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Early Engagement Programme (EEP) Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are invited for our Autumn & Winter Early Engagement Programme (EEP- Boys U10-12 and Girls U10-13).
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-EEP-nominations-2026-2027/>

- Nominations are now open and close at midnight on **Friday 4th September.**

PLEASE NOTE

-All players (Boys and Girls) involved in our Early Engagement Programme from January 2026 will automatically be invited to attend player observation sessions (trials) and DO NOT have to be re-nominated.

-Current U12 Boys EEP players moving to U13 will automatically be invited to U13 County Age Group trials.

-Current U13 Girls EEP players moving to U14 will automatically be invited to U14 County Age Group trials.

Important Guidelines

-Nominations from year 3 or below will not be accepted, so please do not nominate from this age group.

-Nominations for all EEP 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 EEP Age Groups are U11 (Years 4, 5 and 6) and U12 (Year 7) *

-Our Girls EEP Age Groups are U11 (Years 4, 5 and 6) and U13 (Year 7 & 8) *

*Age Group and school years from September 2026

Qualification Criteria

Youngsters nominated for our EEP Programme 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

Boys Programme Guidelines

- 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.
- All nominated players will have the opportunity to book on to our player observation sessions (trials) which will take place indoors during the Autumn/Winter.
- Our Boys Early Engagement Programme (EEP) observations will take place on Sunday's during November.
- 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 Winter Programme Early Engagement Squads or released from the programme.
- We will be running some additional skills sessions within our Boys Early Engagement Programme age groups in the run up to the observation sessions (open to all players)- details to be publicised via our website and social media in due course.
- Our Boys Early Engagement Winter Training Programme (Jan-March) takes place at indoor venues across the County and there are programme fees which are payable on registration.
- All players within our Boys Early Engagement Winter Programme will then be offered relevant playing opportunities in the 2027 cricket season to support their ongoing development.

Girls Programme Guidelines

- Nominated players don't necessarily have to had hardball cricket experience or significant cricket experience. Our aim to grow the base of players accessing coaching so please nominate any girls who you think would benefit, no matter what their current skill level or experience is.
- All nominated players will have the opportunity to book on to a series of coaching sessions (4 weeks) which will take place indoors during the Autumn/Winter (pre-Christmas).
- The first two sessions (totalling 4 hours) will be **free of charge**. The remaining two sessions will incur a small fee.
- Following the four coaching sessions, players will be assigned to one of our Girls Winter Programme Early Engagement Squads where they will be invited to ten weeks of further coaching sessions at indoor venues across the County (January-March) where there will be programme fees payable on registration.
- All players within our Girls Early Engagement Winter Programme will then be offered relevant playing opportunities in the 2027 cricket season to support their ongoing development.

Nominees will be informed via email about programme/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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