

Junior Players in Open Age Group Cricket – Consent Form

Making the step up from junior to open age group cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket experience. This step should not be taken lightly, and great care must be given before allowing children to play adult cricket. The ECB has issued guidance covering the selection and participation of young players in open age group cricket. This can be found in the ECB Safe Hands Guidance document.

Remember, children's early experiences will remain with them always and will often determine whether they want to remain playing the game or give up and do something else – only allow them to play senior cricket if you are of the belief that the experience will not be detrimental to their development. Further that involvement will not have a detrimental effect on them physically or mentally or expose them to inappropriate risk. In coming to this decision, Staffordshire Cricket expects that consultation and written approval (where necessary) from their Parent/Guardian, age group Coach and Club Welfare Officer will be obtained.

Eligibility

Players who are selected in **Shropshire Cricket** U12 squads in spring for a summer squad for that season are eligible to play open age cricket. That is providing they are at least 11 years old, are in School Year 7 on 1st September in the year preceding the season, and have **written parental consent to play.**

Club cricketers who are not in the Shropshire Cricket Pathway must wait until they reach the U13 age group, be in Year 8 and be 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year before being able to play in any open age group cricket. As before **written parental consent is required for these players.**

Children who are in Year 9 and 13 years of age on 1st of September of the preceding year are eligible to play without written parental consent and this form need not be completed.

Players that require written consent must obtain such from Parent/Guardian, Accredited Coach (ECB Level 2) and the Club Welfare Officer prior to being authorised to play in open age/adult cricket.

Name of Child – _____

Child's DOB – _____

Home address of Child –
(including post code)

Name/s of Parent/Guardians – _____

Parent/Guardians Home address (if different) –

Email address for Parent/Guardians – _____

Parent/Guardians Telephone Numbers –
(include Home/Work/Mobile in case of incident)

Alternative Adult in case of Emergency – _____

(include contact details and relationship)

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I confirm I have legal responsibility for (name of child) _____

- I confirm that I give my consent for the above child to play adult/open age cricket.
- I confirm to the best of my knowledge, all information provided on this form is accurate.
- I have had the opportunity to discuss his/her playing in this environment with his/her age group Coach.
- I am fully aware and accept full, sole and unconditional responsibility for the Health and Safety of the above child in this environment, including, but not limited to the risks of personal injury.
- I waive, release and hold harmless the Club, League, ECB, Umpires (and all associated Officers) from and against any and all causes of action, claims or other liabilities or any nature which in any way result from the above child playing in this environment – save for personal injury arising from negligence.
- I give my consent that in an emergency situation, the club may act in my place (Loco Parentis), if the need arises for the administration of emergency first aid and/or other medical treatment which may be necessary.
- I confirm that I will advise the club Captain of any medical issues for my child before play commences.

Consent to participate: I agree to the child named above taking part in adult/open age cricket.

Signed _____

Date of signing: _____

Printed name of parent/legal guardian who has completed this form: _____

SHROPSHIRE AGE GROUP COACH

I am an accredited ECB qualified Coach to Level 2 or above responsible for this child at **Shropshire Cricket District/County** Level. I have read this form, I am aware of this cricketer and his/her abilities and having discussed their abilities with their parent/guardian.

I agree/do not* agree that it is appropriate for him/her to play in open age/adult cricket.

(If not give reasons)

Age Group _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name of Staffordshire Cricket Coach who has completed this form: _____

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

I have discussed this cricketer with the Age Group Coach and am aware of the child's cricketing abilities. I am ECB Safe Hands trained (in the last 3 years), and am aware of the guidance regarding children playing in open age cricket.

I agree/do not* agree that it is appropriate for him/her to play in open age/adult cricket.

(If not give reasons _____)

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed name of Club Welfare Officer who has completed this form: _____

NOTE – When complete, Club Welfare Officers must retain this form securely under confidential cover. Parent/Guardians/Coach may retain a copy should they wish to do so.