

Hello All,

At a recent AGM for Cambs County Schools Football the issue of increasing participation numbers in Girls Football across the county arose. Although the traditional structure of a Knock-Out County Cup for Girls Football has been very successful it has limited the number of competitive fixtures available to some girls teams. It is with that said that I email to you a new proposed structure which seeks to combine the competitive element of Girls Football at school level with the desire to increase participation rates and the number of games available to every girls team in the county.

The new structure would consist of, ideally, 4 district leagues (Hunts, Cambs, Pboro and Ely) and schools in each district would play a minimum of 4 games within their league at age groups U13 and U15. From there the following academic year the top 2 from each district league would enter a knock-out cup competition at age groups U14 and U16. (This competition would not run for the first year and would kick in the following academic year) The idea being that the strongest teams are being rewarded with further games but avoiding the scenario where a team plays only one game in a competitive school football year.

Each set of league fixtures would be drawn by myself and emailed out with the responsibility on the members of staff from the 2 schools involved arranging a date for the game to be played. Similar to the county cup structure there would be a deadline date to try and play the game by. (Of course this would be very flexible.) I am conscious that the numbers of girls wanting to participate varies from school to school and as such the rulings of how many players per team can be somewhat at the discretion of the staff members. Ideally between 8-11 players per team. Cambs Schools FA are extremely supportive of this push to increase participation in girls football and as such results will hopefully be logged and registered through an online website to make things easier for all involved.

Naturally in order for this to be successful it requires the willingness of schools and staff to give up some of their already diminished time. And as such this email is simply to request a declaration of interest from schools that would be willing to try and commit to this new structure next year in an attempt to increase participation numbers across the county. Once I then have a list of schools willing to participate I can start to organise district league structures and fixtures.

Apologies for the lengthy email. If you have any queries please get in touch.

Regards,

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