

## ENGLAND UNDER 23 TEAM

To all Teams/Coaches.

As you maybe aware, Sam Canning is unable to be the Association's under 23 team manager due to personal reasons for the present time. Having worked successfully alongside Sam with the under 23 indoor squad at the UK championships in Scotland, I have accepted to continue with the role as team manager whilst Sam is absent .

This weekend at Sandhurst (5/5/11), I intend to see all interested athletes with the intention in forming the England under 23 outdoor squad for 2011. I will be seeking to either enter a team in the 600 kilo at Sandhurst's competition or, if enough, two teams. If this clashes with pullers already in the 600 kilo for their own club then I shall ask for a slot to be available for the U23s. Hopefully we will have enough interest for at least two teams we can mix and match - if not I shall ask a 600 team to have a few ends against the U23s to give a rough idea of candidates hoping for a place in the squad.

I shall be seeking advice with the assistance of the England team trainer Mr. Ian Daniels on possible selections for the squad and then hopefully appoint a coach. The sooner we know the squad, the accommodation at the possible UK's and the world/european championships can be booked and the pullers will know what expenses they will incur. (At the present time grant aid and sponsorship is not known so pullers may incur the full cost please be aware of this.)

I shall be asking Mr Craft if the UK championships at Bedford has any other interested countries willing to send a under 23 squad for us to compete against – if not then as in Scotland at the indoor UK's enter a squad in the senior competition and depending on numbers, C & D teams may be possible.

As you are aware with forming a squad we may have pullers from all around England so, I am hopeful to have the following competitions for the squad to compete at:

Sunday 10 July Sandhurst

Sunday 31 July Felton

Sunday Aug 12/13 Bedford

Sunday 4 Sept Daventry (most of our clubs attend these venues.)

These dates are not cast in stone and may be subject to change. I will be seeking free weight entry for our squad at all competitions we may attend to keep the squads costs down. I am certain that the clubs involved will understand the situation and readily agree to this.

Our youth is the future of our sport and I know we have the talent in our clubs - we see this every week at competitions. Please encourage your youth to attend - they may become an England international !!!!

Regards

Dave Knott

England Under 23 Team Manager.