

Coaching performance-level players

The coaching of players selected for performance-level cricket in Middlesex (borough, regional and county age group cricket up to 14 years of age) is delivered by a mix of volunteer coaches (as shown at the right-hand end of the Middlesex Coach Pathway) and the Regional Head Coaches in the Youth Cricket Department.

There are volunteer Borough 'Leads', Borough Coaches and Assistant Regional Coaches for each age group who work with the Youth Cricket Department Regional Head Coaches for borough and regional cricket. Each county age group squad (up to the U15 Age Group) is managed by a volunteer manager supported by a nominated coach from the Youth Cricket Department.

The coaching of those players in the Middlesex Emerging Player Programme and the Middlesex Cricket Academy is undertaken by the Regional Head Coaches of the Youth Cricket Department, under the direction of the Head of Youth Cricket.

To enquire about volunteering in the performance-level environment, contact Assistant Head of Youth Cricket Rory Coutts rory.coutts@middlesexccc.com.

ECB UKCC3 Performance Coach Course

The ECB UKCC3 Performance Coach Course is part of the Elite Coach Development Programme and progression of coaches onto this programme is managed nationally by the ECB. The number of available places is limited and Middlesex will only select and endorse a few applicants each year.

This course has been designed specifically to meet the needs of coaches working with performance-level players in performance environments (in boys, girls and disability cricket). The course focuses on developing and equipping coaches with the knowledge, skills and thinking to work effectively with the most talented young players and adult cricketers and teams. Coaches who primarily work in recreational playing environments and who do not meet the criteria for this course should look to develop their skills through the CPD Modules and ECB Diploma Courses.

A Middlesex coach interested in progressing to Level 3 qualification should be a member of the MCoA and have achieved the Middlesex accreditation benchmarks outlined earlier. He/she should be able to demonstrate experience coaching performance-level players and be able to continue this, following completion of the course, for Middlesex in performance-level cricket (borough, regional and county age group) or in the County Academy or Emerging Player Programmes. Also, a Middlesex coach considered suitable for Level 3 training will, generally, have successfully completed the CPD Modules and ECB Diploma Courses.



Those coaches wishing to be considered for selection as a 'Middlesex candidate' should submit an 'expression of interest' to the Middlesex Head of Youth Cricket by 31 December (for course attendance during the following year). This 'application' should describe the individual's coaching qualifications and experience, and explain how they will benefit from this level of training and what it will enable them to bring to Middlesex Cricket in the future.

Each candidate's 'application' will be assessed, and this may include an interview, by a review body comprising the Director of Development, the Head of Youth Cricket and the Chairman of the MCoA. Following this stringent review, the 'application' of a suitable candidate for Level 3 training will be endorsed by Middlesex for that individual to go forward for a regional interview by ECB. From this point, the selection process is managed by ECB. Those candidates considered not to be suitable for Level 3 training at this stage will be directed towards further development training within Middlesex.

