



Pathway & Selection Guide

County Age Group Cricket

The Suffolk Cricket Journey

Early Engagement Programme

- Introduction to Cricket
- Boys and girls between U9-U11 (School Years 4-6)
- Provides access to quality coaching with regular playing and training opportunities to as many children as possible
- U12s (Year 7) go through a skills observation process
- Internal Summer matchplay opportunities

County Age Group Pathway Cricket

- Winter Training Programmes
- Boys & Girls U13 - U18
- ECB Competitions
- Friendly fixtures (U13)
- Tours & Festivals
- Centre of Excellence(Girls)
- Emerging Player Programme (Boys)

Suffolk County Cricket Club

- Represent Suffolk CCC
- Suffolk Men 1st XI: NCCA T20, NCCA Trophy & NCCA Championship
- Suffolk Men 2nd XI: East of England Competition
- Suffolk Women 1st XI: ECB Competitions
- Suffolk Women 2nd XI: TBC

CAG Trial Process

PHASE 1

APPLICATION FORM & VIDEOS

Application Form completed and Videos uploaded to Onform
Reviewed by Performance Lead who selects players to invite to Live Trials

PHASE 2

LIVE TRIALS

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.

PHASE 3

TRIAL RESULTS

Players will find out if selected for the winter programme via email.
Unsuccessful players can request feedback which is provided via Onform.
For select players, they will be offered a chance trial in Q1 and join the remaining sessions in the Winter Programme

PHASE 4

RETRIALS

This phase is invite only which will be sent via the Performance Pathway Lead to select players from the initial trials. Scoring system repeated from Phase 2.

PHASE 5

SUMMER PROGRAMME

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

Girls County Age Group Cricket

U13

- Friendly Fixtures
- Introduction to County cricket and different formats
- All players will be given an opportunity with bat and ball throughout the summer (unless deemed not ready for county cricket match).
- Squad rotation will be used along with individual performances to select teams for fixtures.
- Players will be challenged with different team roles throughout the summer.

U14

- ECB Competitions
- Introduction to ECB Competitions.
- Teams are selected to win/compete at County level, not squad rotation. Selection is based on winter programme and summer fixture performance.
- Players will be challenged with different team roles throughout the summer

U16

- ECB Competitions
- Performance cricket. Teams are selected to win/compete at County level.
- Selection is based on winter programme and summer fixture performance. The team will be selected with the fixture format in mind.
- Players will be given individual roles for each game (top/middle order batter, bowler etc) these roles may change during the summer.

U18

- ECB Competitions
- Performance cricket. Teams are selected to win/compete at County level.
- Selection is based on winter programme and summer fixture performance. The team will be selected with the fixture format in mind.
- We are looking to push players into the Women's 1st XI and beyond, players may be asked to take on a role they have not previously to see how they react to that challenge.

Boys County Age Group Cricket

U13

- Friendly Fixtures
- Introduction to County cricket and different formats
- All players will be given an opportunity with bat and ball throughout the summer (unless deemed not ready for county cricket match).
- Squad rotation will be used along with individual performances to select teams for fixtures.
- Players will be challenged with different team roles throughout the summer.

U14

- ECB Competitions
- Introduction to ECB Competitions.
- Teams are selected to win/compete at County level, not squad rotation. Selection is based on winter programme and summer fixture performance.
- Players will be challenged with different team roles throughout the summer

U15/16

- ECB Competitions
- Friendly Fixtures
- Performance cricket. Teams are selected to win / compete at County level.
- Selection is based on winter programme and summer fixture performance.
- The team will be selected with the competition & format in mind.
- Players will be given individual roles for each game (top/middle order batter, bowler etc) these roles may change during the summer.

U18

- ECB Competitions
- Performance cricket. Teams are selected to win/compete at County level.
- Selection is based on winter programme and summer fixture performance. The team will be selected with the fixture format in mind.
- We are looking to push players into the Women's 1st XI and beyond, players may be asked to take on a role they have not previously to see how they react to that challenge.

CAG Team Selection

Team selection is always difficult and often coaches have to look at minor differences between players to separate them. Please be understanding that selecting any team has its difficulties and we will try to make the best decision with both the County and the player in mind.

Players playing up age groups:

- This will happen at the discretion of Ben Wallis who will speak directly to the Lead Coach of the age group. The player will be selected to fulfill a role in that fixture eg the player has been selected as an opening bowler so will therefore open the bowling.
- Please note that the number of matches will also be regulated as a result. E.g. if a cricketer is playing up in a competition match and their age group have a game close to this match then they may not feature in this match to ensure adequate rest and recovery.

Overage players:

We have made the decision not to do this as we do not feel it is the correct thing for Suffolk cricket to develop players, other Counties may have differing views and could take up the option.