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GIRLS' NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE LAUNCHED

Football West is pleased to announce the launch of the Girls' National Training Centre Program (GNTC) for 2011.

The GNTC program is devised to prepare and assist identified players for the game at the highest level, including identification for future national representation. The program aims to provide local talented and elite players with the opportunity to develop their skills and ability through structured technical and tactical development programs.

Each player will develop and be part of a professional training environment that has a focus on holistic training and develops players to their technical, tactical, physiological and psychological potential. The GNTC program aims to provide a pathway to potential State and National representation and be part of a career pathway in WA,

Following in the footsteps of Kate Gill, Lisa De Vanna, Collette McCallum and most recently Sam Kerr, the program will help ensure the future success of women's football within the State and is a vital part of developing talented female players

Ms Penny Tanner-Hoath, Chair of the Women's Standing Committee, stated: "WA has shown it can produce international stars like Sam and Lisa, and for Australia to be able to compete with the best, it's all about providing the opportunities to identify and cultivate more like them at the grass roots level. Football West have shown the willingness to tackle the female side of the sport like never before and the introduction of the new NTC program is a critical part of this development pathway."

The GNTC program will consist of two squads - an Under 15's age group and an Under 17's age group - which will play in the Women's Reserve League and Women's Premier League competitions respectively.

Each squad will offer up to 18 full time positions and trials will begin next week, with registration forms provided at the sessions. Female players from 12-17 years of age are encouraged to attend all selection trials.

Trials will be held conducted through three sessions held at Celebration Park on Rochester Circle in Balga.

Trial 1 - Monday 7th February, 5.30pm (registration) 6.00-7.30pm (trial)

Trial 2 - Wednesday 9th February, 5.30pm (registration) 6.00-7.30pm (trial)

Trial 3 - Sunday 13th February, 9am (registration) 9:30-11:00am (trial)

For more information, please contact Jessine Bonzas (Under 15s) on 0400 228 121 or Nicola Williams (Under 17s) on 0403 127 722.

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