



# 2026/2027 Women & Girls Talent Pathway Intake

# WOMEN & GIRLS TALENT PATHWAY



## U13-U18 - Information Pack

### Who are we looking for?

#### Autumn Development Programme/Observations

- We are looking for girls who play hardball cricket at club or school
- Players should show a flair for the game, have a desire to learn and want to take their cricket further

#### Selection into a County Age Group Squad

- We will also be observing players within the two entry points for selection onto a County Age Group Squad in late 2026. We would be looking for the following types of players
- U13/14 Cricketers - looking for girls who are committed to cricket, excelling within their respective teams and keen to progress further. We are looking for players who set an example within their club/school environment both in performance and attitude.
- U15/16 Cricketers - Players should be performing at the level above their peers or have potential to perform at the next level up.
- U17/18 Cricketers - Players should be playing competitive senior club cricket and have the potential to play for Berkshire Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI or above.

#### 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 Talent Development Framework which outlines the skills, attributes & behaviours we would be looking to instil in our players

[TALENT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK](#)

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Entry Options? (For those not named in a CAG squad in January 2026)

### Option 1 - Optional, Paid For

- Berkshire Cricket will be running an open access - 6/8 week Autumn Development Programme in October/November.
- We plan to run each week 3x U13/14/15 sessions, including a Slough based venue along with 1x U16/17/18 session.
- The programme will seek to upskill players with a secondary focus of identifying players for the next programme.

*Please note, players will not be required to trial to access the Autumn Development Programme. The programme is aimed at players who play hardball cricket and have a desire to take their cricket further.*

### Option 2 - Free & Open to All

- For those who do not attend the Autumn Development Programme, we will be offering a 2<sup>nd</sup> route into the formal part of our Talent Pathway. We will run 2x Observation Sessions (Free of Charge) in November/December.
- These will seek to identify players for the next programme. Those that attend the Autumn Development Programme would not be required to attend these sessions.

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER INTEREST](#)

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**Current Pathway Players (As named in a CAG squad in January 2026)**

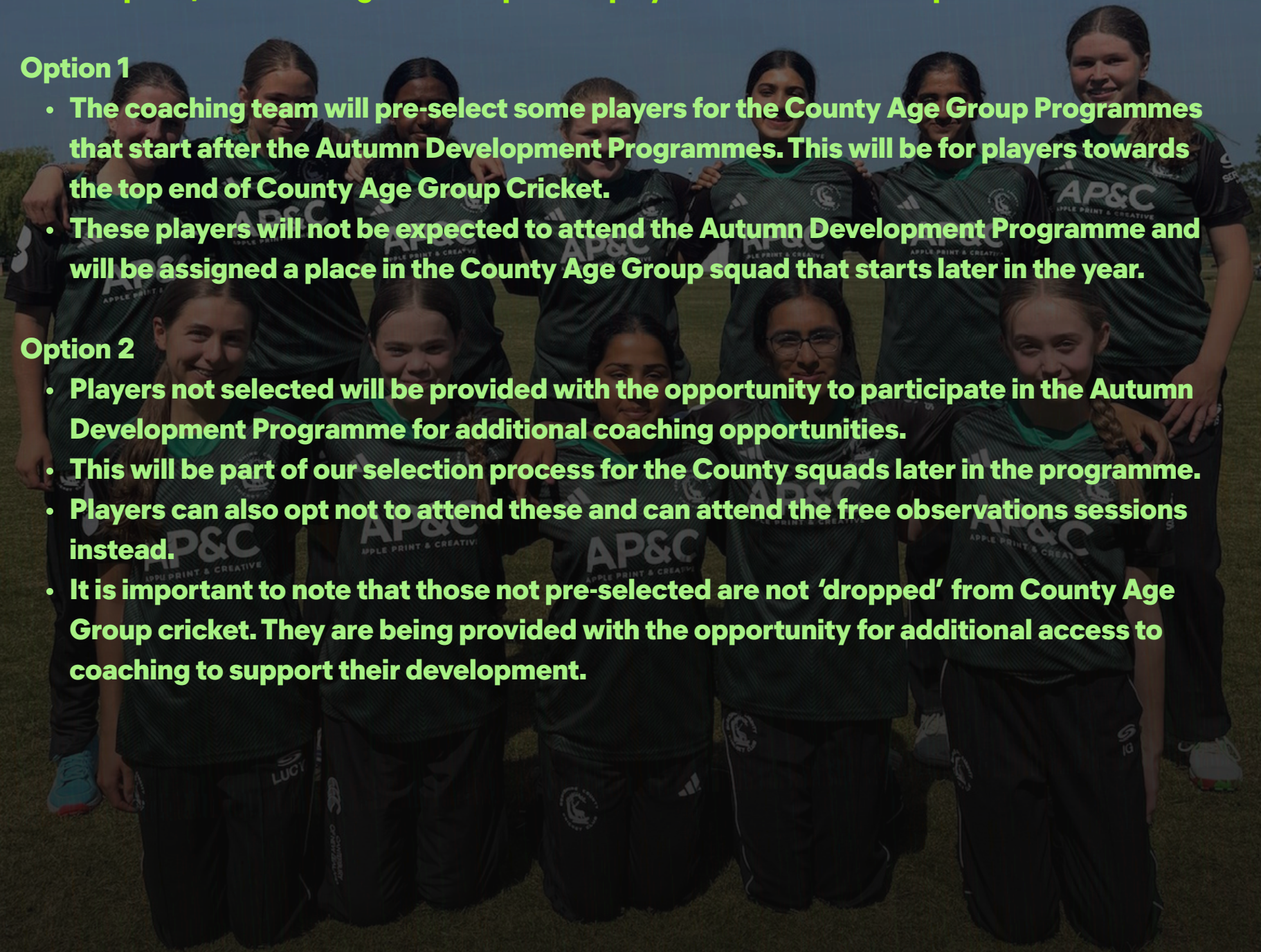
- **Towards the end of the season, the coaching team will review the summer activity. At this point, the coaching team will provide players with one of two options.**

### Option 1

- **The coaching team will pre-select some players for the County Age Group Programmes that start after the Autumn Development Programmes. This will be for players towards the top end of County Age Group Cricket.**
- **These players will not be expected to attend the Autumn Development Programme and will be assigned a place in the County Age Group squad that starts later in the year.**

### Option 2

- **Players not selected will be provided with the opportunity to participate in the Autumn Development Programme for additional coaching opportunities.**
- **This will be part of our selection process for the County squads later in the programme.**
- **Players can also opt not to attend these and can attend the free observations sessions instead.**
- **It is important to note that those not pre-selected are not 'dropped' from County Age Group cricket. They are being provided with the opportunity for additional access to coaching to support their development.**



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### Timeline of Indoor Programme

- We will be moving from 2 phases (pre & post xmas) to 3 phases - Autumn (Development sessions only) - Winter - Spring.

Autumn Development Programme - Sept/Oct/Nov

Winter Pathway Programmes - Nov/Dec/Jan

Spring Pathway Programmes - Feb/Mar/Apr

This now means our various programmes are better spread across the indoor season (rather than the number of sessions increasing). Previously we have had no activity in Sept/Early Oct or April.

Our Autumn Development Programme will now start before our performance programmes. The old pre-xmas county sessions will now start slightly later and finished later (mid Jan). We will then have a break during late January during exam period. Then the post xmas programme (now Spring Pathway Programme) will start in February and will run through till end of April, tying in with the start of the season.

