

## NLD Colts Clusters 2017-18

Following on from the NLD Colts Cluster Meeting at the end of February please see below the key points agreed upon to produce local organised clusters in areas of NLD for the 2017-18 season.

### Key Points:

- All clubs involved sign up to play within the Colts Philosophy outlined on the attached document.
- Default U18 age group unless Clubs agree to play otherwise.
- Matches to be played by a 'play by' date on any day of the week as agreed between the two clubs.
- Any number of players on the field from 15's – 7's to ensure the game can go ahead.
- Uncontested scrums where required.
- No league tables recorded but a festival day at the end of the season.
- Coach Communication is key both before and on the day of the game. The matches should end up with the result as close as possible so flexibility is of paramount importance.
- 6-8 teams per cluster.
- Review at Christmas 2017 to ensure the Clusters are working well and to make any necessary amendments.

### Proposed Clusters:

Below are the proposed clusters taken from clubs who have expressed an interest in being involved so far. This is however an offering open to **any** club who would like to be involved so if not listed please contact Nicole Brown – [nldrufu@therfu.com](mailto:nldrufu@therfu.com).

We appreciate that there is a still a degree of travel involved in each of the clusters and have tried to keep this to the minimum. However if we could find more clubs interested in being involved then we could split into 3 clusters. There just needs to be enough teams interested in being involved to make all the clusters viable.

| Western             | Eastern      |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Newark              | Grimsby      |
| Southwell           | Sleaford     |
| Mansfield           | East Retford |
| Ashfield            | Lincoln      |
| Bakelock            | Market Rasen |
| Nottingham Moderns  | Boston       |
| Nottingham Corsairs | Kesteven     |
| Mellish             | Bourne       |
| West Bridgford      | Stamford     |

### 2017-18 Dates

The dates below outline an initial calendar. Please note that this will be flexible in order to suit the eventual number of teams in each cluster.

### All Listed as Week Commencing:

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> September | 1 <sup>st</sup> January              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | 29 <sup>th</sup> January             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> October   | 26 <sup>th</sup> February            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November  | 12 <sup>th</sup> March               |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December  | 9 <sup>th</sup> April (Festival Day) |

### Feedback

We now need all clubs interested to offer feedback on this proposal. While we never be able to create something that suits everyone we would like to produce something that suits as many teams as possible from throughout NLD. Please make sure you respond by **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.