

Women's Athletic Association (WAA) Trust Impact Report

Team/Program: Girl's Quidditch Rec League

Project Name: Equipment for Girl's Quidditch Rec League

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Project Overview

This year, we were able to start a girl's-only quidditch rec league here at Hogwarts. The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for girls to participate in physical activity by creating a fun and low-pressure environment to learn and play quidditch. Thanks to the support we received from the WAA Trust, we were able to eliminate the barrier to entry by offering loaner equipment and reducing the costs that would have otherwise been passed on to our members. Our hope was that a side effect of this program would be to increase the number of girls playing on the house quidditch teams by offering a chance for girls to hone their quidditch skills prior to trying out for a house team.

Use of Funds

We were awarded \$4,890 by the WAA Trust to support this initiative. We are extremely grateful that the WAA Trust Committee provided us with this funding so that we could purchase this equipment. Below is a summary of how the funding was spent.

Equipment	Quantity	Cost Per	Total Cost
Cleansweep flying brooms	14	\$200	\$2,800
Quidditch robes	14	\$80	\$1,120
Quidditch gloves	14	\$40	\$560
4 beater's bats	4	\$50	\$200
Set of balls (one quaffle, two bludgers, one golden snitch)	1	\$180	\$180
First aid kit	1	\$30	\$30
TOTAL			\$4,890

Project Results

The rec league was an overwhelming success with a considerable turnout of 20 – 30 students at each practice. We initially purchased enough equipment in hopes that the league would be able to host a scrimmage with two full teams of two players each, but with the number of students attending, we found that we didn't always have enough equipment to go around. Luckily, some students had their own equipment or were able to borrow some from older siblings. We also were allowed to borrow loaner equipment and robes from the house teams. If we hadn't been able to purchase any equipment, we would have had to turn students away and I don't think the rec league would have become popular. I doubt we would have even survived the year.

The feedback from the girls who participated this year has been amazingly positive. Here are some quotes from participants about the program:

“I look forward to quidditch every week. It is the highlight of my week. I was scared at first and even fell off my broom a few times. But I got over my fears and now I can’t imagine my life without quidditch.”

“At home, I wasn’t really allowed to play quidditch, even though my brothers were. I always wanted to play but I just needed someone to give me a chance to show what I can do. When I went home for the winter break, I surprised my whole family with my flying skills and had my first game with my brothers!”

“I’ve never been a very good quidditch player, so I came to the rec league to brush up on my skills. It was amazing to be able to help the other girls while improving my own game. I plan to try out for the Hufflepuff house team next year and I think I might even make the team.”

Future Plans

Next year we plan to keep the momentum of this incredible program going. We have plans to start a second practice night and have talked about hosting a friendly tournament.

The lack of equipment, as mentioned previously, is an ongoing issue. We are looking at hosting a few fundraisers over the course of the next year to raise money to purchase additional equipment. We recognize that we were lucky to receive a grant this year and do not want to become reliant on this funding stream.

Photos

We have included some photos:

- 1) Our participants in action at practices and scrimmages
- 2) Some of the equipment we were able to purchase with our funding
- 3) Our end-of-season celebration

(Note that photos are not actually included due to copyright.)

Thank you again to the WAA Trust Committee for making all this fun possible!