

NLD W&G's Open Letter to Clubs

NLD Women & Girl's U18 Representative Squad need your help.

The NLD Women & Girls Representative team are looking to put together an extended programme of events to drive playing standards within the Representative Squad.

To be able to provide such a programme we need at least one club to host us. Working from one club has, in the past, proved to be the most effective way to run a programme, and if I am honest is still the preferred option, however, I appreciate we are asking a lot from one club alone so we would be more than happy to work with 2 or 3 clubs to host and share the programme as listed below.

We need a lit pitch on a mid-week night, (Tuesdays preferred to minimise clashing with club and college), with club access from 18.30 till 21.30 as well as some Sunday sessions from 13.00 till 16.00; please see calendar dates below.

As it is training only we do not require hospitality but if a club wishes to provide this as a way of driving club revenue that is ok as I suspect some parents would greatly appreciate a warm room and a cup of hot drink whilst watching their daughters train.

Within the RFU AGR calendar we have 3 x Sunday match days of which we have to host at least one. This usually means food for approx. 80 players and coaching staff; if it can be arranged, we could look at hosting a triangular event which would boost numbers to approx 120. You would also have parents/siblings etc attending so a wider provision of hospitality would a good revenue generator for the host club. Clubs can offer a host of further money generating events such as raffles/cake stalls etc if they wish but we cannot charge parking. NLD will not look to share any club generated revenue. If a club wishes to use the afternoon to advertise their own Female rugby offer/recruitment we would be happy to support where possible.

For training events we would only need a pitch/clubhouse and 1 changing room. For match days we would need 2 x changing rooms and where possible the use of a medical room if required.

As with everyone else in this current economic climate we, NLD, are having to cut our cloth accordingly. We have limited funds to run this programme but we feel this is something that needs to be done to support W&G's Representative rugby for this and future seasons. If there is a way a club/clubs could support us we would be very grateful. You can contact Katherine via the NLD office (office@nldrfa.co.uk), myself, Neil Clack, W&G's Rep Rugby Lead at, (neil.clack@outlook.com), or Rhuari Pike, NLD Head of Rep Rugby at, (RepRugbNLD@outlook.com).

Proposed U18 Girl's Development Representative Programme Dates

Day	Date	Activity	Location
Sun	15 Sept	Dev/Rep Trials*	tbc
Sun	6 Oct	Dev session	tbc
Sun	27 Oct	Dev session	tbc
Sun	10 Nov	Dev session/Rep training	tbc
Tue	27 Nov	Rep squad training	tbc
Sun	1 Dec	Rep Match	tbc h/a
Tue	17 Dec	Dev session	tbc
Tue	7 Jan	Dev session/Rep training	tbc
Sun	12 Jan	Rep Match	tbc h/a
Tue	28 Jan	Dev session	tbc
Tue	11 Feb	Dev session/Rep training	tbc
Sun	16 Feb	Rep Match	tbc h/a
Tue	4 March	Dev session	tbc
Tue	25 March	Dev session	tbc
Sun	6 April	NLD U18 Player Pathway nominations. Programme review	pub

*This session may be incorporated into 6th Oct.