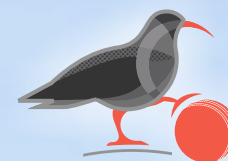


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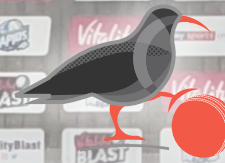
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INTRODUCTION



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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.

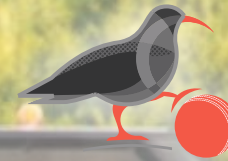
The philosophy throughout the pathway is to focus on player development while being competitive in games of cricket rather than be solely focused on results. This may include opportunities for players to play outside of their own age groups where appropriate. Players being encouraged to develop their 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.

Within the Girls pathway there will be a number of opportunities for selected players to play outside of their own age group, this is to ensure there is the maximum amount of opportunity and challenge for the girls where appropriate.

PATHWAY OBJECTIVES



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IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP PLAYERS INTO INTERNATIONAL
AND FIRST-CLASS CRICKETERS

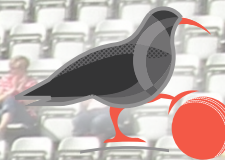
ENSURE IT IS ENJOYABLE AND ADDS VALUE
TO PEOPLES LIVES

CONSTANTLY EVOLVING TO ENSURE WE
MAXIMISE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOP IMPORTANT CHARACTER TRAITS
BY ADOPTING OUR VALUES

CREATING A LOVE OF THE GAME

PATHWAY VALUES



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RESPECT

Respect is earned, leave a positive impression

HONESTY

Be truthful to yourself, be someone others can trust

PASSION

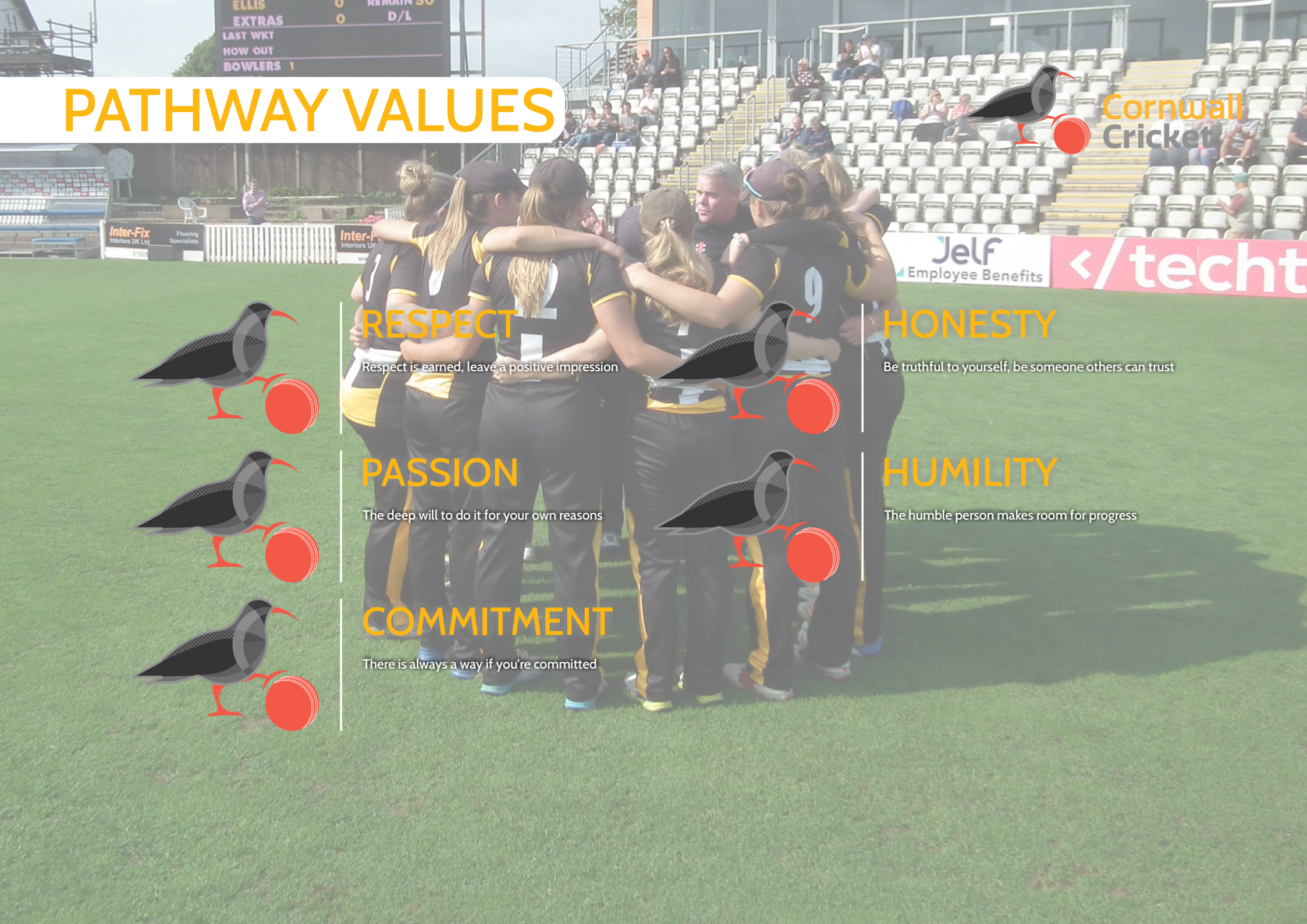
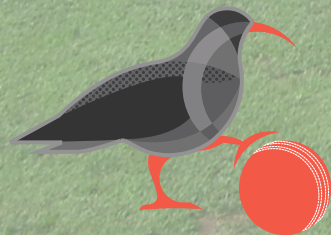
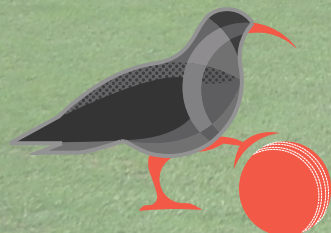
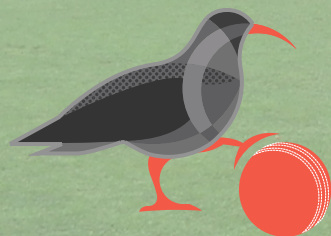
The deep will to do it for your own reasons

HUMILITY

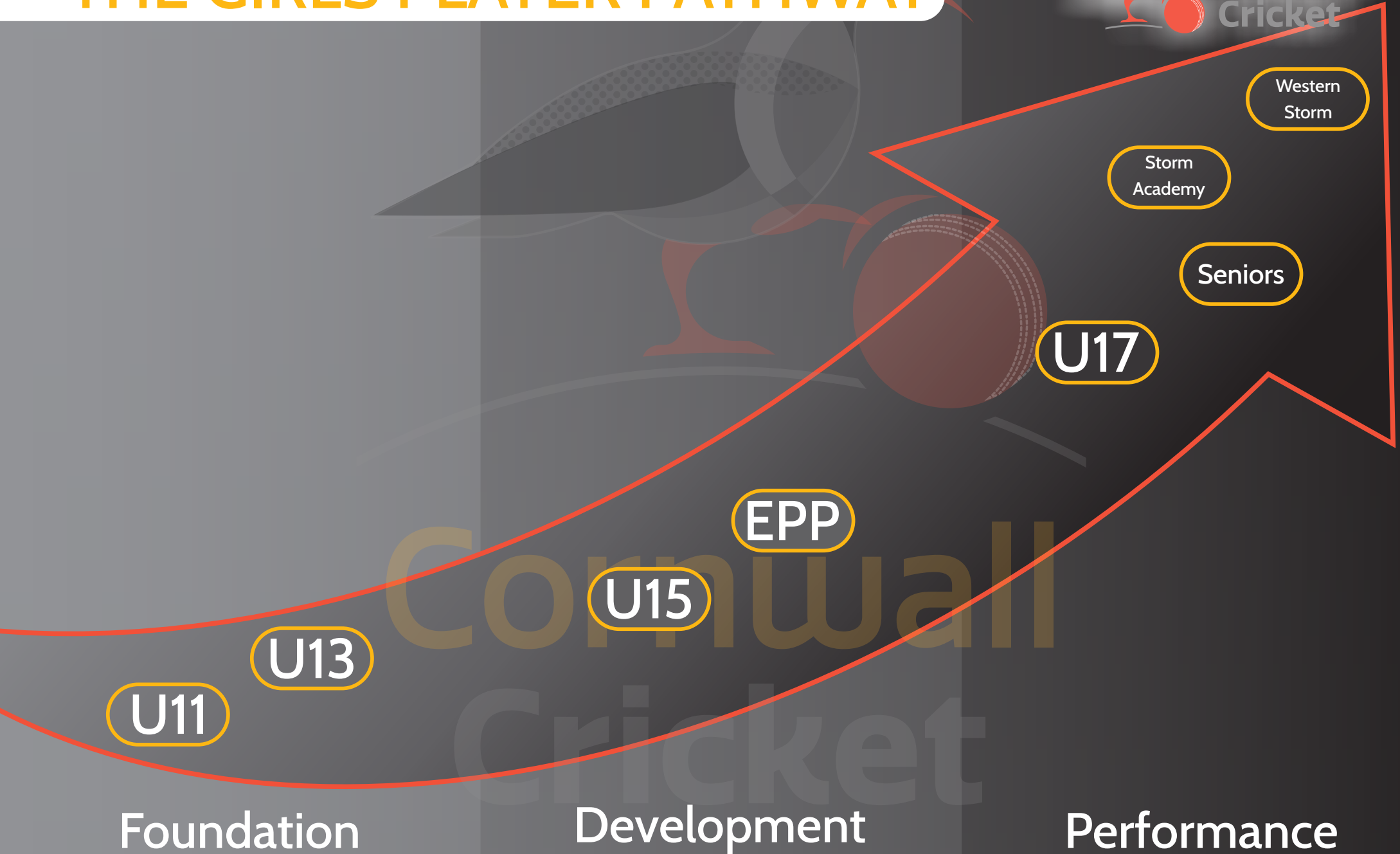
The humble person makes room for progress

COMMITMENT

There is always a way if you're committed



THE GIRLS PLAYER PATHWAY



Western Storm

Storm Academy

Seniors

U17

EPP

U15

U13

U11

Foundation

Development

Performance

FOUNDATION STAGE



This stage is for players under the age of 13, this stage is very much for giving the players enjoyment and experience within the game in a variety of formats, for players to understand what the game looks like, what they are required to do and ensuring we are doing that in a relaxed enjoyable environment.

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 13 county age group team, there will be 3 main phases to this stage:

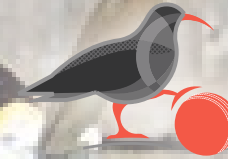
1. Winter training programme – 12-18 hours of skill development training at the Cornwall Cricket Centre.
2. Internal development games – Game activity in a number of different formats, rules are flexible to ensure player development is maximised, examples of this implementation maybe be to support players 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...

For U13's there will be County Age Group fixtures against other counties:

1. 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 U13



DEVELOPMENT STAGE



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This stage is for players within the 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.

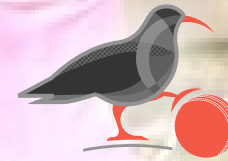
Players starting to settle into roles within a team and developing the skills needed within that role, developing confidence and character to positively influence a game through skill/ability, decision making and gaining experiences to be learnt from.

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 3 phases within it, the number of players used will become smaller as we progress through the phases:

1. Winter training programme - 15-24 hours of skill development training at the Cornwall Cricket indoor centre.
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 and to enhance their game understanding in a number of formats
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.

PERFORMANCE STAGE



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This stage includes players within the U17 age range and above, within our pathway we have U17's who play in an ECB performance competition.

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

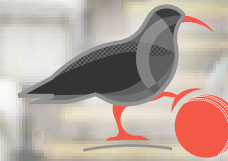
Players within these age groups will be expected to have higher levels of skill and game understanding/awareness than previous stages, although players will still be developing and there will still be a focus on this, players will be expected to understand what impact their performance can have on a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

There will be winter programmes available for players at U17 level, currently there are rules in place to play a small number of U18's within the U17 competition.

This will be followed by a small number of internal development games which will likely involve the best senior players in the county which will act as high level competition for the best players in Cornwall and preparation for the U17's performance league

By performing to high levels within this stage players will highlight themselves as players that have potential to play in the Cornwall senior team and involvement with Western Storm.

EMERGING PLAYERS PROGRAMME (EPP)



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This programme is designed for a small number of players between U13-U17 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 Western Storm level and above.

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 a players personal and cricket development.

Tours have been run in the past and it is our aspiration to run tours in the future, it is our hope that we can run a tour bi annually for the U17 age group, this would play an important part of the performance pathway, this will support players development and preparation for the challenges 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.

