

GRANTHAM CRICKET CLUB



GUIDELINES AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS OF JUNIORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN ADULT (OPEN AGE) MATCHES

Grantham Cricket Club recognises that the step up from junior to open age cricket is a significant event in any player's cricket experience. The Club wants to support the development and progression of its young members, but will always do so in conjunction with parents, and in a way that ensures the player's safety, personal development needs and overall cricket experience are taken into consideration.

There is no definitive age at which a junior should be considered ready to play in open age cricket, each junior member of the Club will be considered on an individual basis to allow them to make the transition to open age cricket when they are ready to do so. The Leagues in which the Club plays have rules on the age at which junior players become eligible to play in matches; League rules will always be followed by the Club.

The ECB issues the following general guidance on the age at which junior players become eligible for open age cricket:

- Players who have been selected for a County U12 squad (or another squad deemed by the ECB to be of a standard above district or club level) are in year 7 at school, and had turned 11 by 1st September in the year preceding the season, are eligible to play open age cricket.
- Players who are not in County or area squads become eligible to play open age cricket when they reach U13 age i.e. in year 8 at school, and having turned 12 years old by 1st September of the year preceding the season.

Written parental consent is required by the Club before players in these groups are able to play open age cricket.

When introducing juniors to open age cricket, Grantham Cricket Club will:

- Adhere to the ECB guidance on helmets, Fast Bowling Directives and Fielding Regulations, as well as League rules in relation to junior players
- Provide an opportunity wherever possible, for players to show their talents and not restrict junior members to fielding
- Be supportive and ensure that juniors feel part of the team
- Never place a junior player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that junior player

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- Not create a situation where members of the opposing side are put in the position whereby they cannot play cricket as they normally would do against an adult side
- Brief all open age captains on the responsibilities and duty of care they have towards junior players in their teams
- Follow the Club's policy on changing and showering

PARENTAL CONSENT

I confirm that I have read and understood Grantham Cricket Club's policy on juniors playing in adult cricket matches and the Showering and Changing Policy

I expressly give permission for my child _____
to play in open age cricket.

I do/do not (please delete) give permission for my child to use the same changing room as adults.

Signed _____

Date _____

Age of child on 1 September 2016 _____

Please note that signing this form does not guarantee that your child will be selected for open age cricket during the 2017 season. The Club will assess all young players on an individual basis, and enable them to make the transition to open age cricket when they are physically and emotionally ready to do so.