

Whitkirk Cricket Club

Junior Players in Open Age Cricket Guidance

Making the step up from junior to open age cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket experience. Full consideration needs to be given to the player's safety, personal development and the overall cricket experience.

Each junior is different and involvement will be dependent on ability and the stage of cognitive and emotional maturity to take part at this open age level.

Juniors will be involved in all aspects of the game wherever possible e.g. socialising, team talks, practice, decision making so that they feel a full member of the team. Wherever possible opportunities will be given to bat and/or bowl subject to match conditions. Notwithstanding this aspiration, a junior player should not be placed in a position of unreasonable risk, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the junior player. Similarly, a junior player should not be placed in a situation such that the opposing side is in a position whereby they are unable to play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

ECB guidance on helmets, fast bowling directives and fielding regulations will be followed at all times and are detailed in a separate 'Junior Guidance Policy'.

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