



# Girls Local Leagues Introduction.

We're starting our local development leagues from the 18th April. We're calling it "*WhosGotNext*" and it is about individual girls development through live games.

## Vison.

What we want to do is have a large cohort of girls participating, from all different clubs and we'll assign the girls into teams to compete in a weekly league over a relatively short period (6-12 weeks depending on the number of teams). Girls do not need to be part of any club, they will need to license as a Basketball England participant however for insurance and governance purposes (we can help with that process, it's quite quick to do). Our aim is to form teams as equal as we can get them, run the league then dissolve the teams and move the girls around to new teams to make sure the competition is level.

## Clubs Process.

We are inviting all our local clubs to send their girls, it's about participation and extra development games not recruitment. We are very aware that a lot of our local clubs have regional or national league girls programmes too (indeed we do) & we want to enable all clubs to put their messages out about squads, trials, training etc in a controlled way so all girls see everything and can choose to engage with whatever programme suits them better.

We'll organise a date and info capture form with the clubs direct to publish them together to maintain this integrity and ensure transparency.



## **Leagues.**

We've got an area setup on Play HQ to run the leagues , BE participation licenses are needed for this. BE cost £20 annually, if you've already done regional+ you've done this already (until it renews for 26/27 in September)

## **Matches.**

Match slots are 1 hour. Games are 40 min running clock (split into 2 20 min halves) - 1x 1 min timeout per team per half, clock keeps running.

## **Playing costs.**

£5 per game, paid via Spond.

## **Timings.**

Every week but depends on number of girls to whether each team has a game every week. Teams will have one of our coaches to manage substitutions and time outs and help them along. All girls will get equal playing time on court.

We have the court at Sandymoor booked on Saturdays from 2pm-4pm each week and will allocate it as fairly as we can over the weeks between the teams.

## **Future.**

We do have the opportunity to expand if it's really successful - our aim is to get 100 girls in every year group (u8, u9, u10, u11, u12, u13, u14, u15, u16) competing weekly, running the court from 9am to 6pm every Saturday.

## **Officiating and Opportunities.**

We will have fully qualified referees along with volunteer table officials for our games - we do want to use this as a development opportunity for the officiating side of the game too so there'll be coaching, shadowing and opportunities for new officials to learn their craft in a safe environment with support from experienced officials.

This is a great opportunity for parents too to learn the table to be able to help their own club out when called upon as well as understand the game from a different perspective.

# Time Table.

<b>Preliminary Events</b>	
<b>Game Days</b>	Saturday 18th April Saturday 25th April

  

<b>League 1 - Teams Assigned</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Game Days</b>	Saturday 2nd May Saturday 9th May Saturday 16th May Saturday 23rd May
<b>Final</b>	Saturday 30th May
<b>Break ( Hall Unavailable)</b>	Saturday 6th June

  

<b>League 2 - New Teams</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Game Days</b>	Saturday 13th June Saturday 20th June Saturday 27th June Saturday 4th July
<b>Semi Final</b>	Saturday 18th July
<b>Finals</b>	Saturday 25th July

  

<b>League 2 - New Teams</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Game Days</b>	Saturday 1st August Saturday 8th August Saturday 15th August
<b>Final</b>	Saturday 22nd August
<b>Break ( Hall Unavailable)</b>	Saturday 29th August

  

<b>September Onwards</b>
<b>Reviewed &amp; published in July - feedback welcome as we go as we're learning by doing</b>