



Derbyshire CCC Boy's & Girl's Pathway Observation Process **2026/27**

CAG U13 to U18

Following the success of previous years' video submission process, we are once again inviting players to submit video footage demonstrating their batting, bowling and wicketkeeping skills for the following 2027 age groups: **U13, U14, U15 (Boys only), U16 and U18.**

Applications are on a self-nominated basis and must be submitted by a person aged 18 or over (for example, a parent or guardian). For safeguarding reasons, we will not respond directly to applications from anyone under the age of 18.

Videos should be short, concise and provide a clear demonstration of the player's primary skill. Coaches reviewing the footage will typically know within a few shots or deliveries whether they would like to see the player in person, so there is no need to submit lengthy videos.

Applications will open on Monday 3 August. Please do not submit footage before this date.

Boys and Girls footage should be submitted to the following inboxes;

boyspathwaytrials2026@derbyshireccc.com

girlspathwayobservations2026@derbyshireccc.com

- **Batters** should provide examples of both front-foot and back-foot shots, demonstrating positive intent and the ability to strike the ball.
- **Bowlers** should provide footage demonstrating pace, swing or spin, along with their run-up or approach. A batter is not required for these clips.
- **Wicketkeepers** should provide footage showing both standing up to the stumps and standing back.
- **All-rounders** (players who are selectable in either discipline) should submit two separate videos, showcasing each skill.

Current Derbyshire CAG Pathway players are not required to submit footage and will be contacted separately regarding the next phase of trials

The closing date for video submissions is **5.00pm on Friday 11 September 2026**. You will receive an automated email confirming receipt of your submission. Please do not contact us directly for feedback.

Submissions will be reviewed by **Daryn Smit Head of Boys Talent Pathway & Jon Dyson Head of Women & Girls Cricket**, who will assess each player's current readiness and future potential within their technical skill set.

Only successful applicants will be contacted once submissions have closed and invited to attend **Phase II trials**. Girls Phase II will be held at Derbyshire County Cricket Club during October. Boys Phase II will take place over three sessions during November at Derbyshire County Cricket Club. Individual feedback will not be provided to unsuccessful applicants.

To remove any perceived bias during this stage of the process, please do not include the player's name, school, club or any other identifying information. For Phase I, we require the player's date of birth so that the appropriate age group can be identified. Please ensure this is included in the email header along with the player's name and age group

All submitted data will be securely stored on password-protected systems by Derbyshire County Cricket Club and managed in accordance with relevant data storage, retention and deletion protocols.

Important – Eligibility for the Derbyshire Boys Pathway

ECB regulations state that a player may only be part of one **County Pathway Programme**.

If a player has been involved with another county during the past 12 months, a release letter from that county must be submitted alongside the video application.

Similarly, please do not apply for Derbyshire trials if you are currently trialling for, or intend to trial for, another county or National County.

Players in the U10–U12 Age Groups

Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 cricket now forms part of the ECB's **Early Engagement Programme** (EEP) and is no longer included within the County Age Group Pathway.

The programme will be delivered by the [Derbyshire Cricket Foundation](#) (DCF).

The DCF will release further details regarding the programme's content and structure later this summer.