

Bucks Cricket Board Player Pathway – Our Charter

Bucks Cricket Board Player Pathway is a Player/Talent Development Programme which aims to ensure players are maximising their potential as young adults and adults.

If players develop the right skills, become all-round athletes and are allowed to make their own decisions under pressure, in time, success will take care of itself.

Our Expectations of Players

- Give your best every time you train and play
- Work to become the best cricketer you can be
- Play positive, attacking cricket through calculated risk taking
- Understand that calculated risk taking means you will make mistakes and will fail, and that this is an important part of improving and developing
- Reflect on and learn from your experiences, and grow from setbacks
- Be self-sufficient in your preparation, training and performance
- Be an independent, thinking cricketer who always listens but works out what is the right advice to take on for you at that time
- Develop a comfortable, natural, individual method of playing that is true to who you are and how you want to play the game

Our Expectations of Parents

- Understand that if we want players to reach their peak as adults, it is more important that they continually learn from a range of experiences, than winning-at-all-costs
- Don't put pressure on players to perform – allow them find their own way in their own time
- Help players to develop good attitudes about learning, it being ok to fail, bouncing back from mistakes and enjoying their cricket
- Appreciate every sport is littered with young 'talented' athletes who drop out, burn out and, in the end, lose out if they lose sight of having fun
- Educate players to play within the spirit of the game at all times, and to embrace success and accept defeat with the same humility and dignity
- Don't let your child's results affect your mood - you've had your turn, this is theirs
- Emphasise respect for teammates, opposition and umpires at all times
- Do enjoy the journey and embrace the struggle of improvement

Our Expectations of Coaches

- Create an environment where players can learn, take control of their own game and become the best player they can be
- Focus on the long-term development of players over short-term results
- Coach core principles of how to play effectively, whilst allowing players to find their own individual, best method of playing
- Provide clear, clean feedback of players' strengths, what to improve and ways to achieve it
- Develop strong rapport with players and take genuine interest in them as people
- Deliver engaging sessions, using a range of activities to help players develop their abilities technically, tactically, physically and mentally
- Give fair (not always equal) opportunities to learn and play the game
- Share a common ethos to coaching players and supporting their development
- Be committed to and reflect upon how to continually improve their own coaching
- Be transparent with our actions and communications
- True commitment to every player's health, wellbeing and safety



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