

ECB Support Guidance for the Community Sports Coach Scheme

* N.B. This Guidance Note should be read in conjunction with the ECB PESSCL School - Club Links Implementation Plan

Sport	Cricket
<p>ECB deployment focus for the Community Sports Coaches linked to the ECB player pathway, relevant development initiatives and reflecting the scheme deployment parameters as detailed in the guidance notes</p>	<p>ECB National Strategy has identified a clear and distinct seven step player development pathway from playground to Test arena. In association with this Strategy ECB has also set down Minimum Quality Standards against each of the steps to ensure not only a strategic deployment of resources nationwide but also to ensure a benchmark consistent quality of delivery.</p> <p>ECB's delivery network, 40 County Cricket Boards, now work to fully ECB endorsed County Development Plans which lay down the strategic development priorities for cricket on a local basis in line with the National Strategy and to the ECB Minimum Quality Standards.</p> <p>These plans involve actions in Schools, Focus Clubs, Representative Squads as well as clear plans for coach education and development, volunteer recruitment and all other related development activity.</p> <p>These Development Plans are backed up with fully integrated Facility Strategies on both a national and County levels and these are the focus for all facility investment now and in the next five years.</p> <p>All activities will follow a player centred approach and support to the development of all players to achieve their full potential and LTAD will form a central plank around which ECB Minimum Quality Standards will be reviewed and reset along the following guidelines :</p>

Age Ranges

6-9 year olds taking part in multi-activity sessions in schools and in out of school hours activity

9-11 year olds taking part in cricket skill sessions and developing fundamental movement skills via cricket practices at school and Focus Club sites as out of school hours activity.

11-18 year olds taking part in player focussed activity to fully develop their skills acquisition and tactical understanding of playing the game at and within Focus Clubs.

School to Club Links (PESSCL)

County Development Plans highlight the need to work with 1,365 specifically highlighted Focus Clubs over a 5 year period. These Focus Clubs will be expected to become ClubMark accredited within the period of the PESSCL project and will then form the hub of a community cricket cluster partnership involving local Primary and Secondary Schools.

Each of these 1,365 Focus Clubs will be expected to work with key local partners (CDOs, County Sports Partnerships, Local Authorities and School Sport Partnerships) to produce a single long term and one year action plan for the development of cricket in the respective partnership.

These plans will be produced to a consistent planning process and to a set of benchmark standards based on LTAD principles and ECB Minimum Quality Standards

The Plans will also be costed and it the cost of delivering these cluster activity plans that ECB will look to direct resources towards. This mechanism will be adopted for PESCCL funding as well as the remaining budget within Active Sports, the Cricket Foundation and any other financial resources that can be sourced in the future. The ECB Community Club Development Fund is being distributed via exactly the same mechanism and thus creating a significant resource base to Focus Club community cluster groups.

	<p>It is ECB's intention to deploy the Community Sports Coaches as a key support resource to support the multi skill approach to the delivery of sport and then progressively into cricket in each of the 1,365 Focus Club community clusters.</p> <p>By working in close partnership with the Focus Club community clusters ECB sees the CSCs performing a key role in developing the generic sporting skill base of the children that will then be attracted into, and progress through, the local player pathway established by the Focus Club community cluster.</p> <p>CSCs are therefore seen as a vital cog in the development of cricketers with the key Fundamental skills the game requires for its LTAD based player pathway. The strategic deployment of the CSCs remains a key element to ensure a strategic consistency.</p>
<p>Minimum ECB coaching qualification for employed coaches</p>	<p>CSCs must be holders of the National Coaching Certificate (when ready) and ECB Level II as a minimum and ideally working towards ECB Level III</p> <p>CSCs must have attended the ECB Coaching in Schools Module, ScUK Good Practice in Child Protection module (ECB specific course when ready), First Aid and ScUK Equity in Coaching</p> <p>CSCs must be committed to a coach development programme involving mentoring, professional development plans and coach licensing as well having undertaken an enhanced disclosure via CRB</p>
<p>ECB Priority Partnership Areas</p>	<p><u>ECB Strategic Planning</u></p> <p>ECB's County Cricket Board delivery network have recently completed and extensive planning period culminating in a set of ECB Fully Endorsed County Development Plans being produced.</p>

	<p>Within these plans specific Focus Club community cluster target areas have been identified and it is these that ECB sees as being the priority in the deployment of the CSCs in the first phase of delivery. Specific names of Focus Clubs can be supplied however the following acts as a guide to the volume of Focus Club community clusters to be prioritised in each of the first phase County Sports Partnerships from April 1st 2004 :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancashire (39) • * Merseyside (22) • * Teesside (7) • * West Yorkshire & South Yorkshire (44) • Staffordshire (20) • Birmingham (9) • Cambridgeshire (54) • Hampshire & Isle of Wight (46) • * London (116) • Cornwall (30) • * Somerset (16) <p>* = <i>First Phase PESCCCL School - Club Links Partnership</i></p> <p>Total over 5 years for first phase County Sports Partnerships (403).</p>
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