

SPP Policy

“Select Player Programme”

General overview:

The SPP is an additional layer of coaching for certain juniors that the club and coaches have identified as having strong potential to represent the club's top senior teams as they grow into young adults.

The coaching will be given by highly experienced and qualified Sussex County coaches in smaller more focused groups and at a level above that which the club can offer in its larger age group wide sessions.

Eligibility:

Our club policy for invitation to join the SPP is about identifying those kids with the best potential to strengthen our top senior sides in the future.

Consideration should be given to individual performance statistics, but also other important factors like contributions to team results, training attendance, personal circumstances, lack of access to other coaching at schools or County, general attitude and skill's growth potential of each child.

Each age group coach can nominate 3-4 children per season. This should be done at the end of the season post the club awards and league statistics (for SPP inclusion the following year). Winners of the annual batting, bowling and fielding awards do not automatically get an SPP invitation, the final decision as to acceptance onto the program will be down to the Club Chairman, Junior Chairmen and SPP lead coach.

Children's skills and abilities change so greatly season to season and the club wants to be able to include as many as possible onto the SPP as they progress through the juniors age groups.

Each year the SPP nominations start with a clean slate and those put forward may or may not be the same 3 kids from the season before.

Although cricket training should always be fun, this programme is aimed at those children that really want to learn and develop. Disruptive behaviour is not fair to the others who want to progress and are paying to be there. As such, any behavioural issues may result in the child being dropped from the programme without refund.

Sussex Pathway Considerations:

Pathway players are not excluded from SPP selection. Having kids who are improving train alongside some of the best players naturally helps development and is very much needed. Our internal development programme should be seen as a steppingstone to escalate players to the Pathway if ready. In theory, the Pathway coaching should be another level up and even more focused which means any kids on the Pathway are unlikely to need to be included in the club SPP every year. Our SPP places will be announced only after Pathway places are made public. SPP is about growing players to that same elite level so Pathway players should not be excluded at the expense of others who do not show that promise or potential.

Groups & venue:

The SPP will be run in four groups. Under 10-11 boys, U12-13 boys, Under 14-15 boys and Under 16+ boys. Girls will run 3 groups with the make up of age and ability decided by the coaches. Each group will be of no more than 6-9 children to 2 club coaches. All coaching is at hardball level and only players who are ready for this and have the required protective gear can take part.

Times and dates for each session will vary year to year but our current aim is to offer 6 weeks intensive 1.5hr sessions in May to August at West Chilt every other week through the season.

Some sessions may involve the use of video analysis to aid understanding and reflection, however, parental consent for such media will be required.

In conjunction to the coaching each child will receive written feedback and a development agenda to work towards at the mid-point and end-point of the course.

Cost:

The cost of coaching, equipment and facilities are subsidised by the club, however, to make it viable we do ask for a parent contribution of £75 per SPP player for the season.

All enquiries to the West Chilt Junior Chairmen or Club Coach.