

# 2024/25 FEMALE PATHWAY



## UNDER 16-18 CRICKET



Players nominated for this age group should be playing competitive **senior club cricket** and **training regularly**. They should be performing at a level above their peers or have **potential to perform** at the **next level up**.



### Entry Points

- Players **not** currently on the pathway will need to complete a nomination form and attend an observation session.
- Players currently aged U16/17 or U15s (for the 2024 season) that are in the summer squads 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** – 1 Selected Squads (Nov/Dec)
- 3) **Winter Training Squads** – 1 Selected Squads (Jan/Feb/Mar) – Where appropriate, some players not selected will be signposted to MCC Foundation Hubs
- 4) **Summer Training Squads** – 1 Selected Squad 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 u18?

#### Batting

- Able to judge length – making decisions forward or back
- Decision making recognizing balls that can be attacked and which need to be defended
- Ability to play both straight and cross batted shots at appropriate times
- Play with an intent to score of both front and back foot
- Manipulate the ball into space to rotate strike and recognise boundary options
- Clarity of game plans against different bowlers/situations/surfaces

#### 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
- Bowl with control and accuracy with an understanding of their stock ball and variations
- Execute plans and build pressure and take wickets on different surfaces and conditions
- Able to adapt to different situations and roles

#### Fielding

- Able to move to the ball with an attack the ball mentality
- Throw effectively with speed and accuracy from a range of distances and angles
- Able to go to ground safely and dive with competent technique
- Create chances through anticipation and movement
- Safely defend space within the inner and outer ring

#### Wicket Keeping

- Catch reliably from bowlers and fielders
- Focus on catching the ball for long periods of play
- Convert chances – catches, stumpings and run outs, with the ability to extraordinary catches
- Consistent when standing up and back from the stumps whether to seam or spin
- Be a focal point for the fielding side, providing game awareness and energy

**ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT FEMALE PATHWAY MANAGER -  
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