

BUCKS CRICKET NOMINATIONS GUIDE 2025

Junior Pathway (Regional, CAG & MCCF Hubs)



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ABOUT BUCKS CRICKET CIO

Bucks Cricket CIO is the charitable organisation (Charity number: 1201817) that was formed in 2023, following the merger of Bucks Cricket Board Ltd. and Buckinghamshire County Cricket Club.

OUR VALUES



Bucks Cricket CIO's strategy for 2025-2028 has 9 action plans:

Clubs
Volunteer Workforce
County Pathway & Performance
Women & Girls
Schools
Disability
Milton Keynes
Aylesbury & High Wycombe
Facilities



BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET

We have teams at the following age groups:

- Men's 1st and 2nd XIs
- Women's 1st XI
- Over 50, 60s and 70s
- County Age Group Teams: Boys and Girls U13-U18
- Regional Teams: Boys and Girls U10-U12
- MCCF Hubs: Boys and Girls: U13-U17

Bucks is one of the 20 'National County' Cricket Boards in England & Wales. Meanwhile, there are 18 'Pro Counties' that have professional Men's team and 8 of these (rising to 10 by 2027) have Pro 'Tier 1' Women's teams.

Bucks Cricket's role is to provide a structured pathway for our county's best young cricketers and we have a consistent track record of developing players that progress at the right time in the right way. This enables the players to retain their link to Bucks as their home county with Bucks Men's and Women's teams playing in National County Competitions alongside their Pro County Academy/Professional commitments.

Bucks Cricket's Pathway Performance Programmes (Boys EPP, Boys EPP, W&GPP, Girls IPP) link directly into our Pro County Academy partners – Northants CCC for Boys and Vipers/Hampshire CCC for Girls.

This work is led by Bucks Cricket's Head of Performance, Jason Harrison and County Pathway Manager, James Savory, and our team of pathway and performance coaches for all training programmes and squads.



CURRENT BUCKS PATHWAY PROS

Men: Alex Hales (Notts), Tom Helm (Middlesex), Saif Zaib (Northants), Dom Goodman (Gloucs), Raphy Weatherall (Northants), Aadi Sharma (Northants)

Women: Ella Claridge (Blaze), Bethan Miles (Surrey)



We have two formalised 'Pro County' partners: Men/Boys: Northants CCC and Women/Girls: Hampshire CCC/Vipers.

In 2025, Bucks Cricket have 4 boys currently signed on the Northants CCC Academy and 4 girls selected onto on the Hampshire Vipers regional EPP.



NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Welcome to the Bucks Cricket nominations for 2025-26, we aim to provide a fair process and encourage new players to be put forward by their clubs.

Players are to be nominated for both our County/Regional Teams and MCC Foundation Hubs as part of the same process. Please note only players that attend state schools will be eligible for the MCCF Hub places.

Players can be nominated by their clubs between **3rd - 29th June 2025**. The club will provide parents with a questionnaire link which must also be completed by 29th June. ***We will not accept nominations after this date.*** Parents who have completed the survey by this deadline will be sent the booking links / video requirements on 30th June.

If a player does not attend a club in Bucks but meets another of the eligibility criteria (see page 7), please contact admin@buckscricket.co.uk for information on how their school/club can nominate a player. The same deadlines apply.

Existing Pathway Players (Regional, CAG & MCCF) do NOT need to be re-nominated, they will be sent a short survey directly from Bucks Cricket to complete.

Bucks Cricket will be covering the cost of these nomination sessions, providing them free to players.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for nominees is to play at a Bucks Club, live in Bucks, attend school in Bucks or were born in Bucks.

Players cannot attend trials at multiple Counties. If a child is currently part of another County's Pathway or MCC Foundation Hub, they must provide written consent of withdrawal from their county prior to the trial.

A player can become part of the Bucks Cricket Pathway from U10/Year 5 (i.e. is an U9/year 4 right now), younger players will not be accepted:

For Boys, if selected, these players will be part of the U11 Regions and so need to be an outstanding player.

For Girls, if selected, these players will be part of the U12 Regions, and we encourage all girls wishing to transition into hardball cricket to be put forward.

Please nominate players and encourage parents to register their children even if they have missed out on selection in previous years as players develop at very different rates and this development will naturally ebb and flow through the years.

GUIDANCE FOR BOYS & GIRLS U10-U12

1. Has Hard Ball experience OR confident that the player has shown enough to suggest hard ball transition will be comfortable
2. Loves the game and will commit to attending pathway activity to improve skills.
3. Willing to learn and accepts failure.
4. Open to bowling, fielding & batting in different positions.

AGE-GROUP REFERENCE TABLE

Birthday Between:	Age Group For 2025/26
01/09/2015 - 31/08/2016	Under 10
01/09/2014 - 31/08/2015	Under 11
01/09/2013 - 31/08/2014	Under 12
01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013	Under 13
01/09/2011 - 31/08/2012	Under 14
01/09/2010 - 31/08/2011	Under 15
01/09/2009 - 31/08/2010	Under 16
01/09/2008 - 31/08/2009	Under 17
01/09/2007 - 31/08/2008	Under 18



PLAYER MATURATION DATA

As part of the player nomination survey, parents/guardians will be requested to provide the following data in order to understand player growth & maturation to better support their development:

- Childs Height (cm)
- Fathers Height (cm)
- Date of Measurement
- Childs Weight (kg)
- Mothers Height (cm)

Why do we need this?

We will use the measurements above to determine the physical Maturity Status of players to determine if they are pre, circa or post peak height velocity (PHV)

PHV is most rapid point of growth, which occurs, on average, at 11 ½ in females and 13 ½ years in males, however, there is a considerable individual variation of up to +/- 2 years.

During PHV, 25% of children experience 'adolescent awkwardness' – temporarily losing the co-ordination to complete physical tasks or skills to their usual standard – we can take this into account when making selections if these coincide with PHV.

Knowing a players maturity timing can also help us make better decisions on whether their performances are related to physical advantages/disadvantages related to their biological age.

Whilst this data is helpful for the coaches due to the reasons above, we have left these fields as optional in case anyone feels strongly about not providing this data. Data will be stored securely and not shared externally.



TEAM STRUCTURE

BUCKS CRICKET: BOYS PROGRAMMES (U10-12)	
Team	Regional Teams
Boys U11	4 Regions (North, South, East & West) (64 Players)
Boys U12	4 Regions (North, South, East & West) (64 Players)

BUCKS CRICKET: BOYS PROGRAMMES (U13+)		
Team	County Age Groups	MCC Foundation Hubs (State School Only)
Boys U13	1 Team (15 Players)	3 Hubs (48 Players)
Boys U14	1 Team (15 Players)	2 Hubs (32 Players)
Boys U15	1 Team (16 Players)	
Boys U16	1 Team (16 Players)	2 Hubs* (32 Players)
Boys U17	1 Team	
Boys U18	(16 Players)	

*U17 Hubs TBC

BUCKS CRICKET: GIRLS PROGRAMMES (U10-12)	
Team	Regional Teams
Girls U10-12	4 Regions (North, South, East & West) (64 Players)

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Girls U15	1 Team (16 Players)	
Girls U16	1 Team (16 Players)	1 Hub* (16 Players)
Girls U17	1 Team	
Girls U18	(16 Players)	

*U17 Hub TBC

ECB County Cricket age-groups have moved to U13, U14, U15, U16 & U18 for both Boys and Girls - with a regional structure below this at Boys U10-11, Boys U12 and Girls U10-12.

At U13 Boys we will not have the regional teams. However, we are increasing the number of MCC Foundation hubs for this age-group.

The MCCF teams are only for players that attend state schools, this includes players from selective state schools (e.g. grammar schools).

Overall, for the 2026 season there will be approximately 206 Boys in the Bucks County Age Group or Regional Pathway and a further 112 in MCCF Hubs (this year it is 250 and 64). For 2026 there will be approximately 142 Girls in the Bucks County Age Group or Regional teams and 80 in MCCF Hubs (this year it is 125 and 48).



PROGRAMME FORMAT

Winter Training

Regional teams receive 10 x 2 hours of winter training. These sessions take place at your assigned regional venue, between November-April, mainly on selective Sundays.

County Age Group teams receive 10 x 3 hours of winter training. These sessions take place at venues across Buckinghamshire, between November-April, mainly on selective Sundays.

MCCF Hubs receive 11 x 1.5 hours of winter training. These sessions take place at your assigned Hub venue, between December-March, some Hubs run mid-week, others on Saturdays.



Fixtures

Fixtures for all groups are mainly on Sundays between April-September and mid-week during school holidays.

Regional teams will play fixtures against the other regions within Bucks.

County Age Group teams will play a mixture of home and away fixtures, therefore travel to other counties is required.

Tours

We plan to arrange a tour for the following County Age Group Teams: Girls U13s & U14s, Boys U13s & U14s

Information about programme costs can be found on Page 16. Financial support is available from the BYCT.



REGIONAL AGE GROUPS – NOMINATION SESSIONS

(BOYS AND GIRLS U10-U12 NEXT SEASON)

All nominees for Boys U10-12 & Girls U10-12 will be invited to these free Nomination Training Sessions for our County Coaches to assess.

All players to attend **both of the sessions** listed for their region.

The first session is outdoors at a Cricket Club and will focus on fielding and batting. In the event of rain we will contact you to inform you whether we have been able to move the session indoors or re-arrange. The second session is in a sports hall and will focus on bowling and batting. We will share further information on our selection policy at the end of June.

You must attend the region specified on the email invite (based on your club location). We will send through a survey to gather attendance on 30th June, please wait to update us via that survey so responses can be collated, rather than send individual emails.

Group	Region	All Players to Attend 2 Sessions	Day	Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date
Boys Under 11	East	Session 1	Monday	01/09/25	13:45	16:00	2:15	Beaconsfield CC	23/09/25
		Session 2	Sunday	14/09/25	14:45	16:30	1:45	Dr Challoners High School	
	North	Session 1	Wednesday	27/08/25	15:30	17:45	2:15	Buckingham Town CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	07/09/25	13:00	14:45	1:45	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	
	South	Session 1	Tuesday	02/09/25	11:45	14:00	2:15	Beaconsfield CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	14/09/25	13:00	14:45	1:45	Dr Challoners High School	
	West	Session 1	Tuesday	26/08/25	13:45	16:00	2:15	Bledlow Village CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	07/09/25	14:45	16:30	1:45	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	
Boys Under 12	East	Session 1	Monday	01/09/25	11:30	13:45	2:15	Beaconsfield CC	23/09/25
		Session 2	Sunday	14/09/25	10:45	12:30	1:45	Dr Challoners High School	
	North	Session 1	Wednesday	27/08/25	13:15	15:30	2:15	Buckingham Town CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	07/09/25	9:00	10:45	1:45	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	
	South	Session 1	Tuesday	02/09/25	9:30	11:45	2:15	Beaconsfield CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	14/09/25	9:00	10:45	1:45	Dr Challoners High School	
	West	Session 1	Tuesday	26/08/25	11:30	13:45	2:15	Bledlow Village CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	07/09/25	10:45	12:30	1:45	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	
Girls Under 10-12	East	Session 1	Thursday	28/08/25	9:30	11:45	2:15	Little Kingshill CC	23/09/25
		Session 2	Sunday	07/09/25	11:15	13:00	1:45	Dr Challoners High School	
	North	Session 1	Wednesday	27/08/25	11:00	13:15	2:15	Buckingham Town CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	14/09/25	9:30	11:15	1:45	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	
	South	Session 1	Thursday	28/08/25	11:45	14:00	2:15	Little Kingshill CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	07/09/25	9:30	11:15	1:45	Dr Challoners High School	
	West	Session 1	Monday	18/08/25	11:30	13:45	2:15	Marlow CC	
		Session 2	Sunday	14/09/25	11:15	13:00	1:45	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	

Equipment: We understand that not all players will have had hardball experience. If you have equipment please bring it to the sessions, if not the coaches will coordinate sharing of equipment.



BOYS COUNTY AGE GROUPS & MCCF TEAMS

(U13-U18 NEXT SEASON)

New Players

All nominees for **Boys U13** will be invited to a Nomination Training Session for our County Coaches to assess, see session details below.

For Boys nominated to **U14-U18** we will request play cricket stats and video footage to review nominations before deciding whether to invite them to a nomination session.

A guide on video submission requirements, including examples, can be found here:

<https://buckscricket.co.uk/pages/nomination-video-submission-guide>

Current Pathway Players (Regional, CAG & MCCF)

All **U13-U16** current pathway players will be invited to the first nomination session - they do not have to submit videos.

If a current **U17-U18 MCCF** player wishes to be considered for the U18 County team, they must submit video footage by the deadline in the table.

We hope to have 2 new **U17 MCCF Boys Hubs** next season, we will share details of the nomination session for this at a later date, it is likely to take place in early December.

Group	Stages	Info	Decision Communication Date
Boys Under 17	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our County Squad)	Submission Deadline 20/07/25	20/08/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	If being considered for the U18 County Team they will be invited to the first winter training session in November as a trial. If they attend a state school and are not invited to the County trial they can attend the U17 MCCF hub trial in December.	18/11/25
Boys Under 18	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our County Squad)	Submission Deadline 20/07/25	20/08/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	Invited to first winter training session for Boys U18 County team in November as a trial.	18/11/25



BOYS U13-U16 NOMINATION SESSION INFO

Group	Stages	Day	Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date
Boys Under 13	Stage 1: Choose 1 session	Monday	18/08/25	15:45	17:45	2:00	Marlow CC	11/09/25
		Tuesday	26/08/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Bledlow Village CC	
		Thursday	28/08/25	15:30	17:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
		Monday	01/09/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Beaconsfield CC	
	Stage 2: Players selected from stage 1 will be assigned a time slot.	Sunday	28/09/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Royal Grammar School	02/10/25
		Sunday	28/09/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Royal Grammar School	
		Sunday	28/09/25	13:30	15:30	2:00	Royal Grammar School	
Boys Under 14	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our Regional/County Squads or MCCF Hub)	Submission Deadline 13/07/25					Online - WeTransfer	30/07/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1 Choose 1 session	Wednesday	13/08/25	13:30	15:30	2:00	High Wycombe CC	10/09/25
		Monday	18/08/25	13:45	15:45	2:00	Marlow CC	
		Thursday	28/08/25	13:30	15:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
	Stage 3: For players selected from stage 2	Sunday	21/09/25	13:30	15:30	2:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle	25/09/25
Boys Under 15	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our County Squad or MCCF Hub)	Submission Deadline 13/07/25					Online - WeTransfer	30/07/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1 Choose 1 session	Wednesday	13/08/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	High Wycombe CC	10/09/25
		Thursday	28/08/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
	Stage 3: For players selected from stage 2	Sunday	21/09/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle	25/09/25
Boys Under 16	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our County Squad or MCCF Hub)	Submission Deadline 13/07/25					Online - WeTransfer	30/07/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1 Choose 1 session	Wednesday	13/08/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	High Wycombe CC	10/09/25
		Thursday	28/08/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
	Stage 3: For players selected from stage 2	Sunday	21/09/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle	25/09/25

All nomination sessions are free to attend.

Session 1: Although there is a choice of dates, if you have a preference please ensure you reserve your space as soon as the booking link is distributed (30th June). We are unable to add additional spaces to any sessions as we need to ensure the same coaches are seeing all players whilst maintaining a sensible coach:player ratio. If a player is unable to attend, please inform us via email.

The first session is outdoors at a Cricket Club. In the event of rain we will contact you to inform you whether we have been able to move the session indoors or re-arrange.

The second session is in a sports hall.

We will share further information on our selection policy at the end of June.



GIRLS COUNTY AGE GROUPS & MCCF TEAMS

(U13-U18 NEXT SEASON)

New Players

All nominees for **Girls U13-16** will be invited to a Nomination Training Session for our County Coaches to assess, see session details below.

For Girls nominated to **U17-U18** we will request play cricket stats and video footage to review nominations before deciding whether to invite them to a nomination session.

A guide on video submission requirements, including examples, can be found here:

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Current Pathway & MCCF Players

All U13-U16 current Pathway Players (Regional/CAF/MCCF) will be invited to the first nomination session, they do not have to submit videos.

If an U17-U18 MCCF player wishes to be considered for the U18 County team, they must submit video footage by the deadline above.

We hope to have a new U17 MCCF Girls Hub next season, we will share details of the nomination session for this at a later date, it is likely to take place in early December.



GIRLS U13-U18 NOMINATION SESSION INFO

Group	Stages	Day	Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date
Girls Under 13	Stage 1: All players choose 1 session	Monday	18/08/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Marlow CC	09/09/25
		Wednesday	27/08/25	9:00	11:00	2:00	Buckingham Town CC	
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	Sunday	21/09/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Royal Grammar School	25/09/25
Girls Under 14	Stage 1: All players choose 1 session	Wednesday	06/08/25	13:30	15:30	2:00	Chearsley CC	09/09/25
		Monday	01/09/25	13:30	15:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	Sunday	21/09/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Royal Grammar School	25/09/25
Girls Under 15	Stage 1: All players choose 1 session	Wednesday	06/08/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Chearsley CC	10/09/25
		Monday	01/09/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	Sunday	28/09/25	11:30	13:30	2:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle	02/10/25
Girls Under 16	Stage 1: All players choose 1 session	Wednesday	06/08/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Chearsley CC	10/09/25
		Monday	01/09/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Stony Stratford CC	
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	Sunday	28/09/25	9:30	11:30	2:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle	02/10/25
Girls Under 17	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our County Squad)	Submission Deadline 20/07/25					Online - WeTransfer	20/08/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	If being considered for the U18 County Team they will be invited to the first winter training session in November as a trial. If they attend a state school and are not invited to the County trial they can attend the U17 MCCF hub trial in December.						18/11/25
Girls Under 18	Stage 1: Video Submission (if not currently in our County Squad)	Submission Deadline 20/07/25					Online - WeTransfer	20/08/25
	Stage 2: For players selected from stage 1	Invited to first winter training session for Girls U18 County team in November as a trial.						18/11/25

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COSTS INVOLVED

Below are the approximate costs involved, these will be confirmed once we know venue charges for next year and the number of fixtures we are able to organise for each age-group.

Bucks Youth Cricket Trust (BYCT)

We can offer financial support for families that require it for all elements below. We do not want finance to be a barrier to players participating in cricket. We will share more information on how to register for financial assistance once players have been selected.

Approximate Costs	Regional (U10-U12)	County Age Groups (U13-U14)	County Age Groups (U15-U18)	MCCF Hubs (State School Only)
Winter Training	£200 (2 payments of £100) 20 hours coaching	£284 (2 payments of £142) 30 hours coaching	£284 (2 payments of £142) 30 hours coaching	Free 16.5 hours of coaching
Match Fees	£90-£120 No. of match days TBC	£165-£220 No. of match days TBC	£165-£220 No. of match days TBC	£30-£75 No. of match days TBC
Clothing	£80.50-£92.50 (size dependent) Top, mid-layer, trousers & cap.	£83.50-£97.50 (size dependent) Top, mid-layer, trousers & cap.	£83.50-£97.50 (size dependent) Top, mid-layer, trousers & cap.	Free Top
Tour		£520		

