

Essex Cricket

Juniors in Open Aged Cricket Policy

Full information can be found via the Safe Hands Website.

Visit: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/policy-and-procedures>

When a player is playing in that seasons Under 13's age group and is in Year 8 at school, they can play in Open Age (Adult) Cricket. Each case is determined by the player's ability and stage of cognitive and emotional maturity.

County Coaches are fully committed to the policy of under 12's not playing in adult (open age cricket). This age group play with a smaller ball on a shorter pitch, so their technical development can be disrupted. If at any time they did feel that a player would benefit from playing, they will write a formal note to confirm that.

The Club Safeguarding Officer should ensure that the captain and vice-captain of the side have an up-to-date ECB DBS Enhanced clearance, and they are aware of all policies as below and will discuss with parents those issues. In addition, they will adhere to ECB Helmets, Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding regulations for that child's age group.

They should also ensure that umpires are aware of their age, and this is taken into consideration around the hydration requirements of children who will be playing longer games and could be fielding under intense sun for three plus hours.

Parents should give written consent for them to play by personal letter or email, confirming they are aware of the following policies.

- Changing and Showering
- Transport/Travel
- Contacting about availability to play
- Social Media
- Video and Photo consent

If the child has not progressed through the club's youth structure, parents should be invited to the club to ensure they are clear about the above policies.

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