

BUCKS CRICKET NOMINATIONS GUIDE 2026

Junior Player Pathway
(Regional, County Age Group (CAG) & MCCF Hubs)



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NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Welcome to the Bucks Cricket nominations for 2026-27, 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 **1st - 28th June 2026**. ***We will not accept nominations after this date.***

The club will provide parents with a questionnaire link which must be completed by **1st July**. ***We will not accept questionnaires after this date.*** Parents will be sent the booking links / video requirements by end of day **6th July**.

If a player does not attend a club in Bucks but meets another of the eligibility criteria (see page 5), please contact admin@bucks cricket.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 information directly from Bucks Cricket.

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

SELECTIONS

- Our **Talent Development Framework** (slides 16-21) provides an indication of some of the qualities we believe will help players achieve success at this level Page 8 of our [2026 Pathway EDI Data Summary](#) shows the number of new players nominated at each age-group last year and the number of those who were selected.
- Due to the number of nominations we receive (approx. 1000 across the age-groups), it is not possible to provide feedback to players not selected.
- You can view our selection policy [here](#).



EXPECTED NOMINATION NUMBERS

Age-Group	Current Players	New Nominations Expected*	TOTAL Nominations Expected*	% of NEW players expected* to be seen in person	Spaces Available			% Spaces Available vs Total Expected*
					Regional / County	MCCF	TOTAL	
Boys U11	13	107	120	100%	64		64	53%
Boys U12	51	69	120	100%	64		64	53%
Boys U13	63	57	120	16%	16	48	64	53%
Boys U14	65	50	115	28%	16	16	32	28%
Boys U15	33	52	85	13%	16	16	32	38%
Boys U16	35	35	70	11%	16		16	23%
Boys U18	25	12	37	33%	16		16	43%
BOYS TOTAL	285	382	667	56%	208	80	288	43%
Girls U10-11	1	63	64	100%	48		48	75%
Girls U12	26	38	64	100%	48		48	75%
Girls U13	36	24	60	100%	16	16	32	53%
Girls U14	36	9	45	100%	16	16	32	71%
Girls U15	31	9	40	100%	16	16	32	80%
Girls U16	27	8	35	100%	16	16	32	91%
Girls U18	26	4	30	50%	16		16	53%
GIRLS TOTAL	183	155	338	99%	176	64	240	71%
TOTAL	468	537	1005	68%	384	144	528	53%

*Expected is based off our capacity and 2025 nominations.



ELIGIBILITY

Players are eligible for nomination if they meet at least one of these criteria:

- Born in Buckinghamshire.
- Place of permanent residence is in Buckinghamshire.
- Attend a school in Buckinghamshire.
- Have played the majority of their club cricket for a Buckinghamshire club during the 2026 season.

Any child who is currently part of another County Pathway or qualifies for another County Pathway (via the eligibility criteria above) and is seeking to engage with other counties must declare this. Individuals are not permitted to play for two counties.

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 U10 Boys, these players will be part of the U11 Regions so need to be comfortable competing with players that are a year older.

For Girls, we are moving from one U10-12 team per region to an U10-11 and U12 team per region, therefore we encourage all girls wishing to transition into hardball cricket to be put forward.

Guidance for Boys & Girls U13-18:

For Boys U13-U18 and Girls U17-U18 who have previously been nominated but not selected, we advise only re-nominating where there has been clear and significant development since the previous assessment. In many cases, those players may benefit more from focusing on club cricket at this stage.

For Girls U10-U16, we encourage nominations even where players have previously missed selection.

AGE-GROUP REFERENCE TABLE

Birthday Between:	Age Group For 2026/27
01/09/2016 - 31/08/2017	Under 10
01/09/2015 - 31/08/2016	Under 11
01/09/2014 - 31/08/2015	Under 12
01/09/2013 - 31/08/2014	Under 13
01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013	Under 14
01/09/2011 - 31/08/2012	Under 15
01/09/2010 - 31/08/2011	Under 16
01/09/2009 - 31/08/2010	Under 17
01/09/2008 - 31/08/2009	Under 18



BUCKS 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: GIRLS PROGRAMMES (U10-12)	
Team	Regional Teams
Girls U10-11	4 Regions (North, South, East & West) (48 - 64 Players)
Girls U12	4 Regions (North, South, East & West) (48- 64 Players)

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

BUCKS CRICKET: GIRLS PROGRAMMES (U13+)		
Team	County Age Groups	MCC Foundation Hubs (State School Only)
Girls U13	1 Team (16 Players)	2 Hubs (32 Players)
Girls U14	1 Team (16 Players)	
Girls U15	1 Team (16 Players)	2 Hubs (32 Players)
Girls U16	1 Team (16 Players)	
Girls U17	1 Team	
Girls U18	(16 Players)	



PROGRAMME FORMAT

Winter Training

Regional: U10-12 teams receive 10 x 2 hours of winter training. These sessions take place at your assigned regional venue, between November-April, on selective Sundays.

County Age Group: U13-16 teams receive 10 x 3 hours of winter training, U18s 12 x 3 hours. These sessions take place at venues across Buckinghamshire, between November-April, on selective Sundays. There will also be additional fitness testing sessions.

MCCF Hubs receive 15-16.5 hours of winter training (either 8 x 2 hours or 10-11 x 1.5 hours). These sessions take place at your assigned Hub venue, between November-March. This year, hubs run on either a Sunday or mid-week evening.

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.

MCCF this group has limited fixtures, for BU13, BU15 and GU17 hub there is a knock-out MCCF competition, therefore each hub may only play one fixture. GU14 tend to play 2 festival days.

Information about programme costs can be found on Page 15. Financial support is available.



BOYS REGIONAL AGE GROUPS – NOMINATION SESSIONS

(U10-U12 NEXT SEASON)

New Nominations: All new nominees for Boys U10-12 will be invited to the first Nomination Training Sessions in August for our County Coaches to assess. After this first session, we will inform you whether they have been invited to the second stage of the process.

Current Players: All current regional players are automatically invited to attend BOTH sessions.

ALL: We will send session detail via email by end of day **Monday 6th July**. You must attend the region specified on that email invite (based on your club location). We will also include a form to gather attendance, please wait to update us via that form so responses can be collated, rather than send individual emails.

Stage 1: 30-40 players per Region expected to be nominated.

Stage 2: We will invite 24 players per Region to trial for 16 squad spaces.

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.

Age Next Season	Region	Stage	Day	Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date (END of day)
Boys Under 10-11	East	Stage 1	Tuesday	25/08/2026	11:00	12:30	01:30	Dr Challoners High School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	20/09/2026	09:30	12:00	02:30	Amersham School	06/10/2026
	North	Stage 1	Monday	24/08/2026	09:30	11:00	01:30	Kingsbrook School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	13/09/2026	14:30	17:00	02:30	Kingsbrook School	06/10/2026
	South	Stage 1	Tuesday	25/08/2026	09:30	11:00	01:30	Dr Challoners High School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	20/09/2026	12:00	14:30	02:30	Amersham School	06/10/2026
	West	Stage 1	Monday	24/08/2026	11:00	12:30	01:30	Kingsbrook School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	13/09/2026	17:00	19:30	02:30	Kingsbrook School	06/10/2026
Boys Under 12	East	Stage 1	Tuesday	25/08/2026	14:00	15:30	01:30	Dr Challoners High School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	04/10/2026	09:30	12:00	02:30	Amersham School	06/10/2026
	North	Stage 1	Monday	24/08/2026	12:30	14:00	01:30	Kingsbrook School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	27/09/2026	09:30	12:00	02:30	Sir Thomas Fremantle	06/10/2026
	South	Stage 1	Tuesday	25/08/2026	12:30	14:00	01:30	Dr Challoners High School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	04/10/2026	12:00	14:30	02:30	Amersham School	06/10/2026
	West	Stage 1	Monday	24/08/2026	14:00	15:30	01:30	Kingsbrook School	03/09/2026
		Stage 2	Sunday	27/09/2026	12:00	14:30	02:30	Sir Thomas Fremantle	06/10/2026



GIRLS REGIONAL AGE GROUPS – NOMINATION SESSIONS

(U10-U12 NEXT SEASON)

All nominees for Girls U10-12 will be invited to 2 Nomination Training Sessions for our County Coaches to assess.

The first session is outdoors, 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.

Age Next Season	Region	All Players to Attend Both Sessions	Day	Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date (END of day)
Girls Under 10-12	East	Session 1	Monday	24/08/2026	09:30	11:00	01:30	Chalfont St Peter CC	N/A
		Session 2	Sunday	13/09/2026	09:30	12:00	02:30	Amersham School	06/10/2026
	North	Session 1	Tuesday	25/08/2026	09:30	11:00	01:30	Waddesdon CC	N/A
		Session 2	Sunday	20/09/2026	14:30	17:00	02:30	Kingsbrook School	06/10/2026
	South	Session 1	Monday	24/08/2026	11:00	12:30	01:30	Chalfont St Peter CC	N/A
		Session 2	Sunday	13/09/2026	12:00	14:30	02:30	Amersham School	06/10/2026
	West	Session 1	Tuesday	25/08/2026	11:00	12:30	01:30	Waddesdon CC	N/A
		Session 2	Sunday	20/09/2026	17:00	19:30	02:30	Kingsbrook School	06/10/2026

We will send session detail via email by end of day **Monday 6th July**. You must attend the region specified on that email invite (based on your club location). We will also include a form to gather attendance, please wait to update us via that form so responses can be collated, rather than send individual emails.

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 U13-U15 NOMINATION SESSIONS

Age Next Season	Session	Day	Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date (END of day)	
Boys U13	Stage 1: Video Submission New Players (not required for players currently in Bucks Regional teams)	Submission deadline: 20th July						Online - WeTransfer	04/08/2026
	Stage 2 - Option 1	Wednesday	26/08/2026	09:00	11:00	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	07/09/2026	
	Stage 2 - Option 2	Wednesday	26/08/2026	11:00	13:00	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC		
	Stage 2 - Option 3	Thursday	27/08/2026	09:30	11:30	02:00	Stony Stratford CC		
	Stage 3	Sunday	27/09/2026	14:30	16:30	02:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	13/10/2026	
Boys U14	Stage 1: Video Submission New Players & MCCF Players currently in U13 Hubs (not required for players currently in Bucks U13 County team)	Submission deadline: 20th July						Online - WeTransfer	04/08/2026
	Stage 2 - Option 1	Wednesday	26/08/2026	13:00	15:00	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	07/09/2026	
	Stage 2 - Option 2	Thursday	27/08/2026	11:30	13:30	02:00	Stony Stratford CC		
	Stage 3	Sunday	11/10/2026	09:30	11:30	02:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	13/10/2026	
Boys U15	Stage 1: Video Submission New Players (not required for players currently in Bucks U14 County team or U14-15 MCCF hub)	Submission deadline: 20th July						Online - WeTransfer	04/08/2026
	Stage 2 - Option 1	Wednesday	26/08/2026	15:00	17:00	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	07/09/2026	
	Stage 2 - Option 2	Thursday	27/08/2026	13:30	15:30	02:00	Stony Stratford CC		
	Stage 3	Sunday	11/10/2026	11:30	13:30	02:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	13/10/2026	

Stage 1: A video submission guide will be emailed to players on 6th July.

Stage 2: 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 (by end of day 6th July). 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.

For sessions at Cricket Clubs – if we need to cancel/move indoors due to rain, we will email to inform you.

Stage 3: For Boys U13-15s we will invite approx. 24 players per age-group to trial for 16 County spaces per squad. MCCF Hub decisions will be made based on assessments at Stage 2.



BOYS U16-U18 NOMINATION SESSIONS

Age Next Season	Session	Day	Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date (END of day)
Boys U16	Stage 1: Video Submission New Players & MCCF Players currently in U15 Hubs (not required for players currently in Bucks U15 County team)	Submission deadline: 20th July					Online - WeTransfer	04/08/2026
	Stage 2	Sunday	11/10/2026	13:30	15:30	02:00	Sir Thomas Fremantle School	13/10/2026
Boys U17-18	Stage 1: Video Submission New Players (not required for players currently in Bucks U16-18 County teams)	Submission deadline: 20th July					Online - WeTransfer	04/08/2026
	Stage 2 Player invited to first 3 county winter training sessions in Nov-Dec.	Sunday	01/11/2026	TBC		03:00	TBC	TBC

Stage 1: A video submission guide will be emailed to players on 6th July.

Boys U16 Stage 2: We will invite approx. 24 players to trial for 16 County spaces.



GIRLS U13-U18 NOMINATIONS

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 on next page.

For Girls nominated to **U17-U18** we will request video footage to review nominations before deciding whether to invite them to a nomination session. A video submission guide will be emailed to players on 6th July.

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 U17-18 MCCF player wishes to be considered for the U18 County team, they must submit video footage by the deadline above.

If a current MCCF player (U17 next season) just wishes to be considered for the hub, they can attend the U16s nomination session.

U17-18 current county players will be assessed based on the coaches knowledge of them, after the season has concluded.



GIRLS U13-U18 NOMINATION SESSIONS

Age Next Season	Session	Day	Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time	Session Length	Venue	Decision Communication Date (END of day)
Girls U13	Stage 1 - Option 1	Monday	24/08/2026	12:30	14:30	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	08/09/2026
	Stage 1 - Option 2	Tuesday	25/08/2026	12:30	14:30	02:00	Waddesdon CC	
	Stage 2	Sunday	27/09/2026	14:30	16:30	02:00	Kingsbrook School	13/10/2026
Girls U14	Stage 1 - Option 1	Wednesday	26/08/2026	09:30	11:30	02:00	Stony Stratford CC	08/09/2026
	Stage 1 - Option 2	Thursday	27/08/2026	09:30	11:30	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	
	Stage 2	Sunday	27/09/2026	16:30	18:30	02:00	Kingsbrook School	13/10/2026
Girls U15	Stage 1 - Option 1	Wednesday	26/08/2026	11:30	13:30	02:00	Stony Stratford CC	08/09/2026
	Stage 1 - Option 2	Thursday	27/08/2026	11:30	13:30	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	
	Stage 2	Sunday	04/10/2026	14:30	16:30	02:00	Kingsbrook School	13/10/2026
Girls U16 (& Girls U17 only interested in MCCF)	Stage 1 - Option 1	Wednesday	26/08/2026	13:30	15:30	02:00	Stony Stratford CC	08/09/2026
	Stage 1 - Option 2	Thursday	27/08/2026	13:30	15:30	02:00	Chalfont St Peter CC	
	Stage 2	Sunday	04/10/2026	16:30	18:30	02:00	Kingsbrook School	13/10/2026
Girls U17-18 County	Stage 1: Video Submission New Players (not required for players currently in Bucks U16-18 County teams)	Submission deadline: 20th July					Online - WeTransfer	04/08/2026
	Stage 2 Player invited to first 3 county winter training sessions in Nov-Dec.	Sunday	01/11/2026	TBC		03:00	TBC	TBC

Stage 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 (by end of day 6th July). 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.

Stage 2: Girls U13-16s, we will invite approx. 24 players to trial for 16 County spaces per squad. MCCF decision will be made based on stage 1.

For sessions at Cricket Clubs – if we need to cancel/move indoors due to rain, we will email to inform you.



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

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.



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 Cricket CIO Financial Support

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-U16)	County Age Groups (U18)	MCCF Hubs (State School Only)
Winter Training	£210 20 hours coaching	£320 30 hours coaching +2 fitness testing sessions	£380 36 hours coaching +2 fitness testing sessions	Free 15+ hours of coaching
Match Fees	£65-£90 8 match days per player	£95-£200 No. of match days TBC	£150-£200 No. of match days TBC	Free (limited fixtures)
Clothing	£81-£95 (size dependent) Top, mid-layer, trousers & cap.	£84-£100 (size dependent) Top, mid-layer, trousers & cap.	£84-£100 (size dependent) Top, mid-layer, trousers & cap. Boys playing 3-day fixtures will also require a white top (£29).	Free Top



TALENT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK



BATTING FRAMEWORK

Co-ordinate backswing & step to add pace to the ball

U10-12 U13-15 U16-U18

Score on both sides of the wicket

Score off front & back foot (drive, pull/cut)

Score through positive running between the wickets

Score on both sides of the wicket on front & back foot against pace & spin bowling

Understand contact points to strike the ball along the ground or in the air with power and control

Score through strike rotation and boundary options

Recognise/adapt to different situations/conditions and batting roles/positions

Push 2's to boundary fielders

Strike 4 & 6s with five boundary fielders (orthodox/power hitting/deflection)

Consistently score at a strike rate above 120

Adjust scoring tempo as appropriate (up & down gears, fall of wkts etc)

Attack, defend & evade fast, short-pitched bowling

Attack, defend & leave the moving ball (swing/seam/spin)

Utilise multiple scoring options off the same ball. (add, use, remove pace/strike, deflect, drop & run)

Bat for long periods to build 100+ scores and match defining partnerships

Recognise and absorb spells of high-quality bowling

Recognise opportunities to score quickly/heavily when they arise



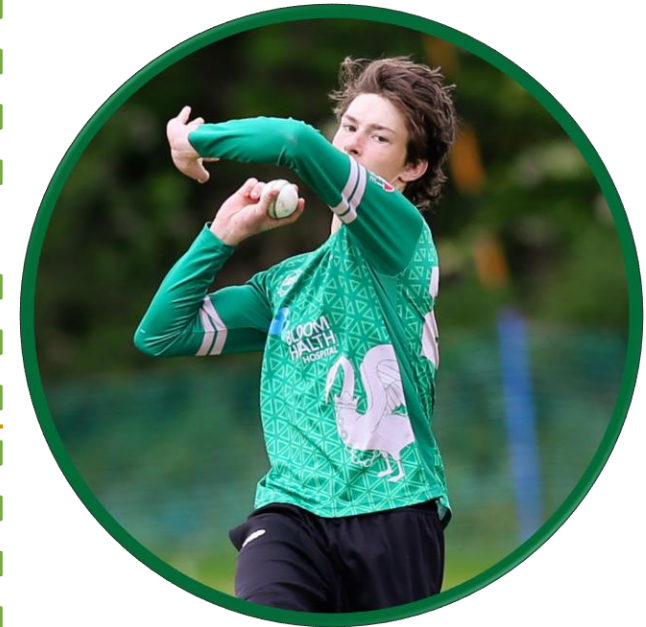
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ONE-DAY

MULTI-DAY

PACE BOWLING FRAMEWORK

	U10-12	U13-15	U16-U18
Balanced, rhythmical run-up towards the target, with no changes in direction	✓	✓	✓
At least one wicket taking threat; pace, bounce or sideways movement (seam/swing)	✓	✓	✓
Upright seam presentation, wrist behind the ball	✓	✓	✓
Execute at least two wicket taking threats; Pace, bounce, sideways movement with control of line/length, bowl into the pitch		✓	✓
Consistently bowl one side of the of the wicket. (minimise leg-side wides)		✓	✓
Create & execute plans		✓	✓
Develop variations		✓	✓
			✓
T20 Force the batter to play one side of the wicket			✓
Effectively utilise boundary fielders outside of the powerplay			✓
Utilise a range of variations to minimise predictability			✓
Be effective in at least two phases of the game (Powerplay, middle overs, death overs)			✓
ONE-DAY Execute skills consistently to right & left-hand batters			✓
Utilise flexible plans to match-up to different types of batters			✓
Change plan/field mid-over as needed			✓
Present a wicket taking threat with new and old ball			✓
MULTI-DAY 'Set-up' a batter through an over or spell & bowl multiple maiden overs			✓
Bowl up to 18 overs in a day, maintaining pace and execution of skills as well in third spell as in their first			✓



SPIN BOWLING FRAMEWORK

	U10-12	U13-15	U16-U18
Cross seam grip	✓	✓	✓
Impart spin (revolutions) on the ball	✓	✓	✓
Utilise boundary fielders as wicket taking and boundary saving options	✓	✓	✓
Understand whole body action to increase revolutions on the ball		✓	✓
Deceive batters through the air (drift & drop) or of the pitch (break & bounce). Understand different ways to impart spin (side spin, overspin, undercut)		✓	✓
Bring the batter forward. Bowl attacking lines		✓	✓
Effective fielders off own bowling (return catches & run-outs at bowlers end)		✓	✓
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Minimise predictability through variations, angles on crease, pace changes			✓
T20 Back their skills, even after being hit for 6			✓
Accept singles are a win to the bowler, minimise boundaries			✓
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Threaten both edges of the bat, execute stock ball and variation consistently			✓
ONE-DAY Adapt to pitch conditions ('up and down' or 'into the pitch')			✓
Produce match changing or match-winning spells			✓
Play an effective role in the batting order			✓
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Understand their role dependant on day/conditions (control/attack)			✓
MULTI-DAY Bowl extended spells (whole sessions, maintaining standards throughout)			✓
Maximise wicket taking threat for long periods with fielders/catchers in whilst minimising boundary count			✓



FIELDING FRAMEWORK

	U10-12	U13-15	U16-U18
Want every ball (anticipation) – be ready, watch the ball & react	✓	✓	✓
Attack the ball to take catches or create run out opportunities	✓	✓	✓
'Go to ground' to stop or catch the ball	✓	✓	✓
Throw the ball with a cross-seam grip	✓	✓	✓
'Own space' covering as wide an area as possible from your position		✓	✓
'Hunt in packs' – attack, chase and back-up the stumps in pairs as a minimum		✓	✓
Develop safe throwing mechanics		✓	✓
Consistently complete flat and high catches		✓	✓
Hit the stumps consistently in the ring			✓
T20 Be aware of the boundary rope (footwork, agility, teamwork)			✓
Convert half-chances into wickets (catches/run-outs)			✓
Execute 'off ground' catches (jump, dive)			✓
ONE-DAY Deliver hard, flat throws in the ring and from the boundary			✓
Be effective in 2-3 positions (close catcher, ring, boundary)			✓
Be proactive & dynamic 'off the ball'			✓
MULTI-DAY Maintain concentration (switch on/switch off) & standards for up to 96 overs			✓
Bring energy to the fielding unit			✓
Maintain the condition of the ball for the bowlers			✓



WICKET KEEPING FRAMEWORK

	U10-12	U13-15	U16-U18
Catch the ball consistently (large catching area), head & hands in line	✓	✓	✓
Establish a 'Z' shape posture	✓	✓	✓
Stand up to the wicket to spin bowlers	✓	✓	✓
Align to different bowlers, able to track the ball to catch consistently		✓	✓
Move sideways effectively (side-step, dive & tumble safely.)		✓	✓
Complete off-side & legside takes standing up to spinners, execute stumpings		✓	✓
Take wickets through catches, stumpings (vs spin & pace) and run outs		✓	✓
T20 Be aware of run out opportunities, running singles to keeper			✓
Be a focal point for the fielding unit, assist captain with fielder angles and depths			✓
ONE-DAY Collect good and bad throws from fielders, throw down the stumps (variety of angles)			✓
Execute diving catches in all directions (one and two handed)			✓
Play a major role in the batting order			✓
MULTI-DAY Keep wicket & maintain standards for up to 96 overs in a day			✓
Stand up to the stumps to spinners for long periods			✓



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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 U13-U15 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.

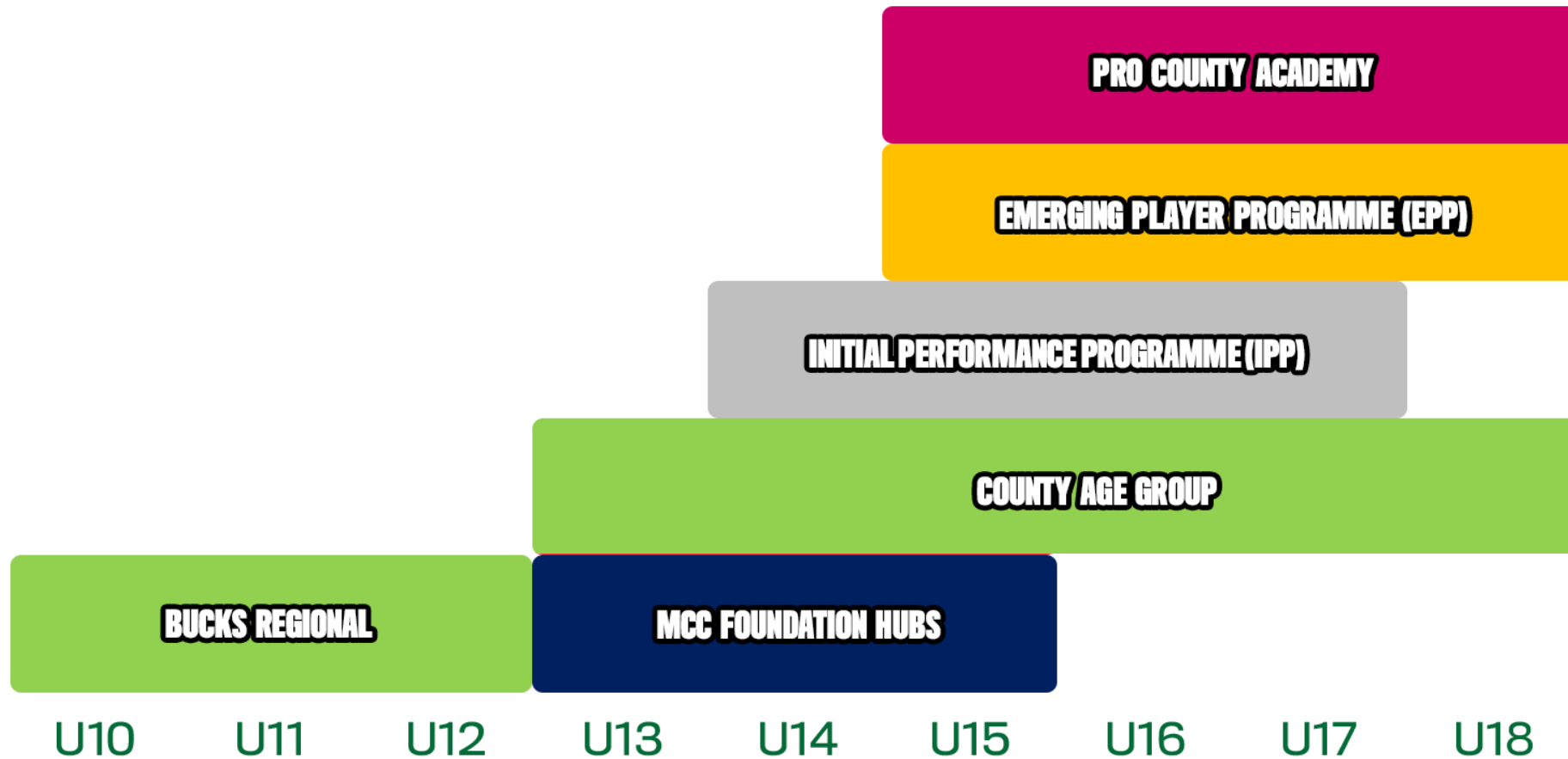
Bucks Cricket's role is to provide a structured pathway for our county's best young cricketers and we have a consistent track record of developing players that progress at the right time in the right way. This enables the players to retain their link to Bucks as their home county with Bucks Men's and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

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

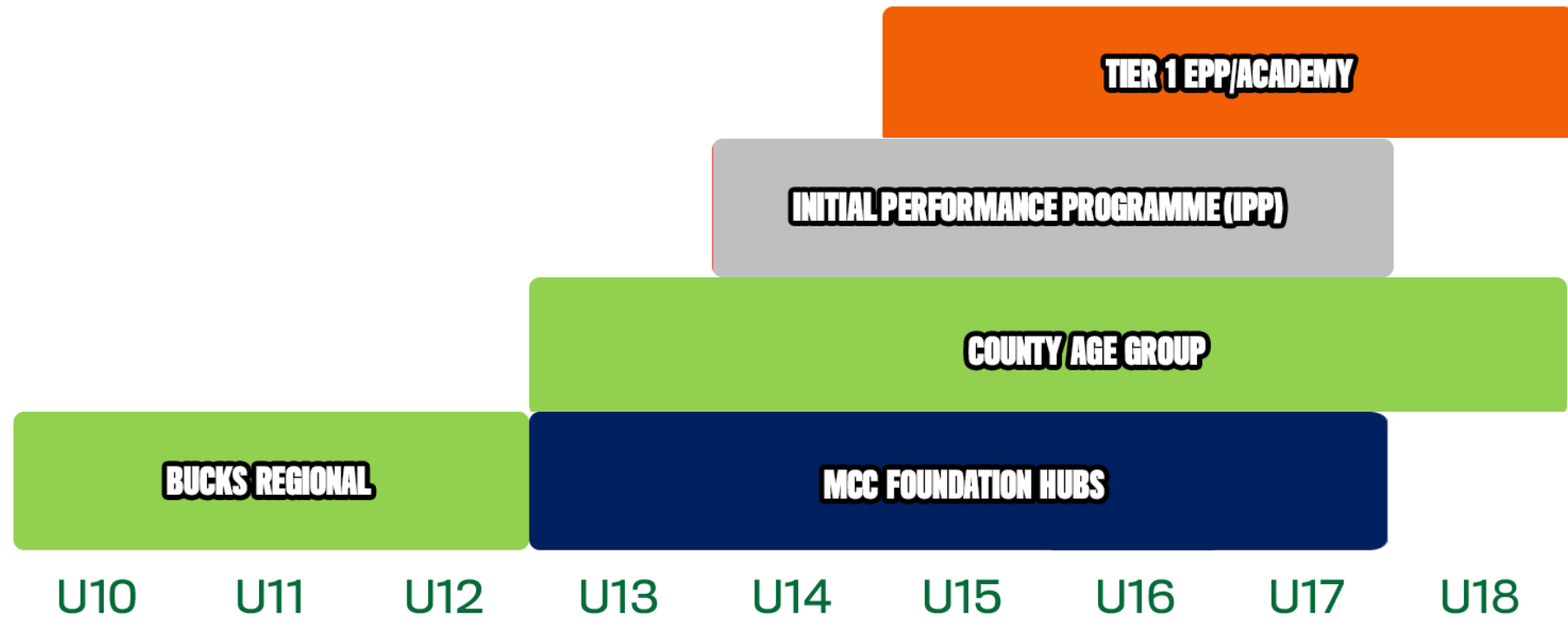
This work is led by Bucks Cricket's Head of Performance, Jason Harrison and County Pathway Manager, James Savory, and our team of pathway and performance coaches for all training programmes and squads.



BUCKS BOYS' PATHWAY STRUCTURE



BUCKS GIRLS' PATHWAY STRUCTURE



CURRENT BUCKS PATHWAY PROS

Men: Alex Hales (Notts), Tom Helm (Middlesex), Saif Zaib (Northants), Dom Goodman (Sussex), 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 2026, Bucks Cricket have 3 boys currently signed on the Northants CCC Academy and 4 girls selected onto on the Hampshire Vipers regional EPP.

