



The future of Junior Cricket in Derbyshire

Creating one countywide structure



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Current Structure

- Derbyshire has 100 clubs, 75 of which have junior sections playing league cricket in 2023.
 - Junior Leagues have delivered a fantastic service to the network over a long period of time
 - The structure has evolved over time
 - Club involvement now split between 9 leagues
- Notts & Derby Border
 - Derby & District
 - South Derbyshire
 - Erewash
 - North Derbyshire
 - Derbyshire & Cheshire
 - Burton
 - Bassetlaw
 - Ben Jessop





Current Structure

DCF run additional opportunities alongside Leagues

- DCF Girls Indoor
- DCF U9's Girls
- DCF U12's Girls
- U13's National Cup
- U15's National Cup
- U19's 100 ball Competition





Current Structure

- Different formats played
- Different Playing Conditions
- Different days of the week
- Clubs enter different leagues to serve different purposes

Blank piece of paper... what would we do?





The Proposal

- Consolidate the current junior structure in Derbyshire at U9-U19 into one Derbyshire Junior League.
- Within each area of the county offer different levels of cricket to facilitate participation and performance levels.
- Structure supported by Derbyshire Cricket Foundation, but led by a volunteer management structure (with possible paid resource supported by entry fees).
- Include girls only cricket.
- Include County Competitions.





The Proposal

The new structure aims not only to continue the great work of the existing leagues, but also to take the junior game forward during an exciting time for cricket in Derbyshire. We have a fantastic opportunity to move forward together, delivering a new structure to enhance and develop the junior game in Derbyshire for many years to come.





The Benefits

- Regionalised competition remains without league boundaries but still with travel considerations.
- Provide the clubs and players with appropriate levels of cricket wherever they are based in the county.
- One organisation supported by DCF, delivering one structure across the whole county.
- Sustainable model- Succession planning.
- Ability to adapt and develop more easily for the benefit of young players playing the game.
- Technology to reduce administration.
- Economies of scale- balls, clothing, trophies etc
- Ability to form a greater part of the player pathway for DCF and DCCC.
- Potential to attract sponsors to support the delivery.





Progress to Date

- All leagues engaged and onboard with the direction of travel.
- Presented to all Junior Leagues regarding the proposed changes.
- Working group set up to look closer at the administrative set up.





Next Steps

We want to hear from you!

- Consultation with clubs
 - Initial feedback via a survey-
<https://forms.office.com/e/PXyLpfWp4H>
 - Virtual call at end of September/start of October
 - Open evenings in October

