



## Essex CCC Player Pathway

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### Introduction to the Multiple Entry Point Pathway:

As a County, we pride ourselves on the fact that we won the County Championship in 2017 with a large percentage of home-grown players. As such, our multiple entry point pathway depicts the process for a player of any age to progress to play professional cricket for the County. There are examples of players who have progressed through the system from the age of ten in Daniel Lawrence and Aaron Beard, but there are also examples of players who have joined the pathway at different points in Jamie Porter, Paul Walter, Nick Browne and Sam Cook. Through our present coaching and scouting structure, we endeavour to select the players with the most potential at any level to ensure that we keep enabling home grown talent the opportunity to perform at the highest level.

#### Eagles Nests:

Coaching camps for Under 9's and Under 10's. Players can be nominated onto these camps by clubs and schools or alternatively parents can book their children on. There is no limit to the amount of camps that players can attend. These camps are led by Essex County Performance coaches.

#### Primary Development Group:

From the Eagles Nest programme, players can be invited onto the Primary Development Group which focuses more on player development through further game based activity. These sessions run through the summer.

#### District Under 11:

Five districts each run trials to select their Under 11 squads. These squads then partake in a match programme against each other through the summer. From the District Under 11 match programme, two County Area squads, Wade and Gould, are selected to take part in a short late summer development programme.

#### Area Under 12:

The Wade and Gould County Area squads selected at Under 11 are invited onto a winter coaching programme which runs from January through to April. These two squads then play fixtures against each other at the start of the summer.

**Essex CCC Under 12:**

Out of the Area Under 12 programme, a County Under 12 squad is selected for the Taunton Festival. This is selected based upon performances through the Area winter training and match programme. This is the first time that players form an Essex CCC County age group squad.

**Junior EPP:**

The Junior EPP is an elite programme which focuses on further developing players with the most potential to progress. These players are selected out of the Essex CCC Under 12 squad.

**District Under 13:**

Five districts each run trials to select their Under 13 squads which are selected from relevant Under 12 and 13 players. These trials are held in November and nominations are made from Clubs and Schools. The five district squads play a match programme throughout the summer and offer an opportunity for scouts and County coaches to view players who are not in the County squad in competitive situations.

**Essex CCC Under 13:**

All District selected Under 13 qualified players are invited to the Essex CCC Under 13 trial. From this trial, the County squad at Under 13 is selected.

**Essex CCC Under 14:**

All Under 13 District players from the previous year are invited to attend trials for the Essex CCC Under 14 squad. The trial will also include any players scouted through the County's extensive scouting network.

**Essex CCC Under 15:**

All Under 13 District players from two years previous are invited to attend trials for the Essex CCC Under 15 squad. The trial will also include any players scouted through the County's extensive scouting network.

**Essex CCC Under 17:**

The Essex CCC Under 17 is selected by the Academy Director, Talent Pathway Manager and Head Scout. The squad is selected from the previous year's and two years previous Under 15 squad plus any players scouted through the County extensive scouting network.

**EPP Trial:**

Players are nominated by County coaches to attend a selection process for the EPP.

**EPP:**

The EPP is an elite programme which focuses on the development of players in the Under 14 and 15 age group who the County feel have potential to progress towards first-class cricket.

**GGEC Academy:**

Players are selected for the Academy from age group cricket by the Academy Director. The Academy runs a full elite programme to further develop and push all aspects of cricketers who are believed to have the tools capable of becoming professional cricketers. They also have a comprehensive multi-formatted match programme.

**Development XI:**

The Development XI play in the East of England Development Competition and selections are made through the Head Scout and Academy Director. This offers another point at which players can be scouted with a view to who has the attributes to progress to professional cricket.

**Essex CCC 2<sup>nd</sup>XI:**

The Essex CCC 2<sup>nd</sup>XI is selected by the Essex CCC Head Coach and 2<sup>nd</sup>XI coach.

**Fast-Tracking of Players:**

The whole pathway is ability based and if as a coaching group we feel that a player's development needs will be better serviced at a higher level, we will fast-track these players to ensure that this development happens. This will be done on an individual basis and will only happen if coaches feel this will enhance player development.