



## Parental Consent Form

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Hampshire Cricket League (HCL) issue strict directives and guidance covering the selection and participation of young players in open-age cricket. They are designed to help Clubs decide when to introduce young players into adult cricket and how best to help their cricketing development when they play within open-age groups.

This Club recognises and fully accepts its duty of care towards all young players who represent the Club. In accordance with ECB and HCL guidance, this duty of care is interpreted in two ways:

- Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against open age players.

Specific directives relating to young players whilst bowling, batting and fielding in open-age cricket are contained within the HCL Handbook.

There is no definitive age at which young players should be introduced to open-age cricket but each case should be determined on an individual basis, dependent upon their ability and stage of cognitive and emotional maturity to take part at this level.

- Any player in the U12 age group must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian and their County Coach before participating in open age cricket.
- Any player in the U13 age group must have explicit written consent from a parent or guardian before participating in open-age cricket.
- Parents or guardians who have any concerns regarding young player participation in open-age cricket are encouraged to contact any member of the Club's Management Team.

### **Parental Consent & County Coach Consent (if the player in the U12 age group):**

I give my consent for the young player named below to participate in open-age cricket.

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dob: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

County Coach name (for U12's only): \_\_\_\_\_

County Coach signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be emailed and an acknowledge received from the HCL secretary ([anne.carter@hantscl.com](mailto:anne.carter@hantscl.com)) before the young person can play.

**We recommend the young player carries a copy of the form with them all HCL match days.**