



## Derbyshire Early Engagement Programme – FAQs

### **What experience do I need to attend an observation?**

*The early engagement programme is designed to be an entry level programme to the player pathway for children of between the age of 9-12. Cricket experience will vary from children who may have played very little competitive cricket, potentially taking part in Dynamos through to players at age 11-12 who have played regular junior league cricket. The programme will seek to develop key technical skills in young players, providing them with the fundamentals to progress through the pathway at age 13.*

### **Do I need to have played hardball cricket?**

*No, the programme will focus on developing fundamental skills and transition players into hardball cricket. Hardball experience will become more important at the U12's age group, however it isn't essential. We also welcome children from other sports who may have little to no cricket experience.*

### **What equipment do I need?**

*Players are welcome to bring their own cricket equipment; however, our team of coaches will have equipment available to use during the sessions.*

### **Is the EEP part of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club (DCCC) pathway?**

*Yes, the EEP is part of the wider talent pathway and will form the entry level to the pathway. The programme is being delivered by the Derbyshire Cricket Foundation on behalf of DCCC. The programme will be supported by both girls and boys Heads of Talent Pathways.*

### **Where will the EEP centres be located?**

*The centres will be spread across three areas of the County (High Peak/North, North/Central, and Central South). We are in the process of confirming venues and these will be communicated upon invite to observation sessions. Players will be invited to the centre nearest to their home to help reduce travel time and associate costs.*

### **Do I need to register if I was in a boys or girls County squad during summer 2025?**

*Yes, you need to complete the registration form, however you will not be required to attend an observation session before Christmas. You will invited through to the winter programme that will commence in the New Year.*