

POLICY STATEMENT

MEN AND BOYS PARTICIPATION

Two Counties Netball League follows guidelines from England Netball and International Federation of Netball Association (IFNA) that state:-

that single sex competition only is permitted, but England Netball has issued the following guidelines which should apply to all Netball activities for young people aged eleven and under (school years 6 and below) and in curriculum time.

Schools, affiliated clubs, leagues and other local Activities must make participation in Netball available to both boys and girls. England Netball in conjunction with BALPE also recognises that in the curriculum time and under supervision of a qualified teacher, Mixed Netball can also be provided to students up to and including GCSE. It is unacceptable to exclude either boys or girls aged eleven and under from any competitive or non-competitive activity.

Equality of access to participation may be achieved by:

- Providing separate girls only, and boys only competition
- Providing a mixed Netball competition

First step Netball has been designed primarily for children aged 7-9 years of age (years 3&4), and High Five Netball has been designed primarily for young players aged 9-11 years of age (years 5&6). **Both games may be played by mixed teams at Under 11 levels.**

Two Counties Netball League work along side our Local Education Authority guidance Broxtowe sports development and the guidelines have been in existence for a number of years and is supported by Physical Education advisors.