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Dear Coach

**Re: Player Pathway for 2009-2010**

I would like to draw to your attention a revised process for the player pathway for 2009-2010. In the past the DCB Player Pathway has had a three tier system of; **Club - District - County**. It has been a feature for many years that players struggle to move from District to County squads, consequently, a Development Squad is being introduced at U13 and U15 age group levels between District and County to provide greater support to players who are borderline between District and County. To facilitate this change and to ensure quality across District Development Groups the whole process is being managed by the DCB.

There are a few other changes also being made to ensure there is consistency and equal opportunity across the District, Development and County Squads in terms of the assessment and amount coaching being delivered.

Also note that players nominated for trials will attend a single session and be assessed for further development at Clubs, District or County (such sessions will be at differing times and locations so that everyone nominated has the opportunity to attend). Players selected for County will attend a pre Christmas trial where the final squad and development squad(s) will be selected. County, Development and District Squads coaching will then take place post Christmas. Players referred back to Clubs will receive no further coaching in this process (as has been the case in the past).

More details are shown in the attached documents. In relation to club and I have received a number of emails about Clubs nominating current District and County players. Note that clubs are now being invited to make their nominations.

Kind Regards

Chris Porter