

SURREY COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

U-8 & U-9 ASSESSMENTS 2017

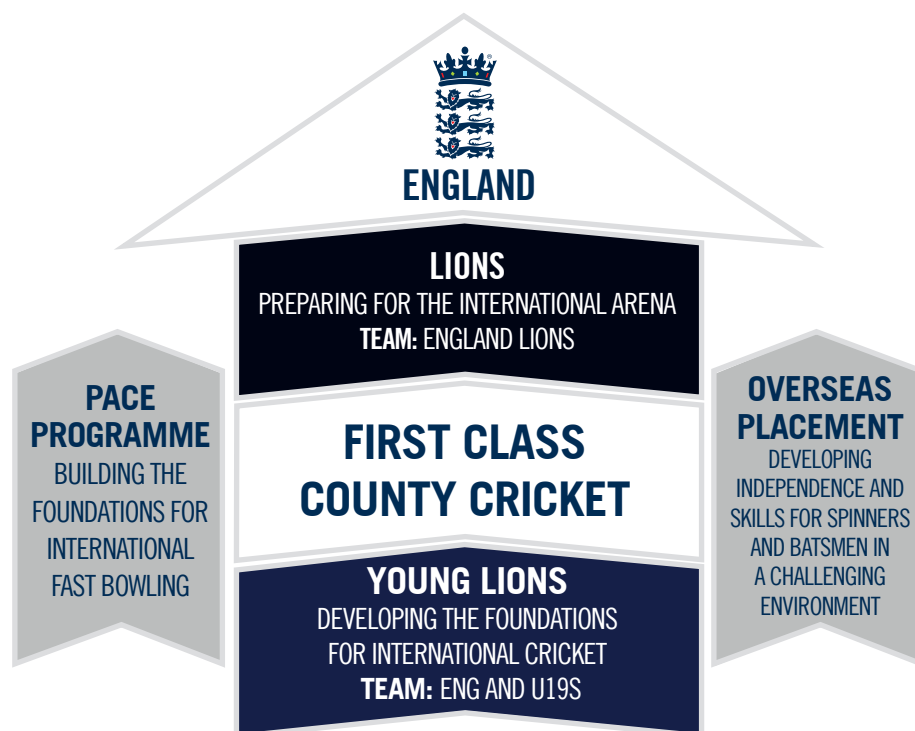
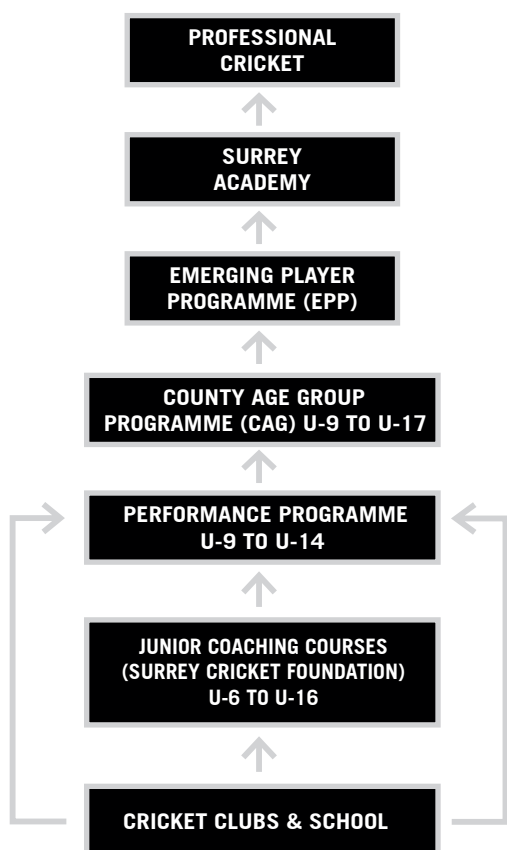


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U-8 & U-9 CRICKETERS?**

SURREY CCC WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SURREY'S CRICKET CLUBS AND SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF SURREY CRICKETERS.

SURREY CCC PLAYER PATHWAY



Do you know of any promised U-9 cricketers?

Surrey County Cricket Club is once again asking Cricket Clubs and Schools to nominate their most promising U-9 players, who they feel should be considered for U-9 cricket in 2017. Players should be U-9 in the 2017 season, in other words born after 31-Aug 2007.

The Surrey U-9 programme is an early engagement level of the player pathway. We are fully aware that at such a young age, players will change immensely over the years they continue to participate in cricket. Therefore we wish to see players that have shown an early love for the game as well as have some current abilities to play the game. The programme gives young cricketers the chance to become involved in Surrey CCC's youth programme, albeit players that enter the pathway at U-9 should be aware that other players will enter the programme in future years as well as players moving out of the pathway as players develop at different rates.

In 2016 we received around 160 nominations, from which many players went on to play U-9 cricket.

You will find a player's nomination details late in this document, which cricket coaches at clubs and schools can use for each player they wish to put forward. The deadline for submitting a nomination is **Friday 31-March 2017**.

Once we have received a player's nomination we will contact them about further arrangements for the assessments, including how to sign up for their preferred assessment session, as well as providing comprehensive information about the U-9 programme in 2017.

The 2017 Assessment dates are within the Easter school holidays, as follows:

- Friday 7-Apr 2017 @ Aldro School, Godalming
- Monday 10-Apr 2017 @ Richard Challoner School, New Malden
- Thursday 13-Apr 2017 @ Cranmore School, West Horsley

There will be three assessment sessions a day: 9am-11am; 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm. Players will be invited to attend one assessment session. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for their preferred date/time (subject to availability). The assessments will be indoors.

Whilst these series of assessments are aimed at U-9 cricketers in 2017, if clubs and schools have particularly promising U-8 cricketers they can be nominated to attend these assessments too.

The diagram above shows the potential Player Pathway for cricketers within our programmes, from U-9 players nominated to us by schools and clubs right up to players leaving the Surrey CCC Academy and moving into the professional game.



What will happen at the assessments?

The assessments will consist of game-based activities as well as more specific batting, bowling and fielding drills. It will be relaxed and hopefully good fun – so players needn't feel anxious; the coaches will want to see players play their natural game and enjoy themselves. A hard-ball will be used, although using an Incrediball will be an option if considered appropriate. Players are also encouraged to try wicket-keeping on the day if they are keen to – we can supply gloves.

Players should bring whatever cricket equipment they have. I'm afraid we won't be able to supply equipment. Protective equipment needed is helmet, box, pads and gloves.

What happens following the assessments?

Following the Assessments, there will be a variety of cricket activities that a number of players will be asked to get involved with over the 2017 summer, which could include:

- Attending U-9 Performance Coaching Courses during the summer
- Playing for one of five squads in the U-9 Performance match programme (early June to late July 2017)
- Playing in a series of U-9 Inner-County matches (mid-August 2017)
- For those not selected into summer squads we will notify them about Junior Coaching Courses

Players will be selected into one of five squads based on equality groupings around ability and potential. The squads will include players from around the county; they won't be put together on a geographical basis. Our intention is to create five equitable squads to better balance our Talent Identification at this entry level into Surrey CCC's Player Pathway.

We will also be appointing five Squad Support teams to help run each of these sides over the summer, which are likely to be parents of players involved. Further information about that will follow once we have a clearer idea of players likely to be involved in the summer match-programme.

The U-9 summer match programme

Each of the five squads will play the other four squads twice. Matches will be played at St George's College, Addlestone (June) and a venue TBC (July).

Following those initial matches there will be a series of U-9 Inner-County matches. A number of players who took part in the initial Performance matches will be involved in those. Other players may be signposted towards summer Performance Courses to help their development.

What happens after the summer?

Following the culmination of the 2017 season, we will once again run a series of indoor coaching courses over the winter (from Oct to Dec 2017 and again from Jan to Mar 2018) to which we will invite a number of players who took part in 2017 U-9 summer activities. This will lead into players being considered for U-10 Performance Cricket in 2018.

For those players not selected into Surrey CCC activities during the 2017 summer (following the assessments in April 2017) we will inform them of the Surrey Cricket Foundation Junior Coaching Courses, which run during the 2017 summer; from Oct to Dec 2017 and again from Jan to Mar 2018. These courses will provide an opportunity for those players to receive valuable coaching in order to progress their development and skill level.

Please note: players who are involved currently in the 2017 post-Christmas Performance Courses (Jan-Mar 2017), as organised by the Performance Department, will automatically be invited to these assessments and do not need nominating separately.



Further information about the activities of Surrey CCC's Performance Department can be found at surreyperformance.co.uk. Alternatively, please email performance@surreyccricket.com.

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Cricket organisers at cricket clubs and schools in Surrey should use this form to nominate promising young cricketers that they consider to be of representative cricket standard.

The nominated players should be in school years 3 or 4, i.e. born between 01-Sep 2007 to 31-Aug 2009.

Nominations should be sent to the address at the bottom of this page and should be received by Friday 31-March 2017.

There is a £7 fee for attending an assessment, which can be paid on the assessment date, upon arrival and registration.

(Please fill in BLOCK CAPITALS)

This PDF can be completed electronically, saved and emailed back to performance@surreyccricket.com. Alternatively, please print, complete and post it to the address at the bottom of the page.

NOMINATED PLAYER

FULL NAME

DATE OF BIRTH / /

HAS PLAYED HARD BALL CRICKET? YES ☐ NO ☐

To be eligible for Surrey CCC youth cricket players must EITHER live in Surrey, go to school in Surrey or play at a cricket club in Surrey. If none of these apply to you, please tick this box ☐.

Are you currently involved in another County's or County Age Group programme?
Yes ☐ No ☐

PARENT/GUARDIAN

FULL NAME

EMAIL

NOMINATED BY:

FULL NAME

ROLE EMAIL

Once we have received this nomination we will email the parent/guardian with information on how to register their son on one of the assessments sessions in April 2017.

Once we have made contact - If a player is unable to attend any of the three dates (injury, illness, holiday etc.) we will keep their details on file and should there be other players in a similar position we may look to arrange a further assessment session later in April 2017.

U-9 players who are currently attending Performance Courses (Jan-March 2017), as organised by the Performance Department, will **automatically** be invited to these assessments and do not need nominating separately.

Please return to:

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