



### **Trial 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 and girls are now included in our Early Engagement Programme. Sign up for this is done via a different form. Further details will be shared in due course.

### **Phase 1 – (12th June - 17th July 2025) - APPLICATION FORM & VIDEOS**

- To complete the application form - deadline for the form is 10th July
- To upload videos onto Onform - deadline for videos is 17th July
- Suffolk Cricket to view submitted video files.
- Onform is an app used for feedback and future monitoring purposes
- All existing CAG 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 2026) – 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):
  - Thursday 20th August = U14 Boys & U15 Boys
  - Friday 21st August = U13 Boys & U16 Girls
  - Tuesday 25th August = U14 Girls & U13 Girls
  - Wednesday 26th August = U16 Boys, U18 Boys & U18 Girls
- The trial will last around 2 hours and the exact times will be confirmed on the invite letter
- Each player will be given a numbered bib. This is so we can identify your son/daughter throughout the session.
- 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.
- All players will be asked to bat and either bowl or wicketkeep in a live environment. Where players stipulated they are not bowlers, scores will not be taken.

### **Phase 3 – (October 2025) - 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.
- We aim to select between 14-18 participants per age group squad.  
The following age group squads include:  
Boys = U13/U14/U15/U16/U18  
Girls = U13/U14/U16/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 CAG Onform account videos can be uploaded to this existing account.

### **Phase 4 – (March 2027)**

For those not successful at this time there is another chance to trial for the county squad in March and join the remaining sessions of the Winter Programme schedule. This phase is invite only which will be sent via the Performance Pathway Lead to select players from the initial trials.

### **Phase 5 – (April onwards - Summer 2026)**

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.

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 that 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** (U13-U16 players):

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

**The trial process for these programmes is separate. The nomination and selection is dealt with directly by the Performance Lead.**

### **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.