27th July 2018

**Wiltshire Cricket Winter Performance Programme 2018-2019 – Boys Trial Nominations**

Dear Club Junior Coordinator,

I am writing to you regarding the Wiltshire Cricket Performance Programme for 2018-2019 with the main purpose of this letter being to request your club’s nominations for boys district trials.

The process to follow in order to nominate players for trials can be found in detail later in this letter, however before doing so I would just like to communicate a few changes that are being made to next year’s structure:

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**Boys Performance Structure Changes:**

**Boys Under 10s Cricket:**

We are moving away from a separate district/county structure and will instead adopt the following:

* Approximately 40 players will be selected to attend a winter coaching programme. These players to be split in to 3 separate groups, each of which will receive a 12 week, 2 hour coaching programme
* All 3 programmes to be delivered by a consistent workforce
* A series of intra county matches during first half of the season. Exact format to be decided but these will be made up of a festival type structure with players put in to even teams for the purposes of creating a competitive structure
* Second half of the season will involve us playing some county under 10 fixtures based on performances at previous intra county fixtures.

**Boys District Under 13 Cricket:**

This was the first year of a slightly new structure for district under 13s cricket, which saw 4 districts train during the winter, 4 districts then compete in two T12 festivals and then the programme be cut to a North v South structure for the remainder of the season. There are only minor changes to this structure for 2018-2019, predominantly with the matchplay format:

1. We will retain 4 district winter programmes, each receiving 12 weeks of 2 hour group sessions
2. We will hold 2 competition dates, with 4 districts competing:

A T16 (not T12) festival on 1st bank holiday in May

A 35 over game for all 4 district teams on 2nd bank holiday in May

1. After second competition dates, we will cut to a North v South structure as per this season

**Trial processes:**

A couple of changes with the process for trials, as follows:

* **District trials** – These will now be organised centrally by the Wiltshire Cricket office with Head of Junior Cricket, Ali Goddard, taking responsibility for this. This means receipts of nominations will come in to Ali and he will communicate details of trials to nominees. Once coaches are confirmed with age groups, Ali will liaise with those coaches regarding trial dates/venues etc
* **County trials** – it was agreed that we would change to county trials happening after district trials. This was on the basis that county squad players from the previous season will automatically attend a trial, therefore the most important thing is understanding which district players should join the county trial. By holding the district trials first, this will provide a fair basis for ensuring all district trialist have the opportunity to attain a county trial

**Junior formats:**

For 2019, Wiltshire Cricket will be adopting the ECB junior formats across club and representative cricket. In terms of representative cricket, this will affect our under 10 and 11 matchplay. Here are the junior formats:



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**So, what does the Wiltshire winter performance programme actually look like?**

Combining the changes that we made last year, with the changes we have made above, confirmation that our performance structure looks as follows:

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| **District Boys Programme** |
| **District** | **Age Group** | **Delivery time** | **Delivered by** | **Number of players** |
| North East | U11, U13 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 Mentor and 1 x assistant/summer coach per district age group | 14 per age group |
| North West | U11, U13 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 Mentor and 1 x assistant/summer coach per district age group | 14 per age group |
| Mid | U11, U13 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 Mentor and 1 x assistant/summer coach per district age group | 14 per age group |
| South | U11, U13 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 Mentor and 1 x assistant/summer coach per district age group | 14 per age group |

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| **District Boys Programme part 2** |
| **District** | **Age Group** | **Delivery time** | **Delivered by** | **Number of players** |
| North | U15 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 Mentor and 1 x assistant/summer coach per district age group | 14 per age group |
| South | U15 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 Mentor and 1 x assistant/summer coach per district age group | 14 per age group |

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| **County Boys Programme** |
| **Age Group** | **Delivery time** | **Delivered by** | **Number of players** |
| U10 (3 x equal groups) | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 3 coaches (inc U10 coach, U11 coach + 1 support coach | 40 |
| U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 1 lead coach (also summer coach) and 2 assistant coaches (1 will be coach of next county age group and one will be a district coach) | 12 |
| U17 | 24 hours consisting of:- 12 weeks x 2 hour group sessions | 3 x L3 coaches | 14 |

**Which clubs are in which district?**

The below details which district clubs fall in to:

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| **North West** | **North East** | **Mid** | **South** |
| Bathford | Avebury | Burbage and ER | Chalke Valley |
| Biddestone | Cricklade | Bradford On Avon | Chilmark |
| Box | Goatacre | Devizes | Collingbourne |
| Calne | Marlborough | Heytesbury & Sutton Veny | Dinton |
| Chippenham | Purton | Melksham | Mere |
| Corsham | Royal Wootton Bassett | Potterne | Redlynch and Hale |
| Malmesbury | Swindon | Trowbridge | Shrewton |
| Marshfield | Wanborough | Warminster | South Wilts |
| Oaksey |  | Westbury and District | Steeple Langford |
| Sherston Magna |  | Winsley | Wilcot |
| Spye Park |  |  | Winterbourne |
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\*Please note the clubs listed above are the clubs that based on their 2018 affiliation indicated that they run some form of junior cricket

\*For the under 15 North v South programme, the North West and North East districts will be combined to create the **North** area, and the Mid and South districts will be combined to create the **South** area

**Trialing and Selection Deadline and Timeframes for 2018-2019**

As detailed above, the trial process is now going to be managed centrally by the Wiltshire Cricket office.

With this in mind, the process for nominating, trialing and selecting players will be as follows:

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| **Date** | **Detail** |
| 27th July 2018 | Nomination Letter sent to Clubs with Junior Sections |
| By 13th August 2018 | Clubs to have replied to this letter with their nominations for players to attend district trials. These nominations should be sent to Ali Goddard at ali.goddard@wiltshirecricket.co.uk. **Nominations should be received for U10, 11, 13 and 15**\*Please note though at U15 we will only be running a North v South structure so please consider this when nominating |
| During w/c 13th August 2018 | Ali Goddard will contact all nominated players to invite them to district trials and to inform them of the date, venue and time of their district trial.  |
| w/c 27th August 2018 and 3rd September 2018 | District trials take place |
| End w/c 3rd September and w/c 10th September 2018  | County trials take place |
| By 21st September 2018 | All attendees at district trials will be sent letter via email confirming selection or non selection for winter coaching programme |

\* Please note that county trials will take place after district trials. Invitations to county trials will be made by county managers and coaches.

**Nominating players for trials 2018-2019**

As I said at the outset of this letter, the main purpose of this letter is to collect nominations from your club for district trials. Attached with this letter is a nomination form and it would be much appreciated if you could complete this form and return it by **Monday 13th August** at the very latest. When doing so please be aware of the following:

* Wiltshire Cricket will take responsibility for informing the nominated players of the details of their trial. You do not need to contact your players regarding their trials at all.
* You will be nominating players for the age group in which they will be for the 2019 season.
* Note that you do not need to nominate players from your club that are currently in county squads for the 2018 season. These players will automatically be invited for a county trial. **However, you DO need to nominate players that are currently playing district cricket.**
* Please make every effort to nominate the players who you feel have the potential to play district cricket. At under 15 level please note that it is a North v South programme so this should be considered when deciding how many players you nominate.
* Please complete as much of the nomination forms as possible, this will assist the District Head Coaches in ensuring that they have the necessary information to contact the players in advance of the trials.

**Please send your nominations through to Ali Goddard at** **ali.goddard@wiltshirecricket.co.uk**

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – MONDAY 13TH AUGUST**

**Times and dates for Wiltshire Winter Coaching Programme 2018-2019**

One useful piece of feedback we have received previously is that it would be useful for clubs to know the dates and times of the district coaching sessions, should players be selected. Therefore, please find a summary below which includes this information. **Please note that not all of these sessions are confirmed yet, and so may change by the time the winter programmes start. However, we have attempted to include as much information as possible:**

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| **DISTRICT** | **North East** | **North West** | **Mid** | **South** |
| **UNDER 10** | 3 x separate sessions at 3 different locations in county - tbc |
| **UNDER 11** | Tuesdays5pm – 7pm | Saturdays11am – 1pm | Saturdays3pm – 5pm | Fridays5pm – 7pm |
| **UNDER 13** | Saturdays11am – 1pm | Saturdays9am – 11am | Tuesdays6pm – 8pm | Tuesdays7pm – 9pm |
|  | **North** | **South** |
| **UNDER 15** | Fridays5pm – 7pm | Saturdays10.30am – 12.30pm |

If you have any queries regarding any of the above information or are unsure of the process to follow when nominating players please do not hesitate to contact the Wiltshire Cricket Limited Development Office. Details can be found below.

Yours sincerely

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