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| **DEVELOPMENT STAGE** | **CHARACTERISTICS OF A PLAYER ENTERING THIS STAGE** | **KEY PRIORITIES** | **CRICKET OFFERING** |
| **STAGE 1****FUNdamental** | * Aged 9 and under
* Previous cricketing experience is almost uniquely softball-based.
* Is primarily interested in having fun and being active as opposed to developing their technique.
* Is most engaged when activities are fast moving and familiar.
 | * To ensure that all sessions focus on fun and maximise player involvement.
* To develop core movement skills: agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and quickness.
* To increase social awareness and sportsmanship.
* To develop the core cricketing skills: catching, throwing, over-arm bowling action, batting grip and stance.
* To allow players to become familiar with key cricketing rules, including those related to match-play.
* To encourage players to show respect towards coaches, officials, opponents and team-mates.
 | * Activity-based coaching sessions, consisting mainly of small-sided games and coach-led activities.
* Regular small-sided Kwik cricket games during the summer season (within their age group squad and against other clubs)
* Opportunities to play in under 9s Kwik cricket league fixtures for those progressing towards the end of the FUNdamental stage
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| **STAGE 2****PLAY and PERFORM** | * Aged 9-12
* Enjoys playing both softball and hardball cricket
* Plays with more freedom and confidence when involved in softball cricket
* Responds positively to 1:1 coaching feedback and is able to use it to improve their own technique/game
* Is eager to improve their own batting, bowling and fielding technique
* Can concentrate during short technically specific practices
* Shows a clear awareness of the key rules of the game
* Is able to draw their own technical conclusions and respond those made by their coaches during ‘game-play situation’ practices
* Is most engaged during small-sided games, including those directly linked to game-play.
 | * To ensure that players make a successful and confident transition from Kwik cricket into hardball cricket.
* To continue to develop the core movement skills of all players: agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and quickness.
* To develop cohesion, friendship and respect within and across age group squads.
* To allow players to develop their core cricketing skills within an enjoyable activity-based context.
* To ensure that players adhere to key cricketing rules and apply them when working with younger players.
* To help players to identify the impact of showing respect towards coaches, officials, opponents and team-mates.
 | * Activity-based coaching sessions, where players are encouraged to learn through their involvement in activities and net sessions. These sessions will include: focused small-sided games which allow players to develop specific aspects of their game alongside their team-mates; net sessions with specific learning objectives to encourage individual player development.
* Small group technical coaching sessions
* Opportunities to play in under 10s, under 11s and/or under 12s inter-club hardball fixtures
* Opportunities to umpire and score in FUNdamental stage small-sided Kwik cricket games
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| **STAGE 3****TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT** | * Aged 13-14
* Enjoys playing hardball cricket
* Plays with freedom and confidence when involved in hardball cricket
* Responds positively to and actively seeks 1:1 coaching feedback, using it to improve their own technique/game
* Is able to identify specific aspects of their own batting, bowling and fielding techniques, which they are keen to improve.
* Can concentrate for extended periods during technically specific practices (include net sessions).
* Is fully aware of the key rules of the game and is eager to use them purposefully.
* Makes informed tactical and technical judgements during game-play and in practice sessions, responding purposefully to similar judgements made by their coaches.
* Is equally as engaged during 1:1 sessions and multi-player activities.
 | * To develop player self-confidence, self-discipline, self-control and self-awareness ahead of their transition to adult cricket.
* To continue to develop the core movement skills of all players: agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and quickness.
* To develop cohesion, friendship and respect within and across age group squads/adult support.
* To develop player awareness of how to make technical and tactical improvements to their own game through problem-solving challenges.
* To help players work successfully and purposefully in a 1:1 coaching context, identifying the value of net sessions.
* To ensure that players adhere to accepted cricketing etiquette on and off the field.
* To encourage respectful cricketing behaviour amongst younger club members through role-modelling.
* To ensure that the parents/carers of players are fully aware of the rules and regulations governing their child’s involvement in adult cricket and the role of the Club Welfare Officer (e.g. fast-bowling regulations, safe-guarding legislation).
 | * Technique-based coaching sessions, where players are encouraged to learn through their involvement in fielding activities and net sessions. These sessions will include: problem-solving activities related to core cricketing skills and tactical decision-making; net sessions with specific learning objectives to encourage individual player development.
* 1:1 and small group technical coaching sessions
* Opportunities to play in under 13s and/or under 14s inter-club fixtures
* Opportunities to play adult cricket in the 3rd/4th XI for those progressing towards the end of the Technical development stage
* Opportunities to umpire, score and coach within the FUNdamental stage
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| **STAGE 4****STAYING IN THE GAME** | * Aged 14+
* Plays with confidence in Colts cricket and is keen to contribute when playing above their own age group.
* Shows an interest in becoming involved with the club’s senior teams.
* Responds positively to and actively seeks 1:1 coaching feedback, using it to improve their own technique/game
* Seeks technical advice from those involved in the club’s senior sides.
* Can concentrate for extended periods during technically specific practices (include net sessions).
* Is fully aware of the key rules of the game and is eager to use them purposefully.
* Makes informed tactical and technical judgements during game-play and in practice sessions, and is keen to act upon them.
* Responds purposefully to tactical and technical judgements made by their coaches and team-mates.
* Is equally as engaged during 1:1 sessions and multi-player activities, when working within or above their own age group.
* Is keen to share their skills and knowledge with others.
* Is able to handle successes and disappointments in a controlled manner on and beyond the cricketfield.
 | * To support players in identifying the social, emotional and behavioural differences between Colts and adult cricket.
* To ensure that players can manage their own core movement development: agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and quickness.
* To develop cohesion, friendship and respect between Colts teams and those involving in the playing, officiating and administration of the club’s adult section.
* To help players to approach technical development in a patient, reflective and focused way, understanding how others can help them to progress.
* To make sure players are made fully aware of the playing rules and conditions of the adult fixtures they may be involved in (e.g. number of overs, fielding restrictions).
* To ensure that players and their parents/carers are fully aware of the rules and regulations governing their involvement in adult cricket and the role of the Club Welfare Officer (e.g. fast-bowling regulations, safe-guarding legislation).
* To help players identify future pathways in the adult game, which they might enjoy (playing, officiating, coaching).
 | * Technique-based coaching sessions, where players are encouraged to learn through their involvement in fielding activities and net sessions. These sessions will include: problem-solving activities related to core cricketing skills and tactical decision-making; net sessions with specific learning objectives to encourage individual player development.
* Opportunities to participate in 1st/2nd XI training sessions
* Allocation of a ‘Staying in the Game’ Ansty CC mentor to manage individual transition between Colts cricket and adult cricket.
* 1:1 and small group technical coaching sessions
* Opportunities to play in under 15s and/or under 16s inter-club fixtures
* Opportunities to play adult cricket in the 2nd/3rd XI for those progressing towards the end of the Staying in the Game development stage
* Opportunities to umpire, score and coach within the Play and Perform stage
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