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NLD UNDER 20 2025 – RFU JASON LEONARD UNDER 20 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dear club coach,

Hi there, its Graeme Gunn Team Manager for the NLD under 20 county squad. We are inviting your club to propose players to attend the NLD under 20 trials for the 2025 campaign. Our head Coach Matt Derbyshire is looking forward to welcoming back players from last season and new lads who you may want to propose. Ideally they will be players who are already playing 1st team rugby or you believe have the ability to step up. Please see the form coming over to you for completion. They need to have a date of birth after 1/9/2004. They can be 17, as long as they have playing up forms and have the ability. As you know at that age they cannot play in the front row

You are receiving this letter as you are senior coach /Secretary contact at your club. If you are not the correct coaching contact - please pass this letter on to the relevant person and let me know who your club contact is.

The 2 match dates are the 29th March and 10th May 2025. We will aim to have a meet up well before then. This is late in the season and will take place after the main RFU leagues will have finished but before any cup games they may be involved in. It also means your university students will have the opportunities to represent NLD. This season the finals are at Twickenham. This is a great opportunity for your players. Last season we only just lost to East Midlands in the preliminary rounds at Newark. They went on to win the competition.

As always, 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.

I will be sending you all out the details of training sessions. In the meantime could you message or email your coaches contact details to me as soon as possible, including Club, coaches name, email address and mobile number.

Yours sincerely

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