



2026/2027 Women & Girls U10-U12 Skills Programme

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This Autumn, we are excited to offer two eight-week programmes designed to provide players with the most appropriate environment for their age, experience and stage of development.

Autumn Development Programme

- We are looking for girls who display good athleticism, coordination and a willingness to learn. Previous cricket experience is beneficial but not essential, as we are also keen to identify players with transferable skills from other sports who are enthusiastic about developing their cricket.

Foundational Skills Programme

- Our Foundation Programme is ideal for younger girls and those who are newer to cricket or pathway environments. Sessions will use softball and focus on developing fundamental skills, confidence and game awareness in a fun, engaging and supportive setting.
- The aim of the programme is to provide players with a strong foundation and prepare them for a future transition into hardball cricket when they are ready.

Development Skills Programme

- Our Development Programme is designed for older girls who already have experience of hardball cricket and are ready for a more technical training environment. Sessions will place a greater emphasis on refining skills, tactical understanding and preparing players for the demands of county age-group cricket.
- The aim of this programme is to support players as they progress towards the next stage of the pathway, with opportunities to transition into the County Age Group programme from U13 onwards.

Choosing the Right Programme

- Both programmes are equally important and are designed to support players at different stages of their cricket journey. Placement should be based on a player's age, experience and readiness, rather than a desire to progress quickly. Starting in the most appropriate environment will provide players with the best opportunity to develop confidence, enjoy the game and achieve their long-term potential.

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What happens next?

After this programme, we will start the formal Early Engagement Programme. The Early Engagement Programme is an ECB led nationwide initiative to help counties diversify and expand the pool from which they identify talent for their respective pathways. The EEP programme will provide opportunities for Indoor Training as well as Summer matchplay. This will run from January 2027 till August 2027.

Players who take part in our Autumn Skills Programme will be signposted to the appropriate EEP Session without needing to attend the Observation Sessions.

Entry Options?

Qualification Requirements (Must meet at least 1 criteria):

- Live in Berkshire
- Go to School in Berkshire
- Play for a Berkshire Cricket Club
- Direct recommendation from another Head of Talent Pathway

Women & Girls Talent Development Framework

- Here is a link to our Early Engagement Talent Development Framework which outlines the skills, attributes & behaviours we would be looking to instil in our players

Talent Development Framework

To register interest in either the Autumn Development or Observation Sessions, please follow the link below:

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

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Timeline of the Programme

- These will run from **October-December**
- **Weekly Sessions of 90 mins**
- **Slough Session - Midweek Evening (Thursday)**
- **Central Session (Saturday & Sunday Morning) at Waingels College, Woodley**

FAQ:

Does my daughter need cricket experience for this?

Not necessarily. While many players who attend will already have some experience of playing cricket, the programme is designed to support a range of ability levels. If you feel your child would benefit from the programme, we would be pleased to receive your registration.

Does my daughter need to be nominated by her school/club?

No. If you feel your child would benefit from 8 weeks of coaching with our pathway and performance team, you are very welcome to register.

Will my daughter need hardball kit?

We encourage the players to bring hardball kit if they have it, but it is not essential. Much of the programme focuses on the technical fundamentals of the game and will therefore use softer balls. There may be some occasions when players bat and bowl against one another, but we will ensure that every child is able to take part fully and gain the same value from the course, regardless of whether they own hardball kit.

Contact Details

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