



The Derbyshire Cricket Board's Trials & Assessments forms the initial stage of the DCB's Player Pathway.

Our aim is to ensure that players within Derbyshire have an opportunity to show their skills and talent in a standardised environment during the Trials & Assessments

After the Trials & Assessments, all players will receive a letter highlighting their pathway for 2010-2011. Please see below the three 'Pathways'

A = Player will be invited to initial Winter County Training *See Question and Answers Sheet*

B = Players will be invited to one of our Development Centres' for 2010-2011 (U10 & U11 only) or to join their District Squad for post-Christmas Squad Coaching. *See Question and Answers Sheet*

C = Players not selected and 'sign posted' back to their Club

The Trials & Assessments help us to begin tracking the development of the most talented players during winter and summer months.

As a player or parent you may have a number of questions about this, so please find a questions and answer sheet attached.

Questions and Answers

What are the Trials & Assessments? A series of selection sessions conducted to assess players' batting, bowling and fielding skills, wicket-keeping (if appropriate) attitude and athletic ability (Agility, Balance, Coordination and Speed).

Who will the participants be? U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17 Boys and Girls (Girls will have an individual pathway for participation and performance).

How many players are involved? For 2010 the DCB has received over 450 nominations from Schools and Clubs across the various age groups, and also includes some existing county age group players.

How do players get invited to the Trials & Assessments? Clubs and Schools are asked to nominate all players in July who have the ability or potential ability to play District, Development or County Cricket. Nominated players will then be sent information on their Trial & Assessment session, date, location and time.

Who is delivering the Trials & Assessments? DCB County Coaches and selected District Coaches will be coaching and delivering the sessions. All Coaches are DCB CA Members and have a current and up to date CRB Check, First Aid and Safe Guarding Children Certificate.

Any player with a pre-existing injury must declare it on arrival. Parents and guardians will be asked to attend the introductory briefing and an opportunity for them to ask questions. Parents and guardians will be able to stay at the Club(s) however they will be instructed to keep 'well clear' of the cricket activity.

What will not be provided? The following clothing and equipment will not be provided and players will be expected to bring everything they need to participate fully in the selection session:

- Good pair of running shoes and Cricket Shoes 'Spikes'
- Cricket training clothing and full equipment (including bat and protective wear)
- Food and Drink

What happens after the Stage 1 Trial?

Under 10 and 11 players will receive a letter in September informing them of their individual pathway

Pathway A: County pre Christmas training and a 4 week post Christmas assessment at the Gateway Centre

Pathway B: U10/11 8 week post Christmas Development Programme

Pathway C: Back to Club for winter training

Under 12 to 15 players

Pathway A: County Trial & Assessment (Stage 2 in October) from which the player will either be invited to initial Winter County Training, Development Training or District Training or a combination of them.

Pathway B: Core District Training (U13 and U15) 8 weeks 2 hour sessions (post-Christmas)

Pathway C: Back to Club for winter training

Under 17 players

Pathway A/B: Invitation to Stage 2 Trial in October / November / December

Pathway C: Back to Club for winter and pre season training
