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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Subject: Girls Academy Under 12 Squad

As you are aware the Club entered this season our first competitive under age girls team to compete in a league run by the Cork Women's & Schoolgirls Soccer League (C.W.S.S.L.)

This was a huge jump for us as our girls academy has really only taken off over the past 2 years in a very non competitive way but we believe in this decision that it will stand to us in the next 1-2 years as the majority of the squad will still be eligible for this under 12 category.

Our numbers attending both home & away games has been truly fantastic & we thank all families for their commitment weekly.

Our league is a 9 a side competition and permits a number of substitutions to be brought on/off at any given time .As you may have witnessed, due to the great attendances at games we have had to rotate our entire team to accommodate every player's participation at some stage, which incidentally has been Club policy since the creation of our underage academy structure back in 2004.We find this unfair to all concerned and as a result will create two squads, which will be rotated from game to game. Our intention is to have a squad of 13 at games, endeavouring to play our older girls more regularly as it's an under 12 league.

The majority of our squad presently is made up of 8 & 9 year olds who are competing against 10 & 11 year olds in league games which is reflected in our results, nothing we can do here as other clubs have simply been established longer that Watergrasshill United.

So going forward, effective immediately, we will be sending out text messages to families for certain games ensuring however that ALL girls get fair play/game time throughout the season.

We will continue to enter in the indoor blitzes held in the Sports Village on the Model Farm Road, again this will be on a rotation basis, bringing a squad of 10 to each event.

We hope you understand & appreciate the above as we continue at all times to have the interests & welfare of our girls' academy members in mind.

Of course we welcome any feedback from parents/guardians

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