

# How to become a professional cricketer



## Boys

You do not need to play age-group cricket at a First-Class County (players from Minor Counties have an advantage because they can tap into coaching from both) We have had 6 boys (4 at Northants, 2 at Gloucs) sign onto FC Academies since 2014 Saif Zaib played vs Australia for Northants and for Bucks U17s in 2015. Brandon Allen and Adam King both played First-Class 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket in 2016 as well as Bucks U17s

First-Class County Academies are looking to sign players aged 15-17 -> when they are an independent person

We work with First-Class Academies (e.g. Northants, Gloucs, Middx, Surrey) to provide opportunities for players -> we want to see our players progress in the game

## The Route

### Bucks Age Group Cricket

#### Bucks EPP

(Emerging players programme for high performing or potential players)

#### First-Class Academy training

Programmes the FC Academies run for minor counties players & our links/nominations

#### Being Scouted

Through the Regional Programme at U15 & U17 or performances in ECB Competitions at U14, U15, U17

#### Sign a First-Class County Academy Contract

The FC Academy will then work with us to create an appropriate training and match schedule

## Girls

With the new Women's Super League system, the path to the top for Girls is clearer and more accessible than ever before

This year is the first year of the Southern Vipers Academy & Tilly Mason (U16) has been selected onto it, whilst continuing to play for Bucks U17s & Women's teams

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#### Southern Vipers Academy

Players nominated from Bucks & selected based on observation days, season's performances & scouting

### Bucks Women's Cricket

#### Southern Vipers

Currently semi-professional competing in the new Kia Super League

#### England Development Squads

At U19 and above

If not? Bucks CCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI & Academy teams, Premier League Club Cricket etc. There are lots of late developers (signed pro at 23+) in the FC game