



Sussex Cricket Club Development

1. Background

- Sussex has 245 affiliated clubs, 110 with a junior section and 41 nominated Focus Clubs
- ECB and SCB priority is Clubs. Clubs provide the sustainable future of cricket.
- Providing a high quality level of support to clubs is of vital importance.
- Club development support needs 1-2-1 and face to face contact for real benefit to be seen. It is not possible to do this across 245 clubs.
- A tiered system is therefore important, whereby clubs can access a range of support appropriate to their size, status and ability to develop cricket.
- The basic three tiers are Affiliated Club, Affiliated Clubs with a Junior Section and Focus Clubs.
- It is important that clubs have the opportunity to progress through the tiers.
- Since September 2006 a series of clearly defined Focus Club Criteria and Benefits were introduced to define what it means to be a Focus Club and what is received in return.
- Applications for clubs to become a Focus Club were invited in 2006, 2007 and 2008, resulting in 5 new Focus Clubs (Chiddingly, Pulborough, West Chiltington, Henfield and St Andrews (Burgess Hill)).
- The Focus Club Criteria and Benefits need to be regularly reviewed and this paper aims to update them to make them relevant for 2008.

2. Focus Club Criteria from 2006 - 2008:

- Currently Clubmark registered, achieve Clubmark by April 2008
- Commit to writing a endorsed development plan in the ECB approved format by September 2009 (see www.ecb.co.uk/clubdevelopmentplanning)
- Commit to forming partnerships with a minimum of 4 schools in local community by April 2008
- Min 75 junior members and 4 teams playing in competitive junior leagues
- Senior team in Sussex Cricket League or East Sussex / Invitation league divisions 1 or 2 (or partnership with a Focus Club in above leagues to establish player pathway)
- Appointed Child Welfare Officer and adopt ECB "Safe Hands" policy
- Host minimum of 2 county or area games and 1 x school festival without charge other than direct costs (e.g. teas / pitch preparation)
- Nominate players for area and county cricket
- Attend minimum of 3 Area Development Group meetings per year (once a Focus Club)
- Strategic location
- Minimum 15 years security of tenure on ground (or alternative arrangements in place)

- Appointment of Club Development Officer as main point of contact with regularly checked e-mail address
- Groundsman to be a member of Sussex Groundsman Association (once re-established)

3. Focus Club Criteria 2008 - 2010

- Clubmark Accredited (including)
 - Annual completion of ECB Club Development Plan by 30/9
 - Formal, written partnerships with 4 local state schools
 - Trained Club Welfare Officer (attended Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop and Time to Listen Course)
- Min 75 junior members and 4 teams playing in competitive junior leagues
- Senior team in Sussex Cricket League (or formal partnership with a Focus Club in Sussex Cricket League to establish player pathway)
- Host minimum of 2 county games, area games or school festival without charge other than direct costs (e.g. teas / pitch preparation)
- Nominate players for area and county cricket
- Attend minimum of 2 Area Development Group Forums / Workshops per year
- Strategic location
- Minimum 15 years security of tenure on ground
- Appointment of Club Development Manager as main point of contact with regularly checked e-mail address, with role ideally recognised in club constitution (Role Description available from Cricket Development Team)
- Groundsman to be a member of Sussex Groundsman Association
- Appointment of a Volunteer Coordinator to support club in the recruitment, retention and reward of Volunteers, with role ideally recognised in club constitution (Role Description available from Cricket Development Team)
- Annual Club Development Plan to show growth in at least one of the following areas (Participation in Clubs and Schools, Club Membership, Volunteer Roles, Coaching Roles)

4. Focus Club Benefits 2006 - 2008

- Grant aid advice / support
- Opportunity to be involved with Chance to Shine
- Access to Spen Cama Trust funding
- Access to ECB Capital grant scheme
- 1-2-1 meeting with Cricket Development Officer / Manager minimum every 6 months
- Links to Sports Development network – Sussex Sports Partnership, School Sport partnerships, Local Authorities
- Community coach time – coach education at club, coach mentoring / support, coaching syllabuses, schools coaching
- Priority on Coach Education courses and funding for 1 x UKCC L2 coach per year through Sky Sports
- Networking / good practice / planning opportunities through Area Development Group meetings
- Club Development Seminar delivered at club by CDO / CDM every other year.
- Regular e-mail updates

5. Focus Club Benefits 2008 - 2010

- Grant aid advice / support
- Opportunity to be involved with Chance to Shine

- Access to Spen Cama Trust funding, ECB Capital grant scheme and ECB Machinery Fund, prioritised through SCB Facilities Strategy
- 1-2-1 meeting with Cricket Development Officer at least every 6 months
- Links to Sports Development network – Sussex Sports Partnership, School Sport partnerships, Local Authorities
- Community coach time – coach education at club, coach mentoring / support, coaching syllabuses, schools coaching
- Priority on Coach Education courses
- Networking / good practice / planning opportunities through Area Development Group meetings
- Delivery of ECB “Introduction to Cricket – Be Involved” course at club every other year. This course aims to enthuse and recruit parents and volunteers to become involved at the club.

6. Focus Club review Process

- This document to be reviewed in November 2010
- Focus Clubs to be reviewed annually at 31/10, decision by 30/11
- Applications for new focus clubs received by 30/10, decision by 31/11
- Decisions made on the above Criteria in qualitative and quantitative terms.

7. Existing Focus Clubs (November 2008)

Ansty CC
 Bexhill CC
 Bells Yew Green CC
 Brighton & Hove CC
 Burgess Hill CC
 Buxted Park CC
 Chichester Priory Park CC
 Chiddingly
 Crawley CC
 Cuckfield CC
 East Grinstead CC
 Eastergate CC
 Eastbourne CC
 Findon CC
 Glynde & Beddingham CC
 Goring by Sea CC
 Hastings Priory CC
 Haywards Heath CC
 Henfield
 Horsham CC
 Horsham Trinity CC
 Ifield CC
 Lewes Priory CC
 Lindfield CC
 Littlehampton CC
 Midhurst CC
 Middleton CC
 Newhaven CC
 Preston Nomads CC
 Pulborough
 Ringmer CC

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Roffey CC
Seaford CC
Sidley CC
St Andrews (Burgess Hill)
St James Montefiore CC
St Peters
Steyning CC
Three Bridges CC
West Chiltington and Thakenham
Worthing CC