

Derbyshire Cricket Board
District Cricket and Development Cricket for 2009-2010
'The Way Forward'

Introduction

The aim of this document is to map out the future of District Cricket and Development Cricket for 2009-2010 and highlight the benefits of the new programme within the Player Pathway.

The purpose of District Cricket and Development Cricket is to provide a consistent coaching and match programme that keeps a large 'pool' of players in a high quality programme. The new programme and system will allow the 'better' District Player (Referred to as a Development Player) opportunities to develop their skills further and depending on their performance, have a clear path into the County Age Group Programme. The new programme will also allow the 'normal' District Player to develop their skills within a standardised programme which will have a positive and consistent effect on Club Cricket within Derbyshire.

Outline of the new District and Development Programme for 2009-2010

- Seven District Squads (Derby City, South Derbyshire, Erewash, North Derbyshire, High Peak, Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales) at Under 13 and 15 Level. (Post Christmas Indoor Training, and Summer Match Programme)
- DCB will appoint appropriately qualified coaches to each of the Districts for the winter and summer programme
- Talent Identification will be standardised and organised centrally by the DCB (Pre Christmas Two Stage Trial Process)
Stage One: Outdoors (Early September)
Stage Two: Indoors (November with the County Retrials from the 2009 season)
- 'Talent Selection' will be described as follows:

A = Player will be given a Pre Christmas County Trial

B = Player selected as a 'District Player' for 2010 and will be 'sign posted' to the appropriate District

C = Player not selected and 'sign posted' back to Club

- District Development Groups will run a 8 Week (2 Hour Session) Post Christmas Programme for U13 and U15 this would include Development Players and District Players

- DCB will produce the District Cricket Programme content and support the deployed coaches
- Approximately 48 Development Players at U13 and U15 Level will be selected for a Development Programme (3 Training Days, one each in February , March and April plus a Summer Match Programme which would include internal match play and representative cricket)
- District Cricket Summer Programme will remain the same as 2009 in terms of format with the use of Play Cricket to track performance and results

Talent Identification and Trials

For the 2009-2010 Player Pathway all club and school nominations will be sent to the DCB Office as normal to be processed. Outdoor Trials for the U12-15 Age groups will commence in September. The trial will include bowling, batting and fielding assessment by DCB Coaches. In late September each player will receive an official letter 'sign posting' them to the following:

- Indoor County Trial (A Player), will include county 'Fringe' players
- District Cricket Programme for 2010 (B Players)
- 'Back to Club' (C Players)

Post Christmas Training for District Players and Summer Match Programme for 2010

Each District Development Group will organise an 8 Week Programme starting in January or February (2 Hour Session). 'Development' and 'District' Players will be attending the appropriate District Cricket Centres. DCB will select the Coaches to lead and deliver the District Programme. The DCB will also design and plan the content of the programme.

The Summer Match Programme will be played between the seven Districts at U13 and U15 level with each District playing 3 home games and 3 away games at each age group. The winners will receive the Colin Davis Cup for getting the most points in both leagues. (See District Cricket Competition Regulations 2009)

Post Christmas Training for Development Players and Summer Match Programme for 2010

All Development Players will attend their District Winter Centre (as above). All Development Players will be invited to attend 3 Training Days (48 Players at both age groups U13 and U15). The first will be planned for February, the second in March and the final training day will be outside in April. DCB Coaches and selected District Coaches will deliver the Training Days.

The Summer Programme will be based on two festivals (May and July) plus one representative match against Warwickshire and one Best of Development Vs County Match in August. All Development Players will be able to play for their District Team. The Development Fixtures will be planned prior to the district fixtures therefore Districts can organise matches around the Development Fixtures.

Summary

The new Player Pathway at U12 – U15 Level outlined in this document delivers two fundamental objectives, the programme 'bridges' the gap between District and County Age Group Cricket and forms a 'Stepping Stone' for players moving up and down the pathway. The second objective is the continuation of the District Programme within the seven Districts which will allow ongoing development for a number of players that will have a positive effect at Club level. This programme delivered and supported by all partners will make a significant impact on the development of players within the county. All partners need to recognise the importance of District and Development Cricket and how it supports County Cricket and also develops Club Cricketers.