



NLD RFU
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE & DERBYSHIRE
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

NLD U16 Nomination, Trial and Selection Process

The NLD RFU has in place a programme of 'player identification' using the appointed NLD coaches as well as the 'Developing Player Programme' (DPP) and 'Tigers Development Group' (TDG) process. There will continue to be close liaison with schools and clubs within the NLD to ensure that any players deemed to be performing in line with positional expectations at CB level are monitored accordingly

To be eligible for NLD selection a boy must meet at least one of the following four criteria:

1. Born within the RFU Constituent Body ('CB') of NLD
2. Be a registered player of an NLD 'CB' club
3. Reside within the NLD 'CB' area
4. Attend a school within the NLD 'CB' area

The NLD under 16s squad for the 2015/2016 season (i.e. last seasons under 15s and the new seasons under 16s) will primarily be made up of boys who are eligible from the Leicester Tigers DPP and TDG. It is therefore important to manage the expectations of players that you nominate, ensuring that they are aware that the process is highly competitive and will require each player to produce their very best at trial and beyond, should they be successful. Please note that boys within the DPP and TDG are not selected automatically and players will be selected on current ability and potential.

A trial will be held on Monday 14th September at Newark RFC for all players that are not currently involved in either the DPP or TDG groups. All players who attend this trial **must** be nominated in advance by their club or school coach and there is a limit of 2 player nominations from any one club or school. We **cannot** consider any player for trial that has not been nominated by their club/school coach.

In advance of the closing date for nominations and first trial we shall be holding a coaches meeting at Newark RFC on the 2nd of September. The meeting is for all coaches completing player nominations and it will outline the NLD U16 programme for the 2015-16 season, giving coaches a clear framework with regard to the expectations we have of players who are nominated to play for NLD at representative level. Coaches will also have the opportunity to discuss their nominations with a member of the coaching team. Please note that it is an expectation that **all** coaches completing nominations attend the coaches meeting.

All coaches making player nominations should reference the **RFU National & Divisional Selection/Assessment Handbook** (provided as an attachment alongside the news item in the U16 section of the NLD website) and consider the detailed position specific criteria that relate to the player that you are nominating.

The selection process has been extremely successful in recent seasons with an excellent series of match results and, more importantly, a number of NLD boys have been selected for the Midlands Division with some moving onto to receive England International representative honours.

All clubs and schools within the NLD region are thanked for their continued support.

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