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Dear Coach,

My name is Graeme Gunn and I am the Manager of the NLD under 20 squad. I am inviting you to put forward players from your club to come along to the NLD under 20 trials for the 2018/2019 campaign. As we did so well last season we have been promoted to division 1 of the Jason Leonard under 20 county championship. We lost in the division 2 final to Lancashire at Birmingham Moseley.

Over the last four seasons NLD has had over 40 players represent the midlands 7 of whom have represented England counties on their international fixtures.

You are receiving this letter as you are our senior coach/Secretary contact at your club. If you are not the coaching contact - please pass this letter on to the relevant person and let me know who your club contact is. We are very keen to expand the player pool in the NLD under 20 squad with players who play first team rugby (or are capable of) for **any club in the Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire or Derbyshire** (as well as universities) or have played representative rugby at under 16/18 or 20 in previous seasons.

The NLD coaching team are very keen to develop your players' individual skills where possible to ensure they get the maximum out of their talent and come away having learnt something.

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Please email the reply slip attached to me by the 12th December (if possible) with your player nomination(s) and their details. There is also be an on-line google form for them to fill out their full details. Trials and training sessions are still to be arranged but you can be assured we will be taking into account club, academy, college and university commitments.

Here is a link to an on line form for you to fill out it is easier.

<https://goo.gl/forms/MMqKqNNIMuGHckOO2>

I have listed below the fixtures we have in the championship. We will be having at least one friendly fixture before our first match.

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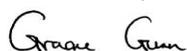
The sessions will be focussed on game plan and implementation and will not involve a lot of heavy contact etc. The first get together will be in early December so you can meet the team. The exact date will be confirmed as soon as possible. This is an important meet to go to for your players.

Date	Fixture	Location	Start Time
Sunday 3rd February	East Midlands	Home - locationTBC	2.30pm
Sunday 24th February	North Midlands	Away -TBC	1.30pm

The first session will be on Sunday at 1.30 to introduce everyone and look at potential playing structures. Keep an eye on the NLD website for further information and, in the meantime, when you send the slip back, please ensure you fill out the player's full name, club or university, playing position(s) date of birth, contact phone number and email address. The player needs to be under 20 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – i.e. born after 1/9/1998. I would stress, ideally, these players should have the ability to play senior first team rugby even although they may not currently be.

Many thanks for reading this and I would stress that the NLD Under 20 squad is an excellent pathway for your players to develop their skill and showcase their talent in front of high level club coaches and indeed England counties selectors. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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