



Devon Girls League and Devon Junior and Minor League: U10 Girls League

Vision:

- Create school club links between Charter Standards Clubs and primary schools
- Create a network of U10 football opportunities.
- Provide competitive opportunities for these U10 clubs.
- Design a regular fixture programme for these girls to participate in.

Plan:

Support current members of the DGFL and DJM (or any club who wish to set up a girls team), in accessing primary schools to create and deliver school – club links in their local vicinity.

This would be done by linking each member club to a secondary school(s), and in turn the primary feeder schools for this secondary school. The Devon FA, School Sports Co-ordinator for the school in question (if permitted), and Charter Standard club could then work together to deliver a 'school club link programme'

This can be done in a number of ways; two of the more successful ways are highlighted below.

1) Deliver a number of after school sessions in primary schools, to girls in school years 3, 4 and 5. This would lead to a half day cluster festival at the respective secondary school or the Charter Standard Club.

2): A full day festival that incorporates a morning of coaching and a afternoon of games, again held at the secondary school or the Charter Standard Club that is involved in the project.

From the first point of contact you will be able to constantly promote your club, and link any potential players into your respective clubs training programme.

Obviously all programmes would not run parallel, but the aim of the project is to have

- A Central Venue Opening Festival (before Christmas)
- Regular Central Venue Fixtures (after Christmas)



Benefits to the clubs being involved in this project

Developing School-Club Links will help:

- Increasing your profile in the community.
- Increasing awareness of girls football provision in the local area
- Recruit potential new coaches.
- Supporting the development of young girls beyond the school
- Providing the opportunity for young people to develop both as players and as volunteers within the club, including coaching/ leadership and officiating
- Increasing the potential to recruit adult coaches and volunteers
- Sharing facilities and resources & providing support for PE specialists
- Encouraging players to join the club thus greater pool of players with talent
- Attracting adult and young helpers to the club
- Helping to achieve accreditation and quality assurance (promoting to parents)
- Increasing club funds through increased membership
- Improving access to more training and resources.

U10 Girls League

- Members the first U10 Girls Leagues in Devon
- Access players at a younger age –which will enhance player development
- Find players that will support and contribute to the future structure of the club,

Funding

- Heavily subsidise for females to enrol on FA Level 1 courses, to help support and establish a team.
- Access to funding to subsidise any possible set-up costs for new teams (e.g equipment, facility costs).

Club Fixture Days

- These would be played at a Central Venue – to minimise travel distance for all member clubs
- The venue for the Central Venue fixture would be determined by the member clubs. An artificial pitch may help support member clubs, and improve playing and coaching experience.
- The day/time of the booking would be determined by the member clubs (pending the availability of the facility sourced), as would the duration and regularity of the fixture days.



