

# 2024/25 FEMALE PATHWAY



## UNDER 12/13 CRICKET



At this age group we are looking for U12 & U13 girls who play **hardball** cricket at club and have a **desire** to take their cricket **further**. We would expect players nominated for this age group to have all the attributes listed in the U11 guidance, but to also **stand out** with **performances** with the bat and/or ball within **club cricket**.



### Entry Points

- Players **not** currently on the pathway will need to complete a nomination form and attend an observation session.
- Players currently aged U12 or U11s (for the 2024 season) that are in the summer programme will be offered a place on the Autumn Training Programme.

Methods of Nomination (Submitted via link below):

- A **Club Coaches** Recommendation
- A **School Coaches** Recommendation
- A **Berkshire Coaches** Recommendation
- **Self-Nomination** (Video Submission)

### What does 2024/25 cycle look like?

- 1) **Observation Session** for those currently not in the pathway – (29th/30th August)
- 2) **Autumn Training Programme** – 2 Selected Squads (Nov/Dec)
- 3) **Winter Training Squads** – 2 Selected Squads (Jan/Feb/Mar) – Where appropriate, some players not selected will be signposted to MCC Foundation Hubs
- 4) **Summer Training Squads** – 2 Selected Squads continue into a summer training & Matchplay programme

[2024/25 Player Nomination Form](#)  
[\(U12-U18\)](#)

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### What Skills & Attributes are we looking for in an u13?

#### Batting

- Comfortable and balanced set up
- Understanding of Step and Swing
- Decision making recognizing balls that can be attacked and which need to be defended
- Able to judge length – making decisions forward or back
- Ability to play both straight and cross batted shots at appropriate times

#### Bowling

- Bowl with a strong, safe and repeatable action
- Ability to generate movement or generate spin on the ball
- Aligned towards the target at the crease

#### Fielding

- Able to move to the ball with an attack the ball mentality
- Catch and throw the ball in a strong and balanced position
- Able to go to ground safely and dive with competent technique
- Comfortable taking High/Flat/Close catches

#### Wicket Keeping

- Catch reliably from bowlers and fielders
- Catch the ball in line with head
- Convert chances into caught behinds, stumpings and run outs
- Field in a range of positions and throw with good technique with speed and accuracy

**ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT FEMALE PATHWAY MANAGER -  
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