



Hampshire Rugby Football Union 2014/15 Under 14's Open Trial

**Invitation to attend Hants U14s County Rugby Trials on
Sunday 11th January 2015 at Gosport and Fareham Rugby Club.**

15th Dec 2014

Dear Coach / School Rugby Coach

Clubs and Schools are invited to nominate a maximum of 5 players each to attend this season's open trial for the 2014/15 Hampshire County U14 squad. It is important to consider the level of the player you are nominating and be sure they are playing at an appropriate level to warrant selection for the County team. As this is the first step of the ladder, the selectors only wish to see players of outstanding ability being put forward to trial. Any player nominated must stand out when playing in very strong club or school fixtures. Please consider & discuss with your candidates that every year some players are bitterly disappointed not to have been selected; some even contemplate giving up rugby. If they are not a strong player the trials may be demoralising. However if you feel you have more players of county standard then please contact the team manager to discuss the possibility of increasing your allocations.

The trials will be held on **Sunday 11th January** at Gosport Park, Dolphin Crescent, Gosport, PO12 2HE with registration commencing at **9.00am** and the final session finishing no later than 4.30pm. It is extremely important that you arrive **PROMPTLY** for registration as the trial will start at 10.00am.

The day will consist of some exercises and game related practises with appropriate exercises for particular positions. In the afternoon the players will be put into match situations and games. The players will need to be available from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Some players may finish their trials earlier than 4.00pm. Therefore please can you ensure that your son/player is able to be picked up from 1.30pm onwards should the need arise and that someone is able to be contacted during the day.

If you would like to nominate a player for the initial squad session please complete the nomination form and email it back to the **Team Manager by 08th January 2015**. Failure to submit a nomination form by the return date will result in players not being allowed to trial.

The U14s Team Manager is: Simon Burns. (siburns@gmx.com)

The U14s Lead Coach is: Ben Wills. (benwillsbenwills@hotmail.co.uk)

Confirmation of the season's dates, times, locations etc. will be sent after the squad has been nominated and confirmed. You will be e-mailed the outcome within two to three days following the trials. We would like to advise you in advance that we do not expect to be able to provide individual detailed feedback on the player's assessment due to the expected large number of nominations we may receive. If selected, players' will be required to attend all training sessions and play the three games for the County if selected from the squad for the games.

Please come prepared, be sure to bring ample water/fluids and a packed lunch with you, as well as waterproofs, warm clothing, boots, shorts, socks and gum shields. Also please don't send players that have injuries or that are injured, however let the Team Manager know if the player is of county standard. I would like to remind you that this is the start of the players' journey and if not successful this is not the end of the road for them.

Yours in Rugby

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