



OD CUACO CRICKET CLUB

2025 Juniors in Open Age Cricket Policy & Form

- Current ECB rules are:
 - Under-11* age group players are not permitted to play in any adult matches. Very exceptional permission may be given for 11 year olds who are in Year 7, with written consent from the Talent Pathway, but this is unlikely to be given.
 - Under-12* age group players should not play in open age competitive cricket (i.e. in league or cup matches, but may play in friendly fixtures).
 - Under-13* age group players and above can play in open age competitive cricket (i.e. players aged 12 and over)
 - Eligible under-age players may only play if considered by a qualified Level 2 coach or above that it is appropriate for their development and their current level of maturity; and the appropriate consent / authorisation form is completed BEFORE the match is played.

**Junior cricket age groups are set by the age of the player on the 31st August preceding the season of play.*

- The junior player should be selected for the purpose of their own development, not to make up numbers. The aim is to allow this to happen safely, whilst not spoiling the game for adults.
- All safety regulations apply as per the actual age of the child.
- Each case will be determined on an individual basis, depending on the player's ability as well as cognitive and emotional maturity to take part.
- Juniors should be involved in all aspects of the game where possible including team talks, practice, decision making, socialising etc.
- Juniors will usually play in a team with a family member or friend to facilitate settling in
- Where possible they will be given the opportunity to show their talents in an appropriate way so success however small can be encouraged and recognised.
- The Captain will be DBS checked and will inform the Umpires of the presence of the junior.



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Junior Players in Open Age Group Cricket Parental Permission Form

Childs Name..... **Date of Birth**

Age Group.....

I consent to my child to playing Open Age Cricket for OD Cuaco C.C.under the ECB Guidelines for Junior Players in Open Age Cricket with particular regard to Restrictions i.e. ECB Helmets, Fast bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations. This applies to matches and training sessions.

The overall aim is to allow young players to develop in safety, without spoiling the game for adults. Each case will be determined on an individual basis depending on the player's ability and stage of cognitive and emotional maturity to take part in Open Age Cricket.

The captain will inform the Umpire of the presence of under 19s in the side.

Parent/Guardian Consent

Printed Name:

Signature

Date:

ECB Level 2 Coach Authorisation

Printed Name:

Signature

Date:

Forms are available from:

Head Coach Craig Westmacott
Safeguarding Officer Jo Colby
Junior Team Managers

A copy of the completed form should be sent to Jo Colby, Safeguarding Officer.