

## Nottinghamshire Cricket Policy 2015 in Safeguarding Juniors in Open Age Cricket.

- a) A small number of Year 7 U12 age group County players (U12 years on 31st August 2015) can be selected to play in open age cricket. Their names will be published on an 'Approved List' available on the Board's website.
- b) The Board's Player Pathway Development Officer will be responsible for identifying which players are assessed as fit and ready to play in open age cricket. This decision will be based on the players' skills & abilities, cricket experience, stage of cognitive & emotional development and their future potential playing levels.
- c) No appeals will be permitted for any Under 12 County player (Under 12 yrs on 31st August 2015) not selected.
- d) The 'Approved List' will appear on the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board website each year. Selected players and their parents/guardians will be informed. The player and a parent/guardian MUST give explicit written consent to play in open age cricket, the same process any Year 8 player (Under 13 years on 31st August 2015) has to undertake. Club Welfare Officers can assist with this process. Leagues will be informed in order that appropriate player registrations may be carried out including entry on Play-Cricket. Clubs who have players on the 'Approved List' will also be notified. This list will be published following the completion of the squad's winter training programme which is around the start of the playing season.
- e) Each year the County U12 squad (Under 12 years on 31st August 2015) will be selected following trials around September of the previous year and will generally consist of 14 players. Some members of this squad may not be selected to play in open age cricket and therefore their name will not appear on the 'Approved List'.
- f) If a player in Year 6 or below (Under 11 years on 31st August 2015) is selected for the County U12 squad, they will NOT be considered for inclusion on the 'Approved List'.
- g) The Board's Player Pathway Development Officer will monitor the Under 12's squad during the playing season. If a player not on the 'Approved List' develops during the playing season in such a way that they ought to be included on the list then their name will be added, published and circulated as d) above.
- h) This policy will be constantly monitored and will be formally reviewed at the end of each playing season.

Age groups are based on the age of the player at midnight on 31 August in the year proceeding the current season.