



# JUNIOR PLAYERS IN OPEN AGE CRICKET CONSENT FORM

## GUIDANCE NOTES

**The below consent form is required to be completed for a Junior Cricketer to play in Open Age Cricket. Capitalised terms appearing in these Guidance Notes are defined in the ECB's Recreational Cricket Safety Regulations.**

Making the transition from junior Age Group cricket to Open Age Cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket journey. This step should not be taken lightly, and great care must be given before allowing children to play adult cricket.

Children's early experiences will remain with them throughout their cricketing career and will determine whether they want to retain their long-term involvement in the game.

A young player will see the opportunity to play in Open Age Cricket as the natural next step: they may have peers who have already transitioned to this format of the game, but it is the responsibility of the player, parents/carers and the Club to ensure the environment is appropriate and the player is ready to make the step up to the open age format of the game.

The regulations around when a player can play in Open Age Cricket are:

1. Subject to the exceptional circumstances outlined in paragraph 2 below, Junior Cricketers are not eligible to play Open Age Cricket until they are 12 years old. Written parental consent is also required.
2. In exceptional circumstances only, a player who:
  - (i) is 11 years old;
  - (ii) has started school year 7;
  - (iii) is selected for a squad in either County Age Group Cricket or a Sub-County Programme;
  - (iv) has written approval from their County Talent Pathway Lead; and
  - (v) has written parental consent,
 is also eligible to play in Open Age Cricket.

Please note that if a player wishes to play in Open Age Cricket based on the exceptional circumstances outlined in paragraph 2 above, there is a different consent form that must be completed which is available from your County Talent Pathway Lead.

### Considerations

The decision to play Open Age Cricket should be a positive step in that child's development.

Before allowing a child to take part in the open age format of the game, the parents/carers of the child should be satisfied that the appropriate measures have been taken by the Club to ensure a suitable and safe transition.





### Do's

- ✔ The player feels confident that they are ready to play in adult cricket.
- ✔ The Club is happy the player can play in adult cricket (in terms of skill and physical ability, and emotional confidence and maturity), and sees it as a positive step in that player's development.
- ✔ The Club has the appropriate DBS checked individuals to supervise the player.
- ✔ The player has been invited to training and/or is familiar with individuals in the team.
- ✔ The player is integrated into the team and the Club has the appropriate age-specific socialising environment created to ensure any junior players are included.
- ✔ The Club adheres to the ECB's Safe Hands Policy (for example around appropriate changing facilities, social media groups, transport to and from cricketing activities etc.).

### Don'ts

- ✘ Ask the player to play when they are clearly not confident enough to do so.
- ✘ Put a young child in a position that involves an unreasonable physical or emotional risk to them.
- ✘ Simply ask a young player to play to make up the numbers.
- ✘ Isolate that player from certain aspects of the team (such as social events and decision making on the field).

### Disparity Regulations

Clubs must ensure that playing a Junior Cricketer in Open Age Cricket does not create a situation that places members of the opposing team in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they normally would do against adult players. Where a Club considers that the playing of a Junior Cricketer in Open Age Cricket is leading to a situation of potential disparity where there is a concern regarding the safety or ability of a player (or players) to compete, the processes contained in the [ECB's Disparity Regulations](#) should be followed.





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This form is designed to be completed by the parent/carer or legal guardian, of any player under the age of 18. Once completed, the form should be returned to [INSERT DETAILS] at the Club.

## SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE PLAYER

Name:	Date of birth:
Age:	Gender:

## SECTION 2: CONSENT PROVIDED

I confirm that I give my consent for the above child to play adult/open age cricket.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I have had the opportunity to discuss their playing in this environment with their Age Group coach.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I am fully aware and accept responsibility for the health and safety of the above child in this environment, including but not limited to, the risks of personal injury.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I give my consent that in an emergency situation, the Club may act in my place (Loco Parentis), if the need arises for the administration of emergency first aid and/or other medical treatment which may be necessary.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I will advise the supervising adult of any medical issues for my child before play commences.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION 3: PARENT(S)/CARER(S) SIGNATURE AND CONTACT DETAILS

Name:	Signature
Home telephone number:	Mobile telephone number:
Name:	Signature:
Home telephone number:	Mobile telephone number:



#### SECTION 4: CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

I have discussed this cricketer with the Age Group coach and am aware of the child's cricketing abilities

Yes ☐ No ☐

I agree that it is appropriate for them to play in open age/adult cricket.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Name:

Signature:

Date:

#### SECTION 5: PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Club take the protection of the data we hold about you seriously and will ensure the data you provide is processed in accordance with data protection legislation.

Please carefully read the full privacy notice below to see how the Club will treat the personal information you provide to us.

#### PRIVACY NOTICE

Under data protection law, we need to provide you with certain details concerning how your personal data and that of the child will be used and protected.





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## PRIVACY NOTICE

### Guidance Notes

The ECB recognises that most clubs will obtain the same types of personal data and will use and share the data in the same way.

To simplify matters, this template is offered to you as an indicative guide as to the information you provide to those that apply to play in Open Age Cricket at your club in order to comply with the club's obligations under data protection law.

**This document is not legal advice and you must not rely on it as legal advice. The ECB does not accept any liability for the content and you always should get your own advice on how you meet your legal obligations.**

You do not have to use the ECB template but if you choose to do so please note the following instructions for making changes

- The labels in the left-hand column should not be changed .
- The text shown in red will need to refer to your club name and contact details so you should amend them accordingly.
- The information in the right-hand column is likely to apply.
- You may wish to edit or add to other information as you consider appropriate

**If you wish to use this template form, please delete these Guidance Notes once you have edited the form in line with your club's needs ready to be used for those wishing to apply to play in Open Age Cricket at your club.**

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**Names of data controller**

**[Change this to the name of your organisation]**

**Club name**





**Categories of personal data we collect**

**[Amend the following to reflect what you will collect in the membership form]**

**For the child**

- Name
- Age and date of birth
- Gender
- Eligibility criteria
- Decision

**For the parent / carer**

- Name
- Contact details
- Declarations and consents given

**Our sources of the personal data**

**[Club to amend to add anybody else you may obtain personal data from]**

We obtain personal data from:

- The child
- The parent/ carer of a child
- The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)
- Club coaches, leaders and team managers

**Purposes for which we process personal data**

**[Club to amend to add any additional purposes. If you use data for direct marketing, you need to state this and may need to ask for consent]**

The club will process the personal data for:

- Administering the application and verifying eligibility
- Ensuring compliance with cricket regulations and with club and ECB policies including the ECB Recreational Cricket Safety Regulations and ECB Safe Hands Policy and the ECB Disparity Regulations
- Safeguarding purposes
- Dealing with enquiries and any claims or proceedings

**Who we will disclose personal data to**

**[Club to amend to add any additional discloses]**

- The child
- Parent / carer
- The ECB
- Captains
- Umpires
- Professional County Clubs
- Recreational Cricket Boards
- Leagues
- Insurers
- Persons involved in safeguarding (including statutory agencies)
- Professional advisers



**Legal basis for processing personal data**

The legal basis for the collection and processing of your personal data is:

- for administration and programme delivery: that it is necessary to fulfil the contract you are going to enter, or have entered, into with us.
- safeguarding: that it is necessary to safeguard children and individuals at risk.
- for insurance purposes: that it is necessary for insurance purposes.
- claims / proceedings: that it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- in all other cases: that it is necessary for our legitimate interests or those of the ECB, which are to build a programme to encourage cricket participation and does not prejudice or harm rights and freedoms of parents, carers, or the children that join the programme.

**Right to withdraw consent**

Where consent has been given to any processing of personal data, that consent can be withdrawn at any time. If it is withdrawn, it will not affect the lawfulness of any processing for which we had consent prior to it being withdrawn.

**Location of your personal data**

The club will keep your personal data within the United Kingdom.

**How long we will keep personal data for**

We will not retain your personal data for longer than is reasonable and necessary for the purposes for which it was collected. We shall retain your personal data for such time as the child is registered with **XXX**. **XXX** years after the child ceases to play for **XXX**, or play an active part in **XXX**, we shall delete the data unless the club has a legal basis for retaining it.

**Rights in respect of personal data**

Children, parents, and carers each have the right of access to their personal data and, in some cases, to require us to restrict, erase, or rectify it or to object to our processing it, and the right of data portability.

**Our contact details**

**[Insert the contact details of your organisation or preferably someone who is responsible for data protection in your organisation]**

name. XXXX  
email. xxxx@club.co.uk  
phone. XXXX  
website. XXXX

**Complaints**

If you have any concerns or complaints about how we are handling your personal data or wish to exercise any of your rights, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the named person at the club. You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Office (details can be found at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)).