



Process and Suffolk Cricket Future Development Model

The trial process is free of charge and happens every year. Last year's county age group players are not automatically reselected. Each year the system starts afresh. Below is a summary of the trial and selection phases.

The U12 boys will have a different structure to their winter programme so do not complete this application form if you wish to be considered for this age group. Further details will be shared.

Phase 1 – (18th June - 31st July 2024) - APPLICATION FORM & VIDEOS

- To complete the application form - deadline for the form is 10th July
- To upload videos onto Onform - deadline for videos is 21st July
- Suffolk Cricket to view submitted video files.
- Onform is an app used for feedback and future monitoring purposes
- All existing SYC squad members have an account. An account will be created for any new player trialling once the application form has been completed.
- *'OnForm' provides storage for videos and editing software to provide voiceovers / angles / lines etc. to annotate such videos to show improvement. It also allows collaboration between coaches (both internally and externally) as well as players and parents on videos to show progress and development.*

Phase 2 – (August 2024) – LIVE TRIALS

- Those successful from Phase 1 will be notified via email in the first week of August.
- They will be invited to attend the Live Trial Process on the following dates (venue TBC):
14th August = U13 Boys, U14 Boys & 15 Boys
16th August = U16 Boys & U18 Boys
22nd August = U13 Girls, U15 Girls & U18 Girls
- The trial will last around 2 hours and the exact times will be confirmed on the invite letter
- The Lead Coach will give each player a numbered bib. This is so we can identify your son/daughter throughout the session so we don't miss all the great things they do. It will also be used for when reviewing your performance at the trial, your scores and submitted videos.
- The session will have a number of coaches and assessors present. They will use the scoring system which will create a clear, definitive and overall reflection on each player within the group allowing for a simple, top to bottom model in the final stages of selection. It will take each assessor's view on every player into account at all times.
- All players will be asked to bat and either bowl or wicket keep. Where players stipulated they are not bowlers, scores will not be taken. Whilst batting, players will face throw downs from a coach and then be placed in a net environment with targets to achieve; this could be 'be positive and look to score, rotate the strike or last five over batting etc. Bowlers will bowl at targets and to batters in the nets.



Phase 3 – (October 2023) - TRIAL RESULTS

- Players will find out if selected for the winter programme in October via email.
- Unsuccessful players can request feedback which is provided via Onform.
- All players from the trial process have access to 'OnForm' to allow for player development plans, tracking and monitoring of progress and communication with player, parent and all coaches concerned with that player.
- We aim to select between 14-18 participants per age group squad.
The following age group squads include:
Boys = U12/U13/U14/U15/U16/U18
Girls = U13S/U13R/U15/U18
- The Winter Programme commences in December and further details of this will be provided when the live trial results are sent.

Sign up disclaimer

'OnForm' requires downloading from the App Store on a mobile device. The Onform account must be set up with a parents email address and this will be done by Suffolk Cricket and an invite sent to the parent to accept and then upload the videos. If your son/daughter is successful in the trials, they can then be added so they can access the account from their own devices and communicate directly with the coaches which parents/guardians will have full visibility of. Please note, the videos shared may contain other players batting or bowling so your son/daughter may also appear on other players accounts. If you have any concerns around this please get in contact before submitting the videos. If you already have a SYC Onform account videos can be uploaded to this existing account.

Phase 4 – (March 2025)

For those not successful at this time there is another chance to trial for the county squad in March and join the remaining 4 sessions of the Winter Programme schedule. For example for those involved in the MCC Foundation programme that improve and are ready to be involved in county cricket. Further details about this will be released in the New Year.

Phase 5 – (April onwards - Summer 2024)

Please note the summer programme (matches) is a separate programme and any players who are not deemed county cricket match ready after the winter programme will be notified ahead of the season with suggestions on how to become county cricket match ready.

The winter programme selection does not guarantee automatic enrolment to the summer programme of matches.

The trial process then starts again next Summer (July) for all again (back to Phase 1).

It is worth bearing in mind that it is possible that we get the best players all being, for example, batters. And, it goes without saying that we cannot select a squad of just batters so would need to pick x bowlers etc to complete the squad. To give further example, your son or daughter could be an all-rounder that scores at county-level with the ball but club level with the bat, and therefore not make the squad because there is a county-level player at both disciplines ahead of them. And so on. We also appreciate players develop at different rates hence, the trial process each year and the new March date allowing them to have further opportunities to impress. We are also hoping for lots of buy-in with the ONForm app which will give us lots of information as well as being



able to provide your son/daughter with help to better themselves further to reach their goals.

For selection to the following **Age Group Advanced Suffolk Cricket programmes** (for U13-U15 players):

- CoE *Centre of Excellence (Girls)
- EPP *Emerging Player Programme (Boys)

Boys and Girls need to have played county cricket the year before to be eligible. The trial process for these programmes is separate. Suffolk Cricket nominates players to trial for these programmes.

The Suffolk Way

Our Young Cricketers programme uses 'The Suffolk Way' as our development Framework. Everything we do through the summer and winter months links back to this document. It is vital that it's understood, in its entirety, to then work on these key fundamentals with coaches to progress up the Suffolk ranks and beyond. This document is shared with clubs and schools across the county but please pass this on to them if your son/daughter has a private coach.

Selection Process

Once all players have been trialled, the selection process begins. The selection panel is made up of three people; Director of Cricket; SYC Performance Lead, plus one independent coach. This group will use the trial scores and select the provisional group along with reviewing other information e.g., the submitted video files, summer stats etc. to get a rounded picture of each player, what the player needs, if we can offer it to them and how best they will fit within our programmes.