

# SHROPSHIRE CRICKET BOARD LIMITED

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## County Age Group (CAG) Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are invited for our Autumn County Age Group Programme observations (Boys U13-18 and Girls U14-18).  
***Please read these instructions carefully before nominating young players.***

### Nomination Procedure

- ONLINE & PAPER FREE via link: - Complete the online form for each player- below.  
<https://cricketshropshire.co.uk/cricket-shropshire-pathway-nominations-2026-2027/>

- Nominations are now open and close at midnight on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.**

**PLEASE NOTE- All players (Boys and Girls) involved in Cricket Shropshire County Age Group squads from January 2026 will automatically be invited to attend player observation sessions (trials) and DO NOT have to be re nominated.**

### Important Information

-Nominations for all age groups (Boys & Girls) are open to all junior players- nominations can be made by junior club coaches/coordinators, teachers and parents/guardians.

-Our Boys CAG Age Groups are U13 (Year 8), U14 (Year 9), U16 (Year 10 & 11) and U18 (Year 12 & 13) \*

-Our Girls CAG Age Groups are U14 (Year 9), U16 (Year 10 & 11) and U18 (Year 12 & 13) \*

\*Age Groups and school years from September 2026

-Nominated players don't necessarily have to had hardball cricket experience but please consider carefully the readiness of players and the quality of their experience if they attend observations. Elements of the observation process will include facing a hard ball in the nets and catching/stopping cricket balls.

-If players don't have protective equipment- this doesn't exclude them. We will have access to equipment on the observation days, but players should bring this along if they have it.

### Qualification Criteria

Youngsters nominated for Shropshire trials must fit within following criteria.

- Live in Shropshire
- School in Shropshire
- Play for a Shropshire affiliated club (for at least one full season in preceding year- e.g. minimum 2026 season)

*Registered in England and Wales*

Company Registration Number: **7756164**

Registered Charity Number: **1148878**

*The names of the directors are available from the registered office*

## Programme details

### Boys & Girls

- All nominated players will have the opportunity to book on to our player observation sessions (trials) which will take place indoors during the Autumn.
- County Age Group (CAG) Programme observations (Boys U13-18 and Girls U14-18) will take place during the early part of the Autumn.
- Each player who registers for the programme will be able to register for two separate observation sessions totalling 4 hours.
- The observation sessions will be **free of charge**.
- Players will be informed of observation outcomes following attendance at the two sessions. Players will either be selected in one of our County Age Group Squads or released from the programme. We will also be continuing to run additional MCC programmes at strategic age groups to give further coaching opportunities for children in state education.
- State school players who do not make it into CAG squads will be offered places in our MCC Programme based on their skills and potential observed at CAG observations, there will be no additional observations in isolation for the MCC Programme. If we have spare capacity within MCC groups following the initial allocation of players from observations, we will then open these opportunities more widely.
- Our County Age Group Winter Training Programme (Dec-April) takes place at venues across the County and there are programme fees which are payable on registration.
- At the conclusion of the Winter Training Programme, we then finalise our summer squads who have access to additional matches over the course of the cricket season. Further information regarding the process will be distributed to parents if players are successful in getting onto our Winter Training Programme.

**Nominees will be informed via email about observation details and the booking process following the nomination deadline, clubs & schools will not be written to.**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation and we look forward to continuing to work together closely in the future.

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