

GHA Player Pathway Report

December 2019 - February 2020

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2020-2021 Season AC Selection Changes

Building on the report for December Committee which stated :

“The proposals for next season were to

- a) Focus on the elite players that have the potential to play at AC and beyond
- b) Move to a single venue - Oxstalls
- c) Limit squad size to maximum 20 players - including keepers
- d) Have selection broadly complete by the beginning of September
- e) Send GHA selectors to the three U12 junior festivals in 2020 to recruit under 13s
- f) Increase the number of AC sessions from 6 to 9 from September 2020 to March 2021”

The following progress has been made

- In March 2020 the final training sessions will focus on which players should attend a DC in May and which players can go straight to trials in September.
- In May 2020 a 3 week DC will be run by GoCrea8 which will recommend players to attend AC trials in September
- In September 2020 AC trials will take place with all squads being in place by the end of September at the latest
- Squads will be limited to 20 players and all training is currently planned to be at Oxstalls.
- Independent assessors have attended 3 under 12 festivals and we have a core list of under 13 players that will be invited to the May DC and potentially the September trials.
- All the above was communicated to players, player parents, clubs, schools and coaches week commencing 17th February

Coaches

All GHA coaches are now registered on the PPS and all the vast majority of their documentation is up to date.

New guidance for coaches has now been published and a process implemented to enable better visibility of which coach is on which pitch at which time.