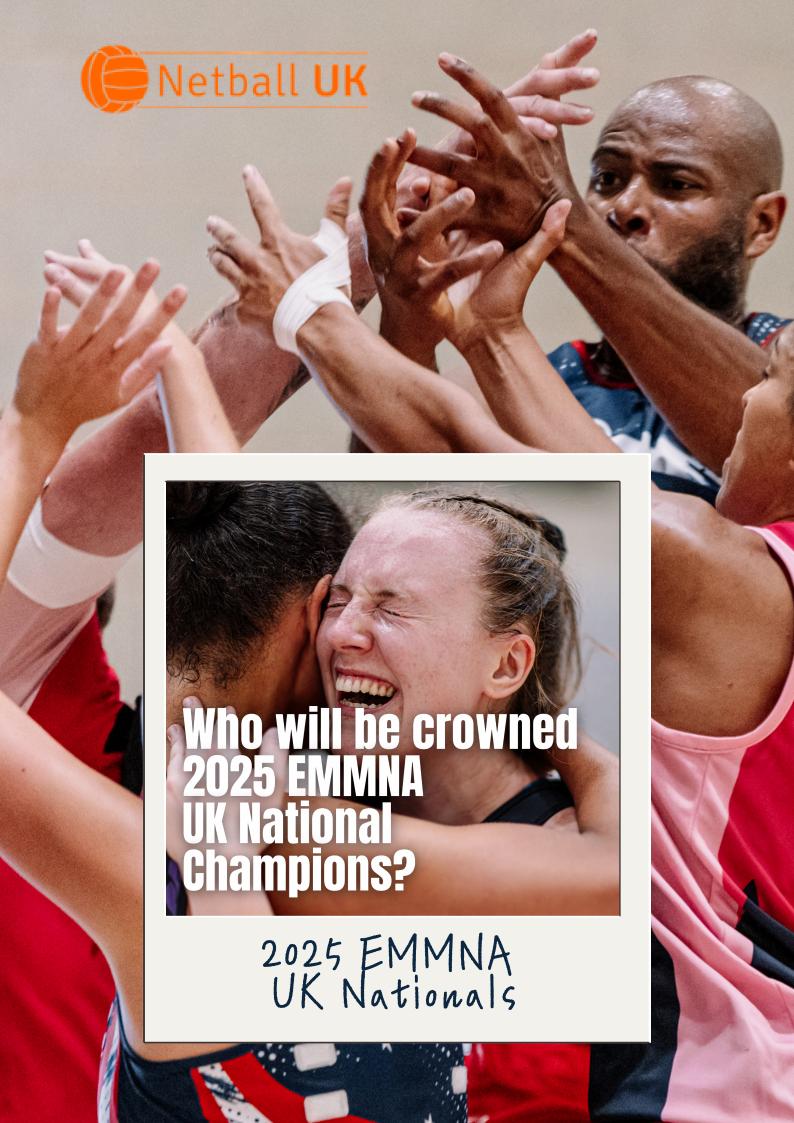


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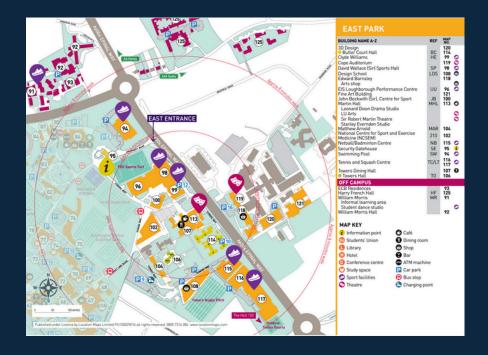
The EMMNA National Championships is held at Loughborough University, Towers Way, LE11 3TS, from Friday 22nd August 9:00 a.m. to Sunday 24th August 2025 7:00 p.m.

Matches will be played at 3 venues. The Sir David Wallace (SDW) Sports Arena, Netball Centre (NC) and New Victory Hall (NVH).

Teams must aim to arrive at Loughborough University and collect your team accreditation and match ball before your first match at the following times:

- If your first match is at 9:00 a.m, please present at the venue of your first match no earlier than 8:40 a.m.
- If your first match is 9:50 a.m. or later, you can collect these at the venue of your first match any time after 9:10 a.m.

You must bring the Flyhawk match ball provided to you to all of your games and present it to the umpire. Remember to collect it after your game. We suggest marking your ball to keep it identifiable





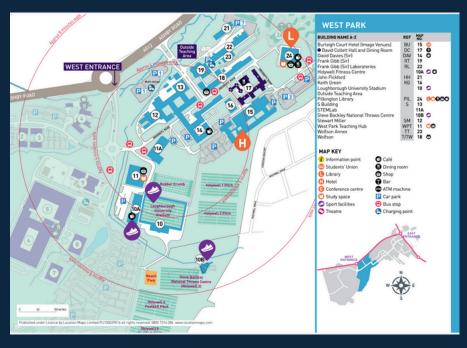
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HOW TO GET THERE

New Victory Hall is located in the West Park, at the Holywell fitness centre. It is a 25 minute walk / 5 minute drive from the East Park where Sir David Wallace and the Netball Centre are located.

All venues will have access to changing rooms, toilets, water fountains and ice machines via your accreditation badge. Any person inside the venue without an accreditation badge will be asked to leave immediately. There is limited space courtside and only a short time between matches, therefore teams are advised to warm up outside each venue. Shooting posts will be available in the square outside Martin Hall for teams to practice.

For those playing matches at the NC and SDW, Martin Hall Cafe will be open for all three days, providing drinks and lunch options. NVH will have a food pod on Friday & Saturday. On Saturday & Sunday there will be a food truck offering a variety of food at SDW.

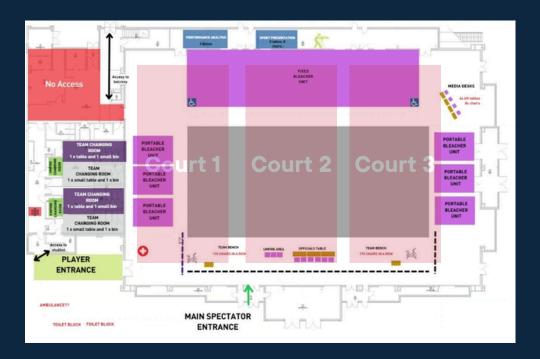




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CONSTRUCTION & VENUE ENTRY

Due to construction taking place at Sir David Wallace, the entrance has changed for this year and will be at the back of the venue (see image below). There will be **no** access to balconies at any of the venues for the duration of the tournament.



Teams should use the Player Entrance (bottom left) for access to the three courts at SDW, as well as toilets and changing rooms. There is no SDW foyer this year. The layout shown above is for Finals Sunday; however, the court access for Friday and Saturday will be the same as indicated on the diagram.

What3words Player Entry: ///panel.hours.battle https://w3w.co/panel.hours.battle



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VOLUNTEERS

The EMMNA National Tournament is run by a dedicated team of volunteers. They will be identified by baby blue volunteer t-shirts and/or volunteer specific accreditation. Here are some key roles that will help you throughout the weekend:

Tournament Lead - Hannah Lord, contact <u>events@englandmmna.com</u>

Tournament Referee - Responsible for ensuring tournament rules are followed at all times. The Tournament Referee will be based at SDW, with a Venue Lead at each venue who can contact the referee if required.

Accreditation check - Accreditation checks will be carried out at the main entrance of each netball venue. Only individuals with the correct identification will be allowed entry. Accreditation passes are not transferable. Anyone without a pass will be asked to leave the venue immediately. Any player found to be abusing their accreditation risks expulsion from the tournament.

First Aiders - will be onsite at each venue identifiable by an arm band. In the event of a medical emergency, you should call 999 and ask for an ambulance. Leicester Royal Infirmary and Queens Medical Centre (in Nottingham) both have A&E departments. For non-urgent, out of hours health care requirements, you can contact the NHS non-emergency telephone number, 111. Alternatively you can visit the Urgent Care Centre, based at Loughborough Hospital on Epinal Way.





TIMINGS

Day 1: Court access 8:45 a.m. games begin at 9:00 a.m. Final match will be finished by 7:00 p.m.

Day 2: Court access 8:15 a.m. games begin at 8:30 a.m. Final match will be finished by 7:00 p.m. The men's preliminary finals will start at 5:10p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

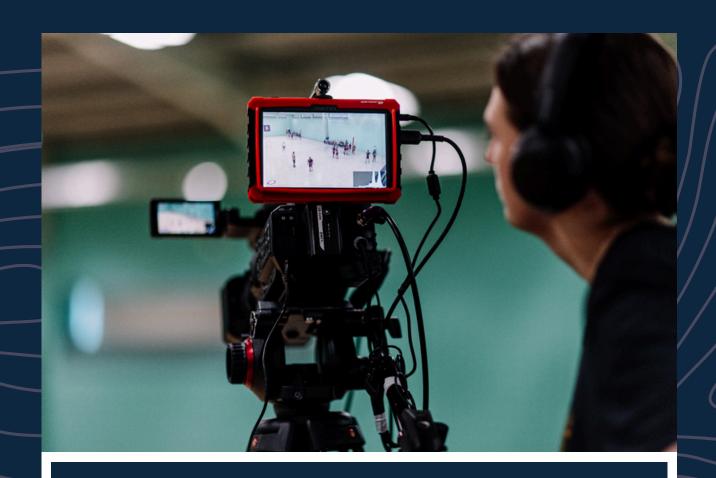
Day 3: NC & NVH Court access 8:15 a.m. games begin at 8:30 a.m and finish 3:30p.m.

SDW Show-court Court access 8:45a.m. games begin 9:00 a.m.

The awards ceremony will follow the Grand Final on the SDW Show-court at 6:30 p.m. to present:

- Volunteer, Umpire & Bench Official Presentation
- EMMNA Men's 2025 League Winners
- EMMNA Mixed 2025 League Winners
- EMMNA Club of the Year
- Team of the Tournament (GS, GA, WA, C, WD, GD, GK)
- Flyhawk Players of the Tournament Men's + Mixed
- Rising Star Award
- Mixed Runners up and Divisions 2 + 3 Winners
- Men's Runners up
- International Men's Champions
- Netball UK Men's 2025 National Champions
- Netball UK Mixed 2025 National Champions

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24.7 LIVE STREAM

We're delighted to once again provide global access to the EMMNA National Championships in 2025.

With audiences from more than 20 countries in 2024, 2025 promises to be as exciting as ever with over 150 games being live streamed.

We aim to stream at least 6 games for every team. No games will be live streamed from NVH on Sunday.

Our stream partner **24.7** are offering a day pass for £9.99 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday which will give you access to all the streams on that day. To purchase a day pass, select the "EMMNA Nationals Day Pass" option above the payment box on any of the streams from that day and it will give you access to all courts for that day. **DO NOT** select "Single Video" as this is for one game only.

24.7 are unable to offer a weekend bundle, you will need to purchase day pass for each day. You can buy your stream passes <u>HERE</u>.



OFFICIATING AND RULES

All games at the UK National Championships 2025 will be played under the current World Netball Rules of Netball. **The decision of the umpire is final and given without question**. Where a player or team disputes an umpire's decision, any actions that may follow are covered by the Game Management rules.

Player Conduct

Any player who receives 2 suspensions will miss the next game their team plays in. On the third occasion a player is suspended, or if the player is ordered off court for a 2nd time, they will miss the remainder of the tournament.

Central Timing

Courts in each venue will be centrally timed and do not stop for injury time.

Teams must be on court and ready to start at the scheduled time. A penalty of one goal will be awarded to the opposition for every 30 seconds a team is late. If a team misses the entire first quarter, the match will be forfeited, and a score of 20–0 will be recorded.



OFFICIATING AND RULES

Game Timings

All games will have 8 minute quarters, intervals of 2 mins / 4 mins / 2 mins. Due to the shortened game length, suspensions will be for 1 minute, and orderings off for 2 mins. The exception to this are the two Grand Final games which will have 15 min quarters, intervals of 4 mins / 8 mins / 4 mins, suspensions of 2 mins and orderings off will be 4 mins.

Extra time

Group stage matches can end in a draw. Placing matches cannot. In the event that a placing match finishes tied, extra time will be played. There will be a 1 minute break between the end of the match and the start of extra time.

If teams are still level, the timer will call out that "scores are still tied, next goal wins" and play will continue until a golden goal is scored.

Placing playoffs and semi-finals will have a period of 2 mins of extra time. Grand finals will have a period of 4 mins of extra time.

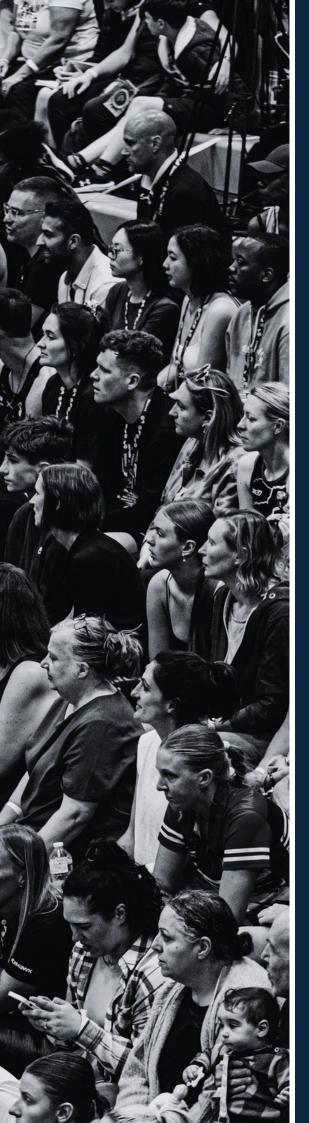
Score Cards

A representative from each team must sign the score card after every fixture.

Kit Clashes

In the event of a kit clash, the away team will wear overhead bibs. The away team is the one listed on the right-hand side of the fixture (Home vs Away). Please ensure you bring a set of overhead bibs in a colour different from your playing kit.

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OFFICIATING AND RULES

Mixed Netball:

Mixed teams are required to have a minimum of two (2) non-female* players on court at any one time and a maximum of three (3) non-female players on court at any one time during a match. The match must be played with no more than one (1) non-female playing in each of the following groupings of positions at any one time:

- GS and GA
- WA, C and WD
- GD and GK

*non-female includes anyone who self identifies as: male, transgender male, non-binary, gender queer and any other self-identification not listed.

Teams are responsible for ensuring they adhere to the correct gender split for Mixed Netball and must make the necessary adjustments as soon as a breach is identified.

No automatic penalties will be applied during the tournament for isolated breaches. However, if a team repeatedly fails to follow the correct process, or is found to have knowingly played outside the gender split requirements in a way that may have given them a competitive advantage, the matter will be referred to the Tournament Referee. If a breach is confirmed, points penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Tournament Referee. Their decision is final.

Please refer to the **2025 EMMNA UK Nationals Mixed Netball Rules & FAQs** for more information.

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EMMNA MIXED

EMMNA Mixed – Australia Test Series Selection

We're excited to host the Australian U23 Men and Australian Mixed teams for a 3-game test series:

- Sat 18 October Norwich
- Wed 22 October Oundle
- Sun 26 October London

The Australian Mixed team will feature players selected from the 2025 AMMNA Nationals. Our EMMNA Mixed side will be selected from players competing at the 2025 UK Nationals and current Thorns programme players.

Selectors at Nationals will invite talent identified athletes to a selection camp in September. From this camp, 13 players will be chosen to represent EMMNA Mixed in the October series.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

For the complete schedule please visit the 2025 UK Nationals website <u>HERE</u> where you can find all teams, groups, rounds and schedule.

Please note that court allocations for Saturday and Sunday **may change**. Fixtures for the following day will be confirmed by 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday night.

Teams will get 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. If teams are tied on points after the final match of the group stage, placings will be determined by goal difference (GD). If teams are still level, goals for (GF), goals against (GA) and then goal average will be taken into account.

Mixed Group Stage 1

- 8 groups of 4 teams
 - Each team plays 3 matches within their group
 - After group stage:
 - Top 2 teams → Championship Division (16 teams)
 - 3rd place teams → Division 2 (8 teams)
 - 4th place teams → Division 3 (8 teams)

Mixed Group Stage 2 & Finals

Championship Division (Places 1–16)

- 4 new groups of 4 teams
 - Each team plays all others in their new group (3 games)
 - Then:
 - 1st in group → Championship Semi-Finals → Championship Final
 - 2nd in group → 5th–8th playoffs (2 games)
 - 3rd in group → 9th–12th playoffs (2 games)
 - 4th in group → 13th–16th playoffs (2 games)

Division 2 (Places 17-24)

- 2 groups of 4 teams
 - Round-robin group stage (3 games)
 - Final day playoffs:
 - 1st in each group → 17th/18th playoff
 - 2nd in each group → 19th/20th playoff
 - 3rd in each group → 21st/22nd playoff
 - 4th in each group → 23rd/24th playoff

Division 3 (Places 25-32)

- Same format as Division 2
- Final day playoffs determine places 25-32

17 Key Points

- All teams will play across all three days
- Every team plays for a final placing

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Men's Stage 1

- 2 groups of 7 teams
 - Each team plays 6 group-stage matches (round-robin)
 - Top 3 teams in each group progress into finals:
 - 1st place teams → Semi-Finals
 - 2nd & 3rd place teams → Preliminary Finals (Saturday)
 - A 2nd vs B 3rd
 - B 2nd vs A 3rd
 - Winners of Preliminary Finals → Semi-Finals
 - Semi-Final winners → Championship Final
 - Semi-Final losers → 3rd/4th playoff
 - Preliminary Final losers → 5th/6th playoff
 - Teams finishing 4th to 7th in each group also play off for final rankings:
 - 4th A vs 4th B → 7th/8th
 - 5th A vs 5th B \rightarrow 9th/10th
 - 6th A vs 6th B \rightarrow 11th/12th
 - 7th A vs 7th B → 13th/14th

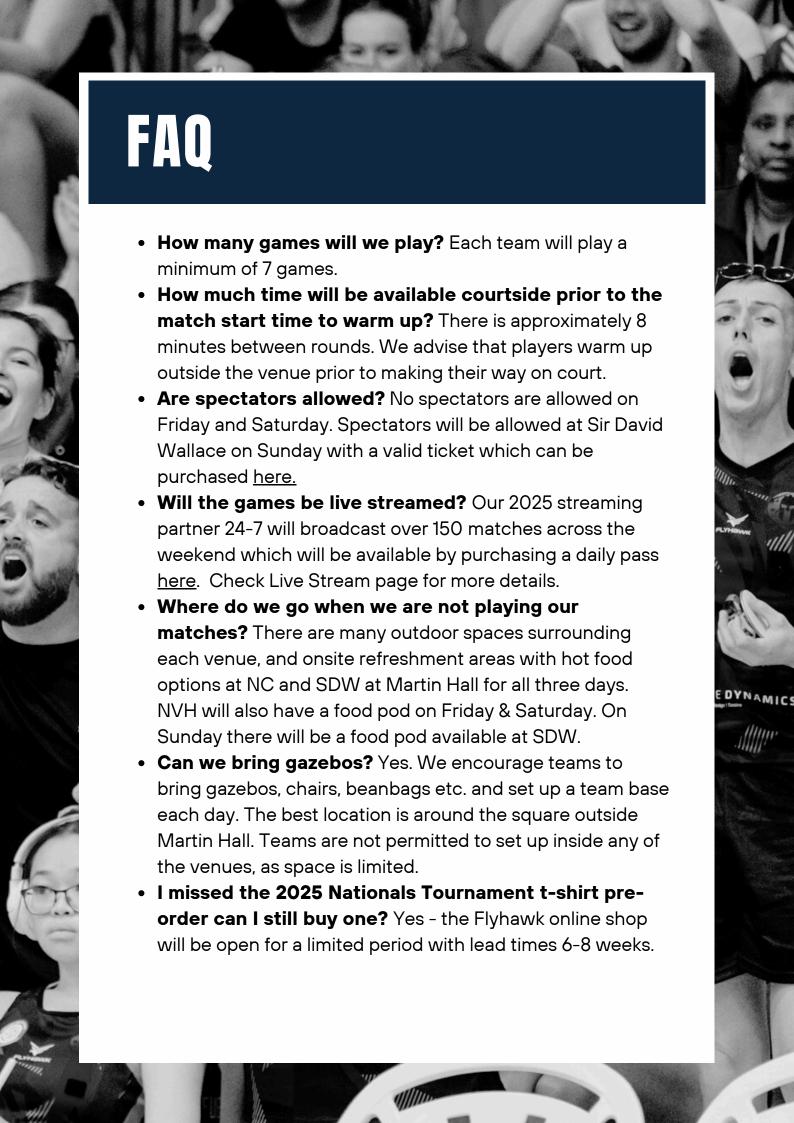
Please note that the Men's Preliminary Finals (2nd vs 3rd from the group stage) will be played at the Netball Centre Saturday at 5:10 pm and 6:00 pm.

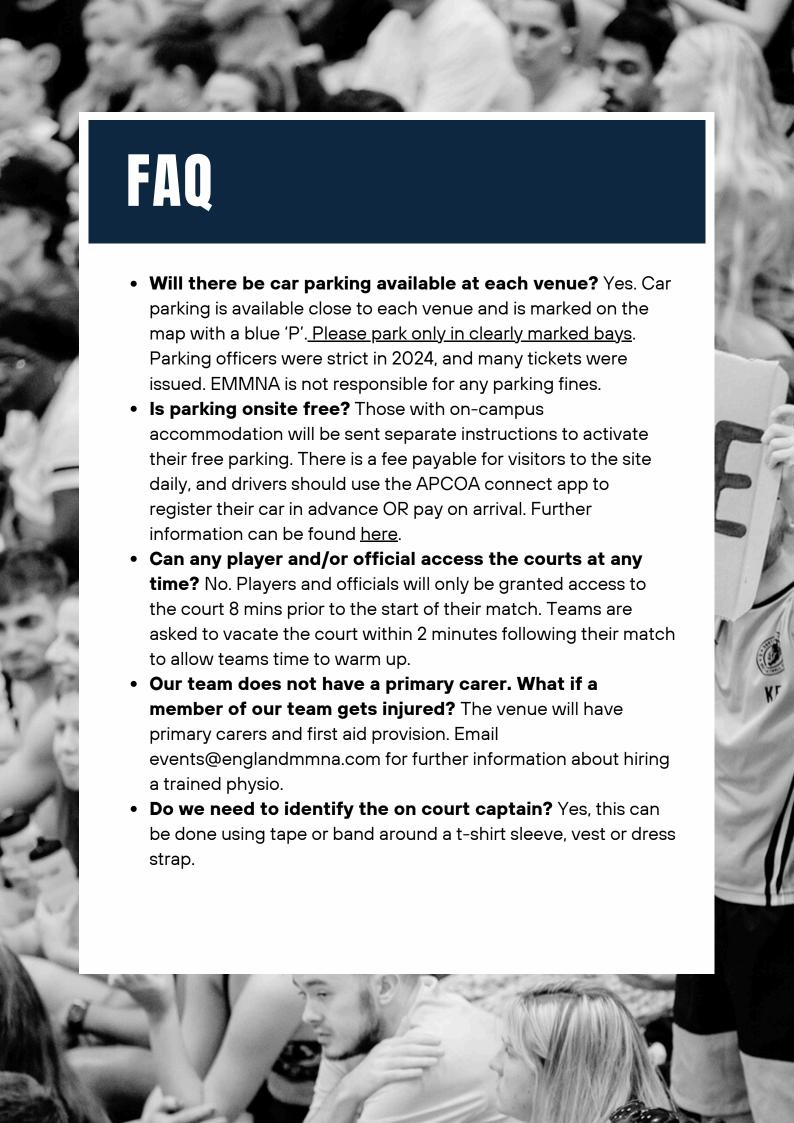
There will be no games on Court 2 during this time to allow a **limited number** of team spectators. Priority will be given to those whose clubmates are playing. Please do not block the cameras for the live stream.

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- What will be provided for each team? Teams will receive team accreditation passes for players and support staff, Flyhawk match ball for each team, and partner freebies.
- Where do teams collect their team accreditation passes and ball from? One team representative should collect their team accreditation passes and ball from the front desk at the location of the first match. i.e. If your first match is at Victory Hall you will collect from there.
- What should I do if my first match is after 9:00 a.m. and I want to collect my team accreditation badges as soon as possible? As there will be 12 teams playing at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a lot of volunteers setting up each venue on Friday morning. To reduce congestion we are asking teams that are not playing the first match to wait until 9:10 a.m. at the earliest to collect their accreditation.
- What do we do if we misplace our match ball? Can we use one of our own? Flyhawk is the official ball supplier for UK Nationals Championships. Only Flyhawk match balls given to teams at registration can be used for match play. You will need to borrow a match ball from another team to present for your match and return it. Sadly EMMNA will not be able to replace any lost balls. It is advised you use a permanent marker pen to ID your team's match ball.
- Will we be let in without accreditation badges? Nobody will be allowed into the venue or allowed courtside without accreditation, or on Sunday without a valid spectators ticket. Accreditation passes are not transferable. Any player found to be abusing their accreditation risks expulsion from the tournament.





FAQ

- What do I do if I am not happy about an umpire's decision?
 Umpires decisions are final, however the club Coach or Captain can raise a concern with the Tournament Referee. Following that, any issues must be followed up using the England Netball Disciplinary Procedure here.
- What should I do if I am not happy about the conduct of a player, official or spectator at Nationals? Raise the issue with your Club Coach or Captain, who will then raise the concern with the Tournament Referee. Following that, any issues must be followed up using the England Netball Disciplinary Procedure here.
- Where is the Nationals after party? The Nationals afterparty
 events have been organised by one of our members. From 7pm11pm drinks will be at <u>Phantom Bar: directions can be found HERE</u>.
 From 11pm till late, Echos Nightclub Tickets can be purchased
 HERE with code NET24.
- Will there be commentary on games? A selection of games on the SDW Showcourt on Sunday will have commentary. To provide the best service, commentators will need to receive all player changes from Team Managers (or other bench personnel) live during the games. On Saturday evening, once Sunday's fixtures are confirmed, a WhatsApp group will be created for all Team Managers. Further guidance will be shared in this group.
- What if I hear a fire alarm? Loughborough University have confirmed that there are no scheduled fire alarms for the duration of Nationals. If you hear an alarm sound please take the nearest fire exit and meet at the assembly point. Additional information about the University Fire Policy and General Evacuation plans can be found here.
- Where do I buy spectator tickets? All players and named bench staff have spectator seating for Finals Sunday. Spectator Tickets for the Nationals Finals are selling fast. This year, we've increased capacity to meet demand, <u>BUY TICKETS HERE</u>



THE 2025 UK NATIONALS FLYHAWK TEE WILL BE AVAILBALE TO ORDER ONLINE FROM MONDAY 18TH





During the build up to the 2025 Nationals, we will be sharing various promotional material and updates on the EMMNA social media channels.

The official hashtag for the event is **#NATIONALS2025**. We would encourage all clubs and players to help us build as much momentum and awareness of the event as possible by using this hashtag in any social media posts.

By participating in EMMNA Nationals, you are consenting to EMMNA using any photos or videos taken by our event photographers/videographers.

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