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COUNTY AGE GROUP PROGRAMME TALENT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

2024-25



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Our objective at Cambridgeshire Cricket is to create an environment that will help our players develop and reach their full potential through their pathway.



Create groups of players that are resilient, strong, have a wealth of knowledge, but most of all enjoy the game.



Create a strong pool of players to progress through our pathway and on to National Counties and First Class Cricket.





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TALENT DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTS



AGE & STAGE
SPECIFIC

COMBINATION
OF
CHALLENGE &
SUPPORT



ENGAGING

STIMULATING A
COMMITMENT
TO
IMPROVEMENT



FOUNDATION
FOCUSED

BUILDING
SKILLS FOR
LONG TERM
SUCCESS



PROGRESSIVE

INSPIRING
GROWTH AND
ADAPTABILITY



SPECIFIC

ALIGNING TO
REQUIREMENTS
OF FUTURE
PROFESSIONAL
CRICKETERS

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The environment we create has a significant influence on our players' development. Our pathway is designed to target 5 key areas to aid their development.

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Our pathway through the age groups is designed to show clear progression from participation and development to high performance. From U13, we look to build on our players' experiences on and off the field and look at improving their skills to develop performance.



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BOYS' DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



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Our development process moves through the age groups aiming to give our players and squads the tools to develop and evolve within Performance cricket.

FUNDAMENTAL
SKILL
DEVELOPMENT &
PARTICIPATION

U10-U11

SKILL & GAME
DEVELOPMENT
BUILDING FOR
PERFORMANCE
CRICKET

U12

DEVELOPING
TECHNIQUE FOR
DEVELOPING
PERFORMANCE

U13

DEVELOPING
UNDERSTANDING
OF PERSONAL
SKILLS & AN
EDUCATION OF
MATCH/TACTICAL
AWARENESS

U14-U15

EVOLVING
TECHNICAL &
TACTICAL
AWARENESS
WITHIN MATCH
SCENARIOS & THE
DEVELOPMENT OF
SKILLS TO
MAXIMISE
PERSONAL &
TEAM
PERFORMANCE

U16-U18

BOYS' PATHWAY SUMMER SELECTION



U12-U13

**HOLISTIC PLAYER
DEVELOPMENT
ALLOWING FOR PLAYER
OPPORTUNITY WHILST
BUILDING A DESIRE TO
WIN GAMES**



U14-U18

**ECB MATCHES: THE
STRONGEST SIDE
AVAILABLE
FRIENDLIES: SQUAD
DEVELOPMENT**



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CAMBRIDGESHIRE CRICKET EXPECTATIONS

FULL COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAMME & YOUR
DEVELOPMENT

WILLING TO LEARN

RESPECT

BECOME ROLE MODELS FOR YOUR TEAMMATES

BE OPEN MINDED



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U12 & 13 BATTING

- Strong batting technique
- A technique that allows player to be still at point of release
- Grip, stance, backswing & level
- Good judgement on shot selection
- Ability to play straight bat shots off both front & back foot.
- Has an ability to play spin effectively
- Good tactical awareness –has the hunger to score runs
- Rotates the strike well
- Wins games

- Solid, repeatable bowling technique.
- Forward momentum in run up and gather into the crease
- All aspects of their action going toward the target
- Able to bowl in consistent areas.
- Sound understanding of field placings.
- Basic understanding of bowling variations
- Has a hunger to take wickets

FAST BOWLING

SPIN

- Spins the ball
- Good alignment through the crease.
- A run up that allows for good momentum & rhythm.
- An action that allows them to get up & over their front leg.
- Good knowledge of field placings
- Good fielder off their own bowling
- Wants to build pressure & take wickets.

WICKET-KEEPING

- Catches the ball consistently with a good catching technique.
- Moves their feet well to get in good catching positions.
- Balanced position at point of release.
- Scores valuable runs for their CAG team
- Has a genuine enjoyment for the skill of keeping
- Good concentration

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Genuine enjoyment for the game
- Great work ethic
- Wants to be part of a team
- Understands physical fitness
- Solid understanding of personal goals

FIELDING

- Basic technique for stopping the ball.
- Sound throwing technique
- Good catching technique
- Covers the ground well & attacks the ball
- Enjoys fielding in various positions
- Solid understanding of match awareness (Backing up/fielding as a group)



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TALENT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK U12-U13



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TALENT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK U14-U15



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U14 & 15 BATTING

- A technique that allows player to be still at point of release
- Good judgement of line & length
- Confident against short pitched bowling
- Has a clear game plan against spin
- Rotates the strike well
- Shows the ability to score all around the wicket
- Good tactical awareness & the ability to adapt to different surfaces & situations
- Has the hunger to score runs and win games of cricket

- Solid, repeatable bowling technique.
- All aspects of their action going toward the target
- Able to bowl in consistent areas.
- Has a number of variations to bowl – Slower balls, bouncers....
- Wants to bowl in tough situations
- Ability to adapt dependent on surface/situations
- Wants to build pressure.
- Can bowl in various formats

FAST BOWLING

SPIN

- Spins the ball
- Good alignment through the crease.
- A run up that allows for good momentum and rhythm.
- An action that allows them to get up & over their front leg.
- Good knowledge of field placings
- Wants to build pressure and take wickets.
- Shows the ability to adapt to conditions/scenarios

WICKET-KEEPING

- Moves their feet well to get in good catching positions.
- Balanced position at point of release.
- Good understanding of positioning to a variety of bowlers.
- Has the ability to bat in the top 6 for their CAG team
- Has a genuine enjoyment for the skill of keeping
- Good understanding of field placements & angles required for a variety of bowlers

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Genuine enjoyment for the game
- Confident in their own ability
- Great work ethic
- Wants to be part of a team
- Leads from the front
- Understands physical fitness

FIELDING

- Agile & athletic in the field
- Stops the ball cleanly
- Strong throwing technique from inner ring and outfield
- Good catching technique
- Covers the ground well & attacks the ball
- Enjoys fielding in various positions
- Clear understanding of match awareness
- Wants to impact the game with their fielding



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U16 & U18

BATTING

- Strong batting technique
- A technique that allows player to be still at point of release
- Good judgement of line & length
- Shows a clear plan against pace, Attack & defence. Manipulates the ball, leaves the ball well, has a clear plan to play aggressive short pitched bowling
- Has a clear game plan against spin in both attack and defence. Can manipulate the ball whilst having a number of boundary options. Shows they are competent of defending against the spinning ball.
- Rotates the strike well
- Shows the ability to score all around the wicket
- Good tactical awareness & the ability to adapt to different surfaces & situations
- Has the hunger to score big runs & win games of cricket

- Solid, repeatable bowling technique.
- Forward momentum in his run up and gather in to the crease
- All aspects of their action going toward the target
- Able to bowl in consistent areas.
- Solid understanding of field placings and game knowledge
- Has a number of variations to bowl – Slower balls, bouncers, cutters.....
- Wants to bowl in tough situations
- Ability to adapt dependent on surface/situations
- Builds pressure with volume of dot balls
- Can bowl in various formats
- Clear understanding of their bowling strengths

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SPIN

- Spins the ball
- Good alignment through the crease.
- A run up that allows for good momentum and rhythm.
- An action that allows them to get up and over their front leg.
- Good knowledge of field placings
- Good fielder off their own bowling
- Wants to build pressure and take wickets.
- Shows the ability to adapt to conditions/scenarios
 - Can bowl variations with the same consistency as their stock ball

WICKET-KEEPING

- Catches the ball consistently with a good catching technique.
- Moves their feet well to get in good catching positions.
- Balanced position at point of release.
- Good understanding of positioning to a variety of bowlers.
- Has the ability to bat in the top 6
- Has a genuine enjoyment for the skill of keeping
- Good understanding of field placements and angles required for a variety of bowlers
- Is a leader within the fielding unit
- Can stand up to the stumps to medium-fast bowling

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Genuine enjoyment for the game
- Confident in their own ability
- Great work ethic
- Wants to be part of a team
- Leads from the front
- Understands physical fitness
 - Understands their personal game
- Competitive

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- Agile and athletic in the field
- Stops the ball cleanly
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