



### **Kent County Cricket Performance Pathway.**

There will be significant changes to Kent County Cricket's Boy's Pathway, commencing September 2019.

There will not be an Under 11 or Under 12 Boys County Age Group squad. Kent Cricket will ensure that players from these age groups will access a training and playing programme through the Kent Area Programme. This will allow a transition in to the County Age Group sides at 13, school year 8.

Therefore, there will be no trials for boys in age groups Under 11 and Under 12, schools years 6 and 7 respectively. The pressures of trials can put many young children off cricket and does not allow them to demonstrate to their full potential. Selection and non-selection is part of a child's development, but it is important we minimize selection anxiety at a young age.

Please see below for further details relating to each age group:

#### **Under 11 Boys:**

Training and match programme entirely within the Area Programme.

#### **Under 12 Boys:**

Training and match programme within the Area Programme.

Following an Area Festival a group of boys will be invited to attend three training sessions and play friendly fixtures against other counties. This team will be known as a Combined Area Team.

#### **Under 13 Boys:**

This will be the first level of representative cricket and the entry point of the Kent County Cricket Club Performance Pathway. There will be two teams at this age group:

- County Age Group Squad known as Under 13 Boys County Age Group Squad.
- Development Squad known as Under 13 Boys Blue Caps Squad.

***Trials will take place in September 2019 for boys in school year 8.***

Indoor Winter Training takes place between January and April, followed by friendly fixtures during the summer.

#### **Under 14 Boys:**

There will be two teams at this age group:

- County Age Group Squad. This team will engage in ECB Cup Fixtures.
- Development Squad known as Blue Caps. This team will comprise of Under 14 and Under 15 Boys. This team will play friendly fixtures.

***Trials will take place in September 2019 for boys in school year 9.***

Indoor Winter Training takes place between January and April. Followed by a summer programme.

**Boys develop both mentally and physically at different rates. Therefore, Kent young cricketers at ages 13-14 may be moved between the Development and CAG squads, dependent on the needs of each individual. Our undertaking is the development of each player and helping them become the best cricketer they can be.**

#### **Under 15 Boys**

- County Age Group Squad.

Trials will take place in September 2019 for boys in school year 10.

Winter training programme followed by ECB cup fixtures.

Indoor Winter Training takes place between January and April.

#### **Under 17 Boys:**

- County Age Group Squad. This squad will also comprise of Academy Scholars in the appropriate age band.

Trials will take place in September for boys in school years 11 and 12.

Winter training programme followed by ECB cup fixtures.

Indoor winter training takes place between January and April.