



PENKRIDGE CRICKET CLUB
CANNOCK ROAD, PILLATON, PENKRIDGE
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Children Playing in Adult Matches Policy

Penkridge Cricket Club recognises that making the step up from junior to adult cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket experience and is committed to ensuring that the player's safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are considered.

Although there is no definitive age at which they should be introduced to adult cricket, each case will be determined on an individual basis dependent on their ability and stage of maturity to take part at this level, taking into account the ECB guidance on Junior Cricketers playing in Adult Matches.

All ECB Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations will always be adhered to for junior players in adult cricket. The team captain will ensure that the player has an opportunity to show their talents in an appropriate way and will not be used solely as fielders. Captains will try to involve the players in the game as much as possible, i.e. socialising, team talks, practice, decision making, as well as being supportive of the player at all times both on and off the field regardless of success.

All players who have not reached their 18th birthday are required to wear a helmet whilst batting and when standing up to keep wicket, regardless of whether parental consent has been given not to wear a helmet. Parental permission will be sought by a Coach or Senior Team Captain before a junior member is selected to play in a senior team.