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# New Pathway **Structure**

Cricket Wales are pleased to communicate changes to the junior player pathway in North Wales which will come into effect from the end of September 2019. This document aims to encapsulate briefly the key changes in addition to illustrating how players can move between the various stages.

The structure has been the culmination of the first year review of the new national pathway, where it was recognised that an unprecedented opportunity existed to bring all aspects of junior cricket across North and Mid-Wales together. Detailed consultation and collaboration with key personnel within the network across North and Mid-Wales areas has been undertaken over the last 3-4 months. Whilst some detail is still being finalised Cricket Wales are keen to convey the structure to the cricket community in the region as the season reaches its halfway point ahead of the upcoming winter.

Cricket Wales acknowledges and accepts that the first year of change represents an important opportunity to understand whether the pathway is making the intended impact. Consequently, we will continue to analyse and review its implementation and so any feedback from the Welsh Cricketing network will be warmly received.

# Headline Changes



- North East, Eryri, and former Mid-Wales region to combine together along with existing RPC at all age groups as Cricket Wales North (CWN).
- 12 week winter coaching programme to be delivered to three satellite centres.
- 6 invitational sessions for potential squad players.
- 6 week summer programme to be delivered in one location.
- Significantly reduced cost of programme compared to 2018/19.
- Players and teams to wear Masuri branded CWN kit.



# Structure



The best players from the six sessions below will be nominated to attend Wales Age Group squad selection sessions at the National Centre in Cardiff.

Players will be invited to attend any or all of the six sessions available. These sessions will be how the CWN squads will be selected at each age group.

Players who are nominated by their region/club/MCC Hub will be able to access a full 12 week winter programme in the most geographically accessible satellite centre. They will also be able to access the 6 week summer programme in the central location which has yet to be confirmed.

**Welsh Age Group Selection & Squads**

**Cricket Wales North Selection & Squads**

St Asaph, Menai Bridge & Newtown

**Cricket Wales North Centres**

Ruabon, Menai Bridge & Newtown

**Cricket Clubs**

**MCC Hubs**

# Feedback



“The new pathway for Cricket Wales North provides exciting opportunities, especially for many of the young cricketers of the former Mid-Wales junior region.”

**Robin Varley**  
Chairman of Cricket Wales North



“The North Wales Cricket League welcomes the opportunity to contribute towards this exciting proactive collaboration with Cricket Wales in providing a robust regional performance programme.”

**Richard Penney**  
Treasurer of the NWCL



“This is a hugely encouraging step for North & Mid-Wales cricket. The opportunities and accessibility for youngsters to access the pathway will benefit the region enormously for the long term.”

**Matt Thompson**  
Cricket Wales Talent Programme Manager



“The new pathway is a unique and ground breaking initiative that offers tremendous opportunities for all young cricketers across North and Mid-Wales.”

**Tony Moss**  
North East Wales Regional Chair

# FAQs

- **How many teams will CWN have?**

CWN will have the same number of teams that Eyrri & North East enjoy presently. Where there has been 1 team each at U10s for example, there will be 2 CWN teams. Depending on intake some age groups may have one team at a certain age group but the overall number of representative teams stays the same.

- **Who will be in charge of the new structure both locally and at Cricket Wales?**

Cricket Wales will recruit a 'CWN Pathway Lead' who will be responsible for the management and day to day running of the structure with support from the CWN Board. The CWN Pathway Lead will be responsible to the Cricket Wales Talent Programme Manager.

- **Who will select the CWN teams?**

Selection is likely to be made by the coaches that are in attendance at the 6 squad/selection sessions with assistance from coaches in the 3 satellite centres and the CWN Pathway Lead.

- **How will my son/daughter be selected onto one of the satellites?**

All players who currently represent the region will automatically be selected. Clubs will be able to nominate players also. Detail around this will be forthcoming.

- **What kit will the players wear?**

CWN players in all satellites will wear branded CWN kit from Cricket Wales' new supplier Masuri. There will be an easily accessible online shop to purchase a basic bundle plus any desirable additional items.

- **How much will it cost?**

The overall cost of the programme will be £150. If a youngster attended the programme without obtaining selection into any of the 6 squad/selection days that breaks down to £4.16 per hour. Should they obtain selection to more parts of the programme this will work out even cheaper.

- **Can we find out more information about this?**

Yes. Cricket Wales will be running a couple of Pathway evenings similar to last year in September/October. They will be opportunities for players/parents to find out more about it, ask questions and potentially commit to it for the 2019/20 year.