

SENIOR AND COLTS COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION



NLD Community Rugby

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Season 23 - 24



NLD Competitions Committee

Meet the Competitions Committee

- Chair – Tony Clayton
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- Social Team Organiser – TBC
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- RFU Support – Liz Fletcher
- Referee Society Support – Mark Sheldon



NLD Competitions Committee Mantra

*... in the interest of
rugby!*



NLD – Community Rugby Options

It is proposed to offer 2 game solutions for NLD based community rugby

A Structured Season

A structured season that is designed for Clubs who desire to and will be able to field a game squad on a weekly basis similar to that required by RFU Leagues.

Social rugby opportunities

Ad hoc playing opportunities – i.e. fortnightly or monthly fixtures – for Clubs who wish to provide playing opportunities for more senior players, colts advancing to senior rugby or excess players from other high squads who are not playing weekly whom they wish to retain.

There will be a review of both opportunities in the lead up to Christmas to develop ongoing engagement for the second half of the season.



NLD – Community Rugby Options

The Structured Season – The NLD Merit Leagues

- **There will be 2 Tiers of Leagues**
- **Each Tier will have an East and West League**
- **Each League (of which there will be 4) will have 8 Teams for Tier 1 and 7 Teams for Tier 2**
- **There will be 14 playing weekends**
- **Teams in Tier 1 will play 14 games and Tier 2 will play 12 games**
- **Teams in Tier 2 will have 2 ‘bye’ weekends**
- **There will be 5 reserve weekends, not including the Christmas Break, to permit recovery of games lost to weather conditions etc.**
- **To provide Teams a 22 week season between Merit League and Conference fixtures**

This will be managed by the Competition Committee’s Fixture Secretary



NLD – The Merit Leagues

NLD Merit 1 East

Bingham 1st XV

Horncastle 1st XV

Kesteven 2nd XV

Lincoln 2nd XV

Market Rasen 2nd XV

Ollerton 2nd XV

Scunthorpe
Development XV

Skegness 1st XV

NLD Merit 1 West

Ashfield 2nd XV

Belper 2nd XV

Ilkeston 2nd XV

Mansfield 2nd XV

N Casuals 2nd XV

N Moderns 2nd XV

Quorn 1st XV

Tupton 2nd XV

NLD Merit 2 East

Boston 2nd XV

Bourne 2nd XV

East Retford 2nd XV

Gainsborough 2nd XV

Lincoln 3rd XV

Spalding 2nds XV

Stamford College OB
2nd XV

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NLD Merit 2 West

Derby 3rd XV

East Leake 1st XV

Leesbrook 1st XV

Mansfield 3rd XV

Melbourne 3rd XV

Paviors 3rd XV

Southwell 3rd XV

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NLD – Who's Where

NLD Merit 1 East

Uniform style

 All items (7)

NLD Merit 1 West

Uniform style

 All items (7)

NLD Merit 2 West

Uniform style

 All items (7)

NLD Merit 2 East

Uniform style

 All items (7)



NLD – The Structured Season

Merit Leagues

<i>Sat</i>	<i>NLD Merit Schedule</i>	<i>Int and Info</i>
12-Aug		Warm Up - V Wales
19-Aug		Warm up v Wales AWAY
26-Aug		Warm Up v Fiji
02-Sep		
09-Sep	Merit 1	W Cup Eng v Argentina 20.00 KO
16-Sep	Merit 2	W Cup Sun Eng v Japan 20.00 KO
23-Sep	Merit 3	W Cup Eng v Chile 16.45 KO
30-Sep	Reserve	
07-Oct	Merit 4	W Cup Eng v Samoa 16.45 KO
14-Oct	Merit 5	W Cup 14/15 Quarter Finals
21-Oct	BREAK	W Cup 20/21 Semi Finals
28-Oct	Merit 6	W Cup Final 20.00 KO
04-Nov	Merit 7	
11-Nov	Merit 8	
18-Nov	Reserve	
25-Nov	Merit 9	
02-Dec	Merit 10	
09-Dec	Merit 11	
16-Dec	Merit 12	
23-Dec		
30-Dec		
06-Jan	Merit 13	
13-Jan	Reserve	
20-Jan	Merit 14	
27-Jan	BREAK	

Suggested Conference Leagues

<i>Sat</i>	<i>NLD Merit Schedule</i>	<i>Int and Info</i>
27-Jan	BREAK	
03-Feb	Conf 1	SN Italy v England 4.45pm
10-Feb	BREAK	SN England v Wales 4.45pm
17-Feb	Conf 2	
24-Feb	Reserve	SN Scotland v England 4.45pm
02-Mar	Conf 3	
09-Mar	Reserve	SN England v Ireland 4.45pm
16-Mar	Conf 4	SN France v England 8.00pm
23-Mar	Conf 5	
30-Mar	BREAK	Easter
06-Apr	Conf 6	
13-Apr	Conf 7	
20-Apr	Conf 8	
27-Apr	Reserve	
04-May	Reserve	



NLD - Mid-Season Review

This is designed to recognise that the dynamics for Clubs engaged in grassroots rugby are fluid throughout the season and permit an opportunity to reflect that in the NLD's game offering.

This will include:

- **The splitting into Conferences for the Top 10 Clubs of Tier 1 to offer more challenging fixtures**
- **Similar Conferences for the remaining Tier 1 and 2 Teams to permit wider challenges**
- **Permit those Clubs whose teams have struggled with the more structured season to play more social fixtures.**
- **Permit those Social Clubs who have developed more structure fixtures; i.e. inclusion in the 2nd tier of conferences noted above or conferences of similar level Clubs.**
- **Consolidate Cup Competition Structure – which will potentially use reserve weekends from the Conference period to facilitate.**



NLD – Community Rugby Options

The Social Rugby Opportunities

- **This could be clubs arranging ad hoc games in agreement with other similarly engaged clubs**
- **Clubs can organise Cluster Fixtures**
- **Organised ‘Rugby Fests’ can be organised**
- **This will be a self-managed arrangement supported by the Social Team Organiser from the Competitions Committee**
- **It will be possible to create a WhatsApp group dedicated to act as a ‘clearing house’ for Clubs to organise fixtures managed by the Social Team Organiser.**



NLD Principles of the Community Game

All games will be played under the Game On principles

All games will be subject to the NLD Rules and Regulations for the Merit Leagues

Clubs will be expected to enter results using the RFU Match Card system

Issues with fixture fulfilment and result entry must be communicated to the Fixtures Secretary – email TBC

All disputes and appeals regarding NLD fixtures must be referred to the Competitions Committee Dispute and Appeals Panel using the competitions@nldrfu.co.uk email



GAME ON!

**NOT GOT AN ADULT 15?
HERE ARE SOME
OPTIONS TO KEEP
THE GAME ON!**



**WE PLAY
RUGBY**



MATCH LENGTH

MINIMUM OF 40 MINS
IN TOTAL



ROLLING SUBS

PLAYERS ABLE TO RETURN
TO THE FIELD OF PLAY



LINE-OUT

TEAMS MAY AGREE
NOT TO CONTEST OR
LIFT IN THE LINE OUT



HALF GAME RULE

ALL PLAYERS TO PLAY
AT LEAST HALF A MATCH



MINIMUM 10 PLAYERS

TEAMS FROM 10 TO 15 A SIDE.
EQUAL NUMBERS ENCOURAGED



SCRUMS

TEAMS MAY AGREE THAT SCRUMS
WILL BE UNCONTESTED

CONFIRM WITH OPPONENT AND MATCH OFFICIALS PRIOR TO MATCH

NLD Merit Leagues

Any Questions ?

