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Dear EPA Junior Member

The EPA Management Committee is delighted with the success of last year's National Junior Squad scheme and the team that have been running it. The decision has been made to continue with the scheme. This letter explains how you can take part.

The main aims of the scheme:

- To develop and improve the skill levels of our junior members;
- Participate in chosen European tournaments; and
- To send a strong and well-prepared team to the 2015 World Championships which will be held in *****, Thailand in October, between *****[add dates]

The 2015 scheme will be jointly led by Colin Roper (Eastern Counties), Claire White (Heart of England) and Matt Blyton (Northern), who have extensive experience of both playing at an international level and coaching juniors. They will be supported by a number of our coaches from other regions.

The first event will be held on **Saturday 21st February 2015** at the Whittlesey Bouldrome between 10am and 5pm during which coaches will work with you on a one to one and group basis to assess your level of skill and ability.

The coaching team will then select **up to 16 players** who they consider could be suitable for the places in the World Championships team.

It is also anticipated that the coaching team will run a further coaching day for those juniors who did not, on this occasion, get into the squad.

The selected players will be invited to a coaching and selection weekend, possibly 28/29th March 2015 which will also be the official launch of the 2015 National Squad.

Key dates for the year will be shared and expectations for maintaining a place in the squad will be explained. It is hoped that there will be at least one or two international tournaments during the year which some of the squad members will be selected to play in, together with a further squad day for all.

To stand a chance of a place in the National Squad and the possibility of being selected to represent the EPA, you must practice regularly, play in as many competitions as possible and follow the training routines given to you by the coaching team. You must also remember to ensure your EPA licence is valid.

So have you got what it takes to represent the EPA and England at international events?

If you have, or if you want to improve your game, you should first discuss this letter with your parents / carers and then together complete the attached application form and return it to Claire by **Friday 13th February 2015 at the latest**. This can either be emailed to claire.white8@virginmedia.com or sent to Claire White, 44 Lulworth Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XG.

If you have any questions, please contact Claire on 01926 850694, Colin on 01277 631011 or Matt on 01765 634650 in the first instance.

Kind regards