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Staffordshire Cricket

Boys & Men's Talent Development Framework



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How we Coach

Coach the Game

"We will develop players' technical, tactical, physical and mental skills, encouraging independent decision-making and adaptability for improved game application"

Individualised

"We will get to know players as individuals, leading to a player-centred approach that tailors all aspects of training to their needs"

Player Ownership

"We will empower players to take an active and self-managed role in their own development and decision-making, so they are more motivated, engaged and resilient"

Positivity

"We will take a strengths-based approach to developing players and create positive environments that encourage challenges to be embraced and not feared or seen as threats"



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Pathway Phases



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Learn to Play

Boys Early Engagement Programme

‘Enjoyment, Participation, Experience’

Opportunities for all to influence games

Learning for players & coaches

Support of players is paramount



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Learn to Win

U13s, 14s & 15s Boys

‘Set the Scene for the Future’

Balance of challenge and support

Testing fundamentals and learning under pressure

Developing the rounded player



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Play to Win

U16s, U18s Boys & Senior Men

‘Exposure, Performance, Commitment’

Best opportunities for the highest potential players

Heightened challenge with appropriate support

Embedding the ‘tools’ learnt in LTW phase



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Player Behaviours

Proud to play for Staffordshire

Responsible for their own development

Resilient

Game aware

Curious learners

Resourceful problem solvers



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Batting



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Outcomes - Batting

Players that pick line and length well

Players that can play effectively off the front and back foot

Players that can hit the ball with controlled power

Players that can play pace & spin competently



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Skills – Batting

Early Engagement Programme

- A repeatable set up with rhythmical swing of the bat
- Able to score in the V
- Recognising different types of spin and appropriate scoring areas
- Developing methods against increased pace bowling – moving into contact effectively on front and back foot
- Being able to rotate the strike effectively against pace and spin



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Skills – Batting

U13s – U15s

- Developing specific methods to effectively play high pace and significant spin
- Capacity to bat at different tempos in order to win games of cricket
- Able to put pressure on the opposition with strike rotation and powerful hitting
- Developing abilities to make good decisions and problem solve based on the game situation



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Skills – Batting

U16s - Senior

- Consistently make the correct decisions based on the game situations and the needs of the team
- Ability to bat for long periods with discipline
- An ability to hit gaps regularly and clear the rope
- Knowledge and confidence in own specific method



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Pace Bowling



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Outcomes – Pace Bowling

To develop a safe, repeatable and legal action

Demonstrate one or more of the following; pace, accuracy, bounce or lateral movement

Ability to adapt to pitch conditions and game situations

Physically robust to deal with multiple spells and multiple formats



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Skills – Pace Bowling

Early Engagement Programme

- Develop an understanding of the key components of the bowling action
- Able to approach the crease with real purpose
- Knowledge of what field to start a spell with



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Skills – Pace Bowling

U13s – U15s

- Development of an action that contains the key components of the bowling action
- Understanding of how to bowl effectively in two different phases of the game
- Able to execute 1 variation effectively
- Ability to execute stock ball effectively vs right and left handers



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Skills – Pace Bowling

U16s - Senior

- Ability to move the ball laterally in both directions
- Able to execute 2 variations
- Able to sustain high energy during multi-day cricket and multiple spells
- Set fields independently and know how to change for match reasons



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Spin Bowling



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Outcomes – Spin Bowling

To develop a safe, repeatable and legal action

Deceive the batter from either the hand, in the air or off the pitch

Ability to adapt to pitch conditions and game situations

Physically robust to deal with multiple spells and multiple formats



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Skills – Spin Bowling

Early Engagement Programme

- Understands the method of how to spin the ball
- Developing drive through the action at the crease to generate pace through the air
- Knowledge of what field to start a spell with



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Skills – Spin Bowling

U13s – U15s

- Able to bowl to right and left handers
- Understanding of how to bowl effectively in two different phases of the game
- Able to execute 1 variation effectively
- Aware of pitch conditions and how to adapt



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Skills – Spin Bowling

U16s - Senior

- Able to bowl long spells for 3-day cricket
- Able to bowl over and around the wicket
- Able to vary pace according to pitch conditions



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Fielding



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Outcomes - Fielding

The ability to impact on the game

Attack the ball and release quickly

Fielders that can throw with power and accuracy

Tactically and physically move, accordingly with the demands of the situation



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Skills - Fielding

Early Engagement Programme

- Players who are able to throw and catch safely and effectively
- Able to competently and confidently deal with flat and high catches
- Knowledge of key fielding positions and what their role is in impacting the game



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Skills - Fielding

U13s – U15s

- Developing a proactive rather than reactive attitude towards backing up
- Develop the bravery and skill to stop and catch a ball that is travelling with high velocity



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Skills - Fielding

U16s - Senior

- Develop an effective sliding method
- Be able to dive with distance
- Able to threaten the stumps with a throw from a range of distances



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Wicket Keeping



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Outcomes – Wicket Keeping

Development of a posture which allows keepers to move freely

Being confident standing up to the stumps to spinners and medium pace bowling

Demonstrate an energetic presence behind the stumps

Assist the captain tactically



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Skills – Wicket Keeping

Early Engagement Programme

- Understanding of where to stand to specific bowlers and when receiving throws
- Being able to catch effectively and consistently
- Ability to move feet effectively leg side and off side



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Skills – Wicket Keeping

U13s – U15s

- Understands why and when to stand back and stand up
- Competent at tidying up all returns - half volley/wayward throws
- Ability to read spinners and medium pacers out of the hand
- Has good awareness on the square (when the ball goes loose) and is able to throw effectively from a number of angles



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Skills – Wicket Keeping

U16s - Senior

- Able to competently catch one handed with both hands
- To have become the focal point of the team and be responsible for standards on the field
- Be able to dive distance and effectively roll on landing
- Know how to effectively switch on and off
- To master effective hip rotation to enable rising/moving takes



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