

## Harrow Borough Talent Identification Information

The following information is designed to provide some guidance on some of the areas that the Harrow Borough Coaches may look for in nominated players.

<p><b>Batting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consistency of Strike:</b> Does the player hit the middle of the bat with both defensive &amp; offensive strokes more often than not.</li> <li>• <b>Hand/Eye Coordination:</b> Can the player coordinate body parts to carry out batting skills? (e.g. correctly assess the length &amp; line of the ball &amp; achieve the correct movement of head, hands, body &amp; feet to play the appropriate shot?).</li> <li>• <b>Timing:</b> Does the player exhibit accurately timed movements? (e.g. hit a half volley with power &amp; minimum effort?).</li> <li>• <b>Decision Making:</b> Does the player make the right scoring options more often than not; or correctly play the right shot appropriate to the length &amp; line of the ball?</li> <li>• <b>Basic Set Up:</b> Has the player a set-up of stance, grip &amp; backswing that is consistent? Allows shots to be played off back foot &amp; front foot; allows both attacking &amp; defensive shots to be played; &amp; allows success? Is the player's head still &amp; in a good position on release of the ball &amp; on contact with the ball?</li> <li>• <b>Front Foot Method:</b> Does the player get his/her weight forward into the shot in a balanced position &amp; make good contact with the ball? Is the bat face controlled to place the ball where he/she wants to?</li> <li>• <b>Back Foot Method:</b> Does the player get his/her weight back &amp; in line with the ball in a balanced position &amp; make good contact with the ball?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bowling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natural / Potential Pace or Swing:</b> Does the bowler have the necessary physical attributes; athleticism; attitude &amp; character; or action which has or has the potential to bowl fast or make the ball swing?</li> <li>• <b>Natural / Potential Spin:</b> Does the bowler have the necessary physical attributes; athleticism; attitude &amp; character; or action which has or has the potential to bowl spin?</li> <li>• <b>Basic Method:</b> Does the bowler have a basic action which is repeatable, consistent &amp; safe.</li> <li>• <b>Accuracy:</b> Does the bowler exhibit a degree of control over length &amp; line &amp; more often than not, bowl the ball on what is considered a good length.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fielding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Catching Success:</b> Does the player have a catching technique that safely &amp; consistently catches the ball over various distances, speeds, &amp; exhibits good reaction speed, coordination &amp; timing of movement?</li> <li>• <b>Stopping Success:</b> Can the player cleanly stop the ball using both or one of either hands when hit at various speeds &amp; across distances?</li> <li>• <b>Throwing Success:</b> Can the player safely throw the ball with accuracy both over arm and under arm from different distances using a sound technique.</li> <li>• <b>Fielding Methods:</b> Does the player show enjoyment for all forms of fielding? Do they have a method which is safe to execute &amp; gives the success in all aspects of fielding?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wicket-Keeping:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Catching Success:</b> Can the wicket keeper catch the ball cleanly, effortlessly and consistently from throws; &amp; from bowling both standing up &amp; standing back from the wicket?</li> <li>• <b>Balance:</b> Does the wicket keeper move smoothly &amp; effortlessly to ensure a balanced position when catching the ball?</li> <li>• <b>Movement Coordination:</b> Does the wicket keepers head, hands &amp; feet move smoothly &amp; effortlessly to ensure successful taking of the ball from throws &amp; from bowling.</li> </ul>

### Physical

- **Natural Athleticism:** Does the player move like an athlete? Can they run, move smoothly & effortlessly, & carry out athletic movements in a balanced & coordinated way?
- **Speed:** Can the player coordinate his or her movements to provide good speed over the ground in a balanced & dynamic fashion?
- **Agility:** Can they move effortlessly & smoothly from side to side & change direction quickly?
- **Flexibility:** Do they possess an appropriate range of movement which enables them to carry out cricket skills both safely & effectively?
- **Endurance:** Do they possess stamina to effectively carry out their skills? Does poor conditioning or aerobic fitness inhibit their skill execution over time?

Coaches should bear these characteristics in mind as well as tuning in to their own instinctive feel for a player. This instinctive feel will be based upon playing and coaching experience as well as a knowledge of junior cricket within Harrow so that the coach has the ability to know whether a player will succeed at the next level.

The coach may have a natural gut reaction that a player possesses some skills sets that could lead to success as a cricketer. This may include qualities such as attitude, competitiveness, work ethic, physical prowess, leadership, intelligence, coachability, character, desire & hunger