



## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES ACTIVATORS' NEWSLETTER

Hi there

Calling all Activators! This week we have an exciting prize draw announcement to win tickets to England Men's IT20 games next month, as well as details around curriculum updates, and ideas for recruiting new Activators as we ramp up to our busiest time of the year for National Programmes.

If you use Instagram check out this wonderful [post](#) about Dynamos Cricket from Saku, who you may recognise from the last series of the Great British Bake Off! As well as baking, Saku loves cricket and plays in a women's cricket team. Her daughter Tharindi is a fantastic Activator at Bartestree and Lugwardine Cricket Club in Hereford, and it's great to see how passionate they both are about our programmes. Please like and share it.

Good luck if you are entering the prize draw.

## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES CURRICULUMS 2024

We are excited to share with you that the confirmed 2024 curriculums - including new activities for both All Stars Cricket and Dynamos Cricket - are now live and ready for use on the [icoachcricket](#) website. In addition to the new activities, we have moved some existing activities around to make the curriculum work even better.

[2024 All Stars Curriculum](#)

[2024 Dynamos Curriculum](#)

### All Stars Curriculum Changes

All Stars Cricket features a new warm up, called "Aliens Wearing Hats", which should be a high energy start for the sessions, and we welcome any pictures of kids with their cones on their head!

It also now features two new fielding games; "Star Collectors" and "Planet Protectors", to be introduced in weeks 2 and 6 respectively.

### Dynamos Curriculum Changes

"Protect the boundary", our new Dynamos Cricket fielding energiser, will have your players diving around to stop the ball going out, and we have added a new skill builder, "Three Step Bowling" that should help your Dynamos develop their bowling action in week 4. We have also added a new modified game, which means we now have 7 modified games, plus the full pairs Dynamos Cricket game to choose from, to suit your group.

Click the button below for a short video of how the new games look.

[2024 New Games](#)

As ever, all the games that have been removed are still in the "Additional Activities" section of the website should you want to re-introduce any old favourites!

All the games that we have provided can either be used exactly as we've shown them, or are a great starting point for Activators to adapt to support the specific needs of your own groups.

Alongside each video is an activity card that provides lots of additional information including ways to make activities easier and harder, tips on engaging grown-ups in activities, and how to make games more competitive.

Finally don't forget to visit the "How To" videos which you will find after the activity videos on [icoachcricket](#). The "Activators Advice" videos are also worth a watch in the [Supporting Activators](#) section of the Activator Webpage, providing lots of advice and tips for delivering a fantastic first experience of Cricket.



## ACTIVATOR PRIZE DRAW OPEN NOW

With May fast approaching, we know many National Programmes Activators will be in the process of completing and updating training requirements. In recognition of all the hard work ahead of the season, we are excited to announce a prize draw to win pairs of tickets for two upcoming England Men's IT20 games against Pakistan, at Headingley (Leeds), and Sophia Gardens (Cardiff).

The prize draw will be made next **Monday, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**, so please act fast and fill in the entry form today.

The prize draw is open to any National Programmes Activators who have completed their National Programmes Activator Initial Training, and are up to date with the e-learning and safeguarding qualifications, when the draw is made on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

[Enter Prize Draw](#)

Full terms and conditions can be found [here](#) and prize draw winners will be informed by 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - good luck!

## ACTIVATOR RECRUITMENT

With National Programmes course registration now open for everyone and County Boards around the country running training for new Activators, now is a fantastic time to engage your returning parents and carers in supporting your upcoming programmes.

Our [Activator Webpage](#) has a section dedicated to recruiting new Activators with tips, email templates and advice on how to communicate with the parents and carers.

As always, if you have any general questions, you can also contact us via our helpdesk for [All Stars here](#) and [Dynamos here](#).

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