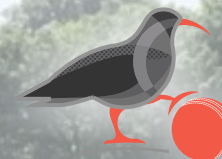


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BOYS PLAYER PATHWAY



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INTRODUCTION



Cornwall Cricket Board provides a player development programme which includes County age group cricket for young players in Cornwall. We call this the player pathway, this is the journey a young player will take if they show and develop a number of attributes within their cricket.

This document details what each stage of the pathway looks like and what player development looks like within it, each section of the pathway is explained over the following pages and is designed to support the players to reach their full potential.

The player pathway is being built on the solid foundations of over 60 years of the Cornwall Schools Cricket Association, Cornwall Cricket Board will be looking to take advantage of the success of CSCA whilst also building its own legacy in player development.

The philosophy throughout the pathway is to focus on player development while being competitive in games of cricket rather than be solely focused on results. This may include opportunities for players to play outside of their own age groups where appropriate. Players being encouraged to develop their own thoughts on the game, becoming decision makers and independent thinking cricketers so they have the knowledge and confidence to influence games through intelligent game play.

Player development is not linear, each player has their own individual journey which will take in many challenges along the way, every player will experience adversity at some stage and their ability to come back stronger from this will prove an invaluable skill in the future. Understanding that learning and development requires effort, perseverance, coping with regression and setbacks as well as success and progression

Overall the game of cricket at all levels is developing and changing at a pace, we need to be in a position to adapt and evolve to ensure we can provide the young players of Cornwall with the best opportunities to develop and challenge themselves. With this in mind the structures you see in the pages ahead may change over time.

PATHWAY OBJECTIVES



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IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP PLAYERS INTO INTERNATIONAL
AND FIRST-CLASS CRICKETERS

ENSURE IT IS ENJOYABLE AND ADDS VALUE
TO PEOPLES LIVES

CONSTANTLY EVOLVING TO ENSURE WE
MAXIMISE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOP IMPORTANT CHARACTER TRAITS
BY ADOPTING OUR VALUES



PATHWAY VALUES



RESPECT

Respect is earned, leave a positive impression



PASSION

The deep will do it for your own reasons



COMMITMENT

There is always a way if you're committed



HONESTY

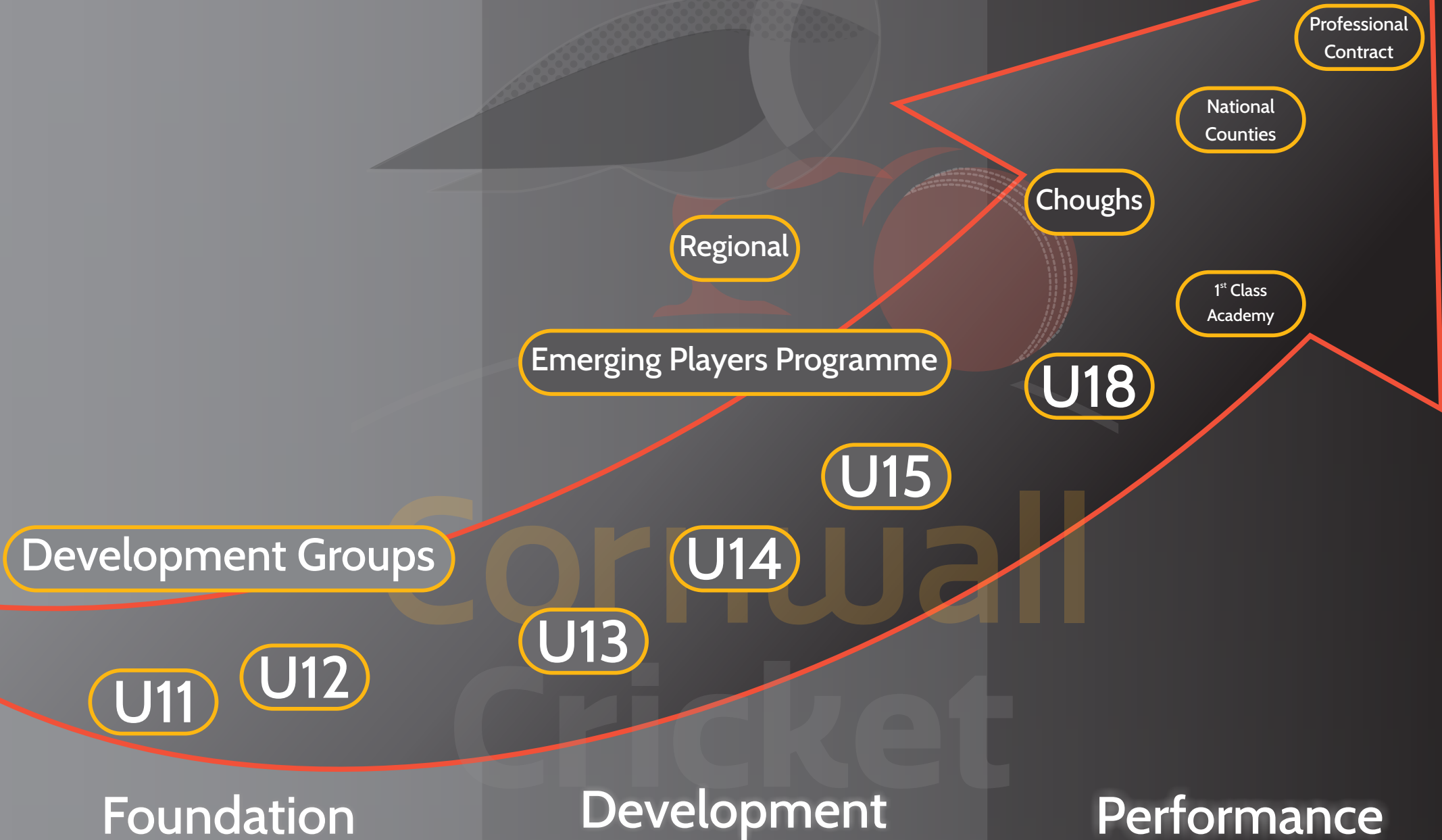
Be truthful to yourself, be someone others can trust



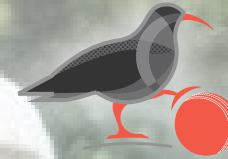
HUMILITY

The humble person makes room for progress

THE BOYS PLAYER PATHWAY



FOUNDATION STAGE



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This stage is for players under the age of 12, this stage is very much for giving the players enjoyment and experience within the game in a variety of formats.

Building good habits and solid basics of the game, finding out what players are capable of physically, technically and tactically, giving them experience of different roles within a team and understanding what aspects are required.

In this stage pitches are shorter in line with ECB recommendations, this is to enhance skill development and enhance the player experience, with shorter pitches at these ages, batters have more balls to hit, bowlers can have a better trajectory of the ball with less wides and no balls and therefore more balls in play for everyone to get involved.

This stage will include under 11 development groups and a Under 12 county age group team, there will be 3 main phases to this stage:

1. Winter training programme – 12 weekly training sessions of 2 hours each
2. Internal development games – Game activity in a number of different formats, rules are flexible to ensure player development is maximised, examples of this implementation maybe be to support players having to problem solve and create extra challenge or success within a specific area, e.g. slips in place or specific number of fielders on the boundary to create gaps in the infield, bonus run scoring zones, etc...
3. County Age Group development fixtures - A selected group of players from the previous two phases will be invited to take part in a number of fixtures against other counties in a mixture of adjusted and conventional format games, this will take place at U11 and U12.



DEVELOPMENT STAGE



This stage is for players within the U13 and U15 age range, there will be a greater emphasis on players understanding their own game and being able to introduce and develop more complex aspects specific to them.

Players starting to settle into roles within a team and developing the skills needed within that role, developing confidence and character to positively influence a game through skill/ability, decision making and gaining experiences to be learnt from.

Introducing and developing skills they will need at the next stage and understanding when they are ready to implement into game situations.

This stage will have 4 phases within it, the number of players used will become smaller as we progress through the phases:

1. Winter training opportunities which will consist of 3 hour sessions
2. Early season internal development games – these will be used for players to develop their skills from the winter training environment to outdoor game situations. There will be a range of formats used during this phase to challenge a range of skills the players will require.
3. External county age group games – Many of these will take the form of ECB league fixtures, skill development is imperative at this phase, the importance attached to the result increases as players gain understanding of their role within the team and how their performance can influence the game.
4. Late season mixed age group games – A small number of players would be selected to play in a variety of formats to challenge players

PERFORMANCE STAGE



This stage is for players 16 and over, within our pathway we have U18's who play in an ECB competition and also U16's which will play a small number of friendly development games against like-minded counties.

Players will need to be physically and mentally robust to develop and perform at this stage as they look to compete in higher level adult cricket.

Players within these age groups will be expected to have high levels of skill and game understanding/awareness, although players will still be developing and there will still be a focus on this, players will be expected to understand what impact their performance can have on a result.

There will be winter programmes available for players at U16 and U18 level, this will be followed by a small number of internal development games and lastly into the competitive U18's one and two day cricket.

By doing well within this stage players will highlight themselves as players that have potential to play in the Choughs and national counties Cornwall team.

EMERGING PLAYERS PROGRAMME (EPP)



This programme is designed for a small number of players between U13-U16 who are seen as either delivering extremely high quality performances within the county age group programme or players who are seen to have high potential to progress to regional level or first class county academies.

The programme will facilitate the development of the selected players through a holistic approach to their all round game and lifestyle where all aspects will be considered.

Players will have development opportunities in the following areas:

- Cricket skill development from specialist coaches
- Psychological support
- Lifestyle development
- Physical and athletic development from specific strength and conditioning coaches
- Personal development planning and reflection support
- Integration with players on similar programmes within other counties

Players throughout the Cornwall pathway are reviewed to ensure that players performing to the desired level are able to access the programme at any time



TOURS



Playing in other parts of the world can play a huge part in in a players personal and cricket development.

Tours have been run in the past and it is our aspiration to runs tours in the future, it is our hope that we can run a tour annually for the U15 age group. This will support players growth in the development stage and prepare for the challenge ahead in the performance stage.

The purpose of the tours will primarily be to provide players with a cricket education where players selected will have opportunity to train and play in foreign conditions with and against players from a different country. There will also be opportunity to educate from a cultural perspective which will support the development of the person and not just the cricketer.

Destinations may alter and be flexible in their structure as we look to provide the best possible cricket opportunity, these will be challenging trips and will be tough for players but by doing this it will prepare them for their next stage of cricket.

Tours will be decided and players selected with at least 9 months' notice to allow players to raise funds for the tour, the tours will be self-funded by the players. The organisation of the tours will be carried out by a professional tour company who specialise in sports tours.

