



# Hertfordshire Girls' Sevens 2006



Dear Coach

Following the success of last season's tournament, I take great pleasure in inviting you to the second Hertfordshire Girls' Sevens tournament, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at Letchworth RFC. Teams can be entered at both U14 and U17 age groups and this invitation is *not* restricted to Hertfordshire clubs only.

Our main aim is to provide a festival where as many girls from the Hertfordshire - and neighbouring counties - can take part as possible, so entries from combined teams from more than one club are possible, and - if there is sufficient demand - we will form a "Barbarian" side.

However places will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## KEY POINTS

**Date** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**Timing** Registration 10:45am  
First Match 11:30am  
Finish 4:00pm

**Entry Fee** The charge per team will be £25, cheques made payable to 'Letchworth RFC Minis'. This entry fee is non-refundable, and will entitle each team to ten free copies of the festival programme.

**Combined entries and Barbarians** If you do not have sufficient players in an age group to form a team on your own - or you have too many to form one team but not enough for a second - you may either combine with another club, or we will (if entries permit) assist in the formation of a "Barbarian" team.

If you are interested in the latter, please let us know - on the attached form - how many "extra" players you might be bringing. If a Barbarian team is formed the charge per individual player would be £3 (which will include a free programme), payable on the day.

**Numbers** Planning is based on 12 teams per age group, and we suggest a squad size of 10 players per team

**Age groups** Girls playing in the Under-14 event should have been aged 13 or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005. Girls playing in the Under-17 event should have been between the ages of 14 and 16 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

Girls aged 17 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 may take part in the event only if they have a valid RFUW dispensation, and **teams will be limited to one such player per squad**. Copies of any RFUW documentation confirming the dispensation should be shown at registration.

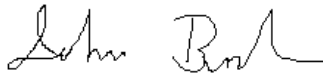
**Format** The planned format will be 4 pools, teams to then progress to a Cup, Plate or Bowl semi-finals, finals, and play-offs. The intention is that there will be at least four games per team.

**Rules**            Playing rules will be broadly those used for the National Sevens – ie. the standard IRB Sevens rules, with appropriate modifications for age.

The enclosed application form should be completed and returned to the above address no later than **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006**. In the event of any queries, please e-mail [johnbirch@ntlworld.com](mailto:johnbirch@ntlworld.com) or telephone 07767 615274 or 01462 623205.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Birch', written in a cursive style.

John Birch  
Manager, Herts Girls.



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Club Name: (if collaborative enter all club names)	
Club Colours:	
Contact Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	
Telephone No:	
Mobile:	
Email:	

We wish to enter the following teams:  
(please indicate number of teams entering at each age group)

U14:

U17:

Cost per team: £25

We can also provide \_\_\_ U14s and \_\_\_ U17s for a Barbarian squad.

?? Cheques should be made payable to 'Letchworth RFC Minis'

?? Payment **must** accompany your application form

?? Entries must be received by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006

?? You will be notified of receipt and entry confirmation

By signing this form I hereby agree that all players and spectators from the above named club/s will be bound by the competition rules.

Authorised Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed entry forms and payment to be sent to:** Hertfordshire Girls Sevens 2006, c/o John Birch, 22 Lannock, Letchworth Garden City, Herts. SG6 2PX

## Photography

?? Once properly registered, spectators and approved press photographers will be allowed to take photographs during the competition.

?? It is therefore **essential** that, for every girl in your squad/s, a parent/guardian has given consent for the taking and publication of photographs and have signed and returned to you a "Parent/Guardian and Young Person Permission Form"

?? If your club has not already collected this consent a copy of this form can be downloaded from <http://www.rfu.com/pdfs/childprotection/wimagespermission.pdf>