

DEVELOPING A DISTRICT GIRL'S TEAM

(Using Canterbury Girl's District Team as a Model)

Gather together a committed team

Canterbury Girl's secured a dedicated manager and Level Two qualified lead Coach

Gain support from your club committee

Gain support from surrounding like-minded clubs

Gain support from your league representatives

Canterbury District Girl's (CDG) entered the Canterbury Pharon Youth League in 2014

Seek sponsorship for your first season

CDG were sponsored by their league which covered their league fees, balls, shirts & caps

Gain support from girls and parents

Canterbury District Girl's ran a registration evening to collect contact details

Request Away Games from the League due to lack of home ground

Consider Finance. Decide on the price of your weekly match fees to cover any cost and ensure that the girls are still fully paid up members of a club

Reward success at the end of the season

Canterbury District reward the girl's with end of season trophies

TIPS

- Ensure there isn't already a District Squad for your area
- Ensure your league agree to allow girls to play an age group down (Usually U12 Girls can play in U11 Boys Leagues, U15 Girls can play in U13 Leagues and U17 Girl's can play in U15 Boys Leagues)
- Girls will still stay members of, train with and can still opt to play for, their individual clubs
- Only play girls (don't be tempted to put boys in)
- Stay independent of clubs and avoid showing any bias towards those clubs involved
- Ensure every player feels part of the squad and rotate positions regularly, it's about participation



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