**Essex RTC Trials**

*Register your interest to become part of Essex County FA Girls’ Regional Talent Club (RTC) for the 2022/23 season.*

The Essex County FA Regional Talent Club (RTC) have been granted a one-year extension on their current licence and, as a result, they’re currently accepting expressions of interest to trial for the Under 12s, 14s and 16s age groups for the 2022/23 season.

As part of RTC, players will experience quality technical coaching, strength and conditioning programmes and physiotherapy, alongside support around their education. We understand the importance of the holistic development of each player, and utilise a wide range of support staff to support with this.

Players will be required to train twice a week (Monday and Wednesday evenings) as well as play fixtures over the weekend. Fixtures for the U12s take place on Sunday, whilst fixtures for the U14s and U16s will take place on Saturday.

We are now looking for talented footballers in the following age groups;

U12s will play fixtures in a local England Football Accredited boys (mixed) league – Brentwood Community Football Alliance league, as well as fixtures vs other RTCs / academies at various points of the season.

U14s will take part in The FA’s organised league programmes against other RTCs / academies, and against boys’ teams.

U16s will take part in The FA’s organised league programmes against other RTCs / academies, the FA Youth Cup and against boys’ teams.

**Eligibility**

To apply for one of the age groups, players must be in the following age groups:

U12s – in Year 7 on 1st September 2022 (single age banding)

U14s – in Year 8 on 1st September 2022 **OR** Year 9 on 1st September 2022 (dual age banding)

U16s – in Year 10 on 1st September 2022 **OR** Year 11 on 1st September 2022 (dual age banding)

In addition, players must;

* Live within 90 minutes of the Shrub End Community Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, Essex, CO2 9BG
* Have an English parent or grandparent or have been educated in England for at least 5 consecutive years.
* Have previous experience of playing for, or currently play for, an FA Regional Talent Club, FA Advanced Coaching Centre or in boys’ football, or through a club recommendation.

Trials will occur in the following way;

**Open Trials**: All players who register their interest in trialling will be asked to attend the open trial. This is an opportunity for us to see players elite potential, whilst also enabling parents and carers to gain a better insight of our programme, aims and objectives.

**Selection Trials**: will include players who have been shortlisted from the Open Trials, as well as any players from within the Regional Talent Club programme who have not been offered a player agreement for the new season.

Trials will take place on the following dates;

**U14s & U16s Open Trial**

* + Wednesday 1st June
  + Shrub End Community Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, Essex, CO2 9BG
  + Registration from 17:30 - 18:00. Warm Up 18:00 – 18:30. Trial 18:30 – 20:00

**Registration closes on Friday 27th May 2022 – 17:00**

**U12s Open Trial**

* + Monday 6th June
  + Shrub End Community Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, Essex, CO2 9BG
  + Registration from 17:00 - 17:30. Warm Up 17:30 – 18:00. Trial 18:00 – 19:30

**Registration closes on Friday 27th May 2022 – 17:00**

To register for our upcoming trials please click on the link below;

**https://forms.gle/1wAfp4Ftq4NwXN4x7**

Selection dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

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