

WHAT ARE LEEDS RHINOS NETBALL HUBS & FUTURES HUBS?

Leeds Rhinos Netball Hubs and Futures Hubs are for players who want to access specialist netball coaching to complement playing for a school or club, or those already on the pathway e.g. playing for county, satellite or district. Whilst not a formal part of the performance pathway, players in our Hubs may be aspiring to enter the pathway by securing a place in a Leeds Rhinos Netball Academy. Playing in a Hub is a good way to develop and raise your profile ready for an Academy place, whilst understanding the benchmark of the performance standard required for the formal aspects of the pathway. Our coaches are often coaching or playing at county, a high-performance club or franchise level.

WHAT DOES A LEEDS RHINOS NETBALL HUB OFFER?

Each Hub will provide technical training on a weekly basis, as well as the opportunity for play days during the year against other Hubs. Players benefit from 1.5 hours coaching from our quality performance coaches. Coaches and athletes in the Hubs benefit from a consistent delivery model to that used in our Academy and will be following “The Rhinos Way” as set out by our England Netball Performance Pathway coach, Emily Perry. The Hub Programme is overseen by our Director of Netball, Anna Carter, who will ensure this model of delivery across the Hubs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A HUB OR FUTURES HUB?

Age-based eligibility is driven by the Academic calendar. In summary:

u13s Hub is for players in school years 7 and 8 (ages 11, 12 or 13)

u15s Hub is for players in school years 9 and 10 (ages 13, 14 or 15)

Futures is for players in school years 11 and upward (ages 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19)

DO I HAVE TO TRIAL FOR A HUB PLACE?

Our Hubs and Futures Hubs for the 2019/20 season are accessed via a trial. This is based on the growing demand for netball in our region. Trials take place at the beginning of the season, over a two-week period, involving 1.5hrs match play per week. Each player receives a number and is assessed during their time on court and will be notified of their success within 48 hours of the second trial session.

WHAT IS LEEDS RHINOS NETBALL LOOKING FOR IN A HUB PLAYER AND HOW ARE PLAYERS ASSESSED?

Experienced selectors will assess the players for basic skills, athletic ability and potential. This is assessed through drills, skills and match play. We want athletes who love the game, can show a will to improve and to be their best. We are also keen for people who are new to netball and have passion and athletic ability to work hard and thrive in a player first environment.

HOW MANY ATHLETES WILL BE SELECTED FOR EACH HUB?

Approximately 25 players will be selected for each Rhinos Netball Hub.

WHERE AND WHEN DO LEEDS RHINOS NETBALL HUBS & FUTURES HUBS TRAIN?

The Leeds Rhinos Netball Hubs and Futures Hubs are held in various locations, based on where there is existing demand for netball activity and our key partnerships with clubs, schools and colleges. We currently run Hubs in Leeds (Gateways School), Barnard Castle, Doncaster (Hayfield School), Hull (Wyke College), Morley (Morley Academy) and Wakefield (Freeston School), as well as Futures Hubs at Bradford College, Barnsley College and Wyke College.

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE LEEDS RHINOS NETBALL HUB PROGRAMME?

Please see each individual Hub for details. Whilst there is a framework in place to ensure quality and consistency of coaching at Leeds Rhinos Netball Hubs, the pricing may vary per location due to the deliverables; for example, a Hub which includes a strength and conditioning component will differ to one which offers only a technical session. Costs do not include any kit required. Camps, play days and workshops are in addition to hub training and incur a cost. No refunds are available, other than in exceptional circumstances such as serious injury (and always discretionary).

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE THE FULL CALENDAR OF HUB DATES FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON?

Since many of our Hubs are brand-new for this season, we will be confirming dates/times/prices for the full season towards Autumn.

I AM TRIALLING FOR AN ACADEMY. SHOULD I ALSO REGISTER FOR A HUB?

This is personal choice. Some athletes who secure their place on our Academy training programme may also choose to join a Hub since it could offer more local training. If you're already registered to trial for an Academy and see Hubs as a back-up, then you can sign up to a Hub now and, if successful in the Academy Trials, we will release your Hub place and provide a refund. Or, you can leave it until after the Academy Trials and, should you not be successful, you can then apply for a Hub trial.

WHAT IS THE REQUIRED KIT FOR A HUB PLAYER?

Details will be given to successful athletes. At a minimum, we encourage Hub athletes to purchase a Leeds Rhinos Netball training shirt and hoodie.

I WORK FOR A SCHOOL AND WE WOULD LIKE A HUB TO DEVELOP OUR PLAYERS. CAN YOU HELP?

We are open-minded to developing more Hubs wherever there is a demand and a facility, as it will help to improve the standard of netball across Yorkshire. If you would like to discuss this further with us, please contact info@leedsrhinosnetball.co.uk