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The selection process for England Masters O50s for the 2017/18 cycle will commence with open trials which will take place at Bilton Grange Preparatory School on the following dates 1 October, 22 October and 19 November this year. To clarify the age bracket you should be born between 1 Jan 1964 and 31 Dec 1968 ie you have to be over 50 and under 55 in the year of the competition. We are current holders of the Home Nations, European Championships and World Cup and aim to defend the Home Nations and World Cup titles in 2018 with the latter being held in Spain at the end of July. I have attached an outline of our 2017/18 commitments on the second page of this letter.

The school is situated in Dunchurch, Rugby CV22 6QU. Please park at the annex and walk past the main school building and follow the path to the right and into the walled garden. The trials start at 1100 prompt on each day and will conclude at 1300. The trials will consist of some small sided games, some "scenarios" to enable you to demonstrate techniques and decision making in a larger game situation. I will lead the session and will be coaching the squad as in the previous cycle. Other selectors and coaches will be in attendance

Please bring with you, light and dark socks, and a light and dark shirt with numbers. This will enable you to be identified during the trials by the selectors. There will be changing facilities available on the day. The cost of each day will be £15. I would suggest you bring hydration for the day.

It is anticipated that players should attend at least two of the three trials. After the third trial we will be announcing a training squad for the 2018 calendar year. This squad will be used for additional training, matches and to select the squads to take part in the Home Nations (dates to be confirmed but usually in May and the World Cup (27/7 to 5/8). In addition, there are other matches throughout the cycle and possibly likely to be an invitation to another overseas tournament.

If you are injured and unable to attend the trials please could you let me know as soon as feasible.

There will be three selectors in attendance and they will be assessing throughout the day in terms of skills, fitness, decision making and ability to fit within a squad structure

Bilton Grange will be used as our notional home base along with the o55s group. However we will have games in other locations.

Please indicate your intention to attend trials and I would appreciate you confirming which days you are able to attend.

If you know of any suitable player who has not received a communication either directly from me or via their regional co-ordinator can you please forward this note onto them.

Of course if you have any questions then please contact me

Regards

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01/10/2017	Priority day	Open Trial	Bilton Grange
22/10/2017	Priority day	Open Trial	Bilton Grange
19/11/2017	Priority day	Open Trial	Bilton Grange
07/01/2018	Priority day	Match vs UKAF	Portsmouth
25/02/2018	Priority day	Matches vs 55s	Bilton Grange
18/03/2018	Priority day	Match vs 45s (tbc)	Bilton Grange
29/04/2018		Match vs Bradfield Coll	Reading (tbc)
18/05/2018	Homes	Schedule awaited	Southgate
19/05/2018	Homes	Schedule awaited	Southgate
20/05/2018	Homes	Schedule awaited	Southgate
10/06/2018		2 x Matches vs Wales and West	Yeovil
30/06/2018		Match vs Reading (tbc)	Reading
15/07/2018		Match vs North Masters	Brooklands

27/07/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
28/07/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
29/07/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
30/07/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
31/07/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
01/08/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
02/08/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
03/08/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
04/08/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain
05/08/2018	World Cup	Schedule awaited	Terrassa, Spain