

## BOYS Under 9s - Under 12s | Sussex Cricket Early Engagement Pathway Programme Nominations 2026-2027

Dear Cricket Club, School Representatives & Parents/Guardians

You are receiving this email as you have expressed an interest in our junior pathway so please find details below to enable you to nominate young players (*for **BOYS Under 9-Under 12 only** – older boys & girls details will be sent separately*) for the 2026/2027 Sussex Cricket Early Engagement Pathway Programme Assessments.

Please find below the online nomination link, through which to put forward Junior player for this autumn's age group trials. This link will be the only accepted route through which to nominate any young player between the age of 9 and 12. You are nominating players based on their age group for the 2027 season, for which date ranges for birthdays is included on the link.

<http://app.ludimos.com/trials/sussex>

Please note that ALL players need a helmet that has stem guards as per ECB and Sussex Cricket guidelines.

This year we are introducing a video submission process for all newly nominated players. Through the link below you'll see the new way in which you can nominate a young player into their age group.

It will involve recording and submitting video of the player batting and either bowling or wicket keeping. Once submitted our coaching team will assess and watch the videos and if successful, we will invite the player to our practical Pathway assessment sessions, which will be run across September and October.

The process is simple to do, fully automated and completely free and should help save all unnecessary time and travel, as well as help open up more parts of the County to discover previously untapped talent.

When nominating any player it is important that you consider the following factors:

- The players' parent/guardian is aware and happy for them to be nominated.
- Only one nomination is submitted for any one player. Regardless of the number of different age groups the player may play, he must be nominated for the age group in which his DOB qualifies him for.
- The nomination process is for **boys** only. The Girls nomination process will follow in due course.
- Players' parents/guardians will be contacted directly with whether they will be invited to the practical assessments, but clubs/schools will be made aware of who has been successful and who hasn't, once the trials are completed and training squads selected.
- When nominating a player, you are asked to first consider the bullet points associated to each of the skill sets within our 'Talent Development Framework', which is attached. We are open-minded about all nominated players but ask that you judge your nominations against these bullet points noted under U9-U12 sections.
- As much as outcomes (runs and wickets) in club/school matches are an important part of a players' development, please note that this forms only *part* of their development and the longer-term development side of the Pathway is something we look for and prioritise in all the young players.

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- Players already involved in any of the U9-U12 area sides **do not need re-nominating** and will be contacted automatically about the winter programme.
- The video nomination submission will form the "first Phase" of the assessment process and the nomination link will remain open throughout the summer, with a final closing date of **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July** without exception. Having the link open means there is ample opportunity to consult, consider and nominate your young players, so this will be the absolute deadline for all nominations in the U9-U12 age groups.
- All players must be nominated via this video submission without exception and players will not be invited to attend the practical parts of the assessment process without having first submitted their video nominations.

For guidance on how we assess players at each stage of the pathway, please see attached the Talent Development Framework.

All nominations to be submitted by **9.00 am on MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026** please. After this date & time the form will be closed, and no further nominations will be accepted.

Regards

Sussex Cricket Pathway Team