



Bear Flat Cricket Club Junior Players in Adult Matches

Introduction

Junior Players may benefit from playing in senior matches, especially if they have a high level of ability at cricket, and can play in adult matches of a level which suits their ability level. However, their playing in adult matches must not be at the expense of their safety and well-being.

Policy

- Juniors shall only play in an adult match if they can do so without compromising their safety or well being.
- Juniors shall only play in an adult match if they have sufficient skill to be able to play a meaningful role in the match.
- The well-being and safety of juniors shall be placed above the development and performance of the juniors, of the team, and of the club.
- The ECB Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations shall always be adhered to for junior players in adult cricket matches.
- Adult players playing alongside juniors shall be supportive at all times, for all forms of effort even when juniors are not successful. The team shall try and put juniors in situations where they will experience some success (however small) and ensure plenty of praise and encouragement.
- Juniors shall be involved in all aspects of the game wherever possible, including socialising, team talks, practice, decision making and so on, so they feel part of the team.
- Junior players shall not be placed in a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.
- Juniors shall not play in adult cricket matches without written permission being received from their parents beforehand

