



Batting

Ages 9-12

Good balance, strong base, head to the ball,
consistent straight defence
Score both sides of the wicket
Ability to recognise balls which can be attacked
or defended
Good running between the wickets and calling

Ages 13-15

Ability to score run in singles- hitting gaps
Ability to score runs in boundaries - power
Scoring options off the back foot
Can defend front and back foot straight
Judges flight from spin and moves accordingly
Adapt to conditions & situation of game

Ages 16-18

Fitness and mindset to bat for long periods of
time (75+ overs)
Power to hit boundaries 360
Clarity in decision making under fatigue and pressure
Understands strengths and develops a game
plan accordingly
Able to defend and attack (using feet/sweeping) spin





Fielding

Ages 9-12

- Shows good athleticism when fielding
- Can throw effectively
- Good catching technique for flat & high catches
- Excellent attitude towards fielding

Ages 13-15

- Is starting to be able to anticipate the batters** shot and move accordingly
- Accurate throwing arm inner/out ring
- Can start to influence games with match defining moments
- Effectively dive safely

Ages 16-18

- Excellent at anticipating the batter to create wicket taking opportunities**





Wicket keeping

Under 9-12

- Ability to catch the ball with consistency
- Maintain a still head and balanced position when catching the ball
- Catch the ball in line with body, in front of their eyes with good hand presentation
- Show bravery

Under 13-15

- Catch reliably from bowlers and fielders
- Shows consistency in good posture
- Build concentration
- Convert chances into caught behinds, stumping and run outs
- Providing encouragement to team mates
- Maintain game and tactical awareness to give insight to captain and team

Under 16-18

- Catch very well from bowlers and fielders
- Able to concentrate for long periods of time
- The ability to take extraordinary chances
- Aggressive footwork stood up and back
- Take control of the angles of fielding positions
- Clear on slips positioning
- Good throwing accuracy and speed





Spin bowling

Under 9-12

Bowl with a safe, legal and repeatable action
Aligned towards the target at the crease
Able to bowl the ball with a rhythm and impart spin on the ball
Bowling to hit stumps

Under 13-15

Ball release position that allows drift, drop, spin
Ability to deceive the batsman through spin and changes in flight
Able to set fields that limit runs and create wicket taking chances
Being able to stop runs & consistently take chances off their own bowling

Under 16-18

Use of crease – over and round, wide and close
Adaptable to understand how to bowl in all phases and formats
Ability to bowl in favourable (footmarks) & non favourable conditions (1st day pitch)
Ability to deceive the batsman by delivering variations (spin, flight and angles, with control)
Excellent at stopping runs & taking difficult chances off their own bowling
Field settings to assist wicket taking opportunities





Seam bowling

X factors

Pace
Bounce
Lateral movement

Ages 9-12

Bowlers need to have a safe action
Approach (run up) takes them to the target-
Run like an athlete until delivery stride
Arms and legs work closely to the body and drive towards the target
Clear understanding of the field
Can adjust to left hand & right hand batters
Bowling to hit the stumps
Bowling not to go for runs

Ages 13-15

The bowler understands what their best ball is,
They have explored using the crease and will be clear on their alignment for RH and LH batter
Is able to set their own fields for their best ball
Will have explored a yorker and bouncer
These bowlers would be able to think for themselves and deliver simple bowling plans
These bowlers would be able to provide a reliable performance in matches.
Able to generate ball speed towards target & movement in the air/off the pitch

Ages 16-18

Will have a complimentary delivery to their stock ball, bouncer, yorker and a slower ball and set fields accordingly
Has a game plan for any phase in one day/T20 cricket
Is be able to offer views on a batter's strength and weaknesses
Understand how different pitches affect tactics

