



## Suffolk Young Cricketers Trial Process Explained

### Overview

The assessors at the SYC trials use a numbered system which creates 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 takes each assessor's view on every player in to account at all times. This process was designed by Andy Northcote through the summer of 2018, with the support of the SYC committee members and coaches, after extensive research in to Player Talent Identification. This model was then revised through 2019 with a view to continually improve and move with our ever-changing game.

### Scoring System

The most important thing to remember with this trial process is that only the performance of each player on the day was monitored and taken in to account. In most instances, four assessors will look and score each player out of a number of set technical categories in Batting, Bowling and Fielding or Wicket Keeping (see below for further details).

These were split in different criteria u10 to u13 and u14 to u17. As published, our vision for the YC Programme is to produce National Counties Cricketers and beyond and therefore, when assessing, all assessors will be asked to adjudicate with this vision in mind. Each player will be assigned a bib colour and number on the day so that the score sheets are kept nameless and help assessors focus their attention to the player in front of them and their respective performances. This creates the complete 'on the day experience' and pushes away from how the player may or may not have performed throughout the season. Assessors were tasked with assessing each player at the trial on:

Developing			Club		County		Regional		National
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

### Batting

Head in an optimal position allowing the batter to see the ball from pre-release to post contact. A balanced and comfortable set up which allows for a ready to move quickly position and decisive movements with appropriate footwork. Contact with the ball to be late, when applicable, and in alignment with eyes. Appropriate shot selection and the ability to score on the front and back foot.

### Spin Bowling

Bowls with a repeatable action which has an aligned approach to the crease, allowing for their hips and shoulders to rotate appropriately. Ability to produce consistent turn, and in the older years dip, turn and bounce. Shows the ability to land the ball consistently in an appropriate area to the batter on-strike.



### Seam Bowling

Rhymical, balanced and aligned approach to the crease. Jump and gather towards target. Safe and repeatable action which allows the head to be in a position to see and focus on target throughout their action and follow through. Maximum energy transferred through the ball at point of release. Ability to consistently get the seam in the correct position to their respective and specific style of bowling. Shows variations when bowling e.g. slower ball, bouncer etc.

### Fielding

Consistently has a wide base when throwing. Has the ability to anticipate the ball and move appropriately. Established ready position to catch with fingers up or down when catching with ball and head aligned 'catching under the eyes'.

### Wicket Keeping

Head in an optimal position to catch. Body in a strong position which will allow quick and decisive movements. Balanced position on receiving the ball with the ball caught aligned with the centre of your body when applicable. Present a comfortable and maximal catching area with hands and head aligned with the ball path.

### Squad Selection

Following the conclusion of each trial session, the scores will be added and a mean for each section of each player recorded. The selection process will then be overseen by Andy Northcote and involve all the assessors of the trials. We will cross reference our player means with play-cricket.com to check previous performances. This acts as a safety net for those that have 'off' trial days.

### Feedback

We believe we have taken huge strides in making this process as fair as possible and an equal opportunity for all. Feedback will therefore be given on all players, selected for cohort 2021 or not.

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