



## Junior Formats Pitches & Ground Set Up – new guidance from ECB

This season, junior cricket at local clubs and schools has started to look slightly different. To ensure children have an outstanding experience of playing cricket, ECB has spent the last three years engaging in extensive research looking at how to help boys and girls develop skills that will stay with them for life, alongside ensuring that they have fun while playing. This has led to new recommended [Junior Formats](#) intended to support children developing at their own pace, in games and activities best suited to their age and ability.

**Marking and Maintaining Different Length Pitches for Junior Cricket** is a brand-new resource created specifically for ground staff and junior coaches. We've provided top tips and [videos](#) to help:

- Mark out appropriate length junior pitches and boundary lengths
- Prepare and maintain different length pitches
- Manage junior games on squares and outfield
- Understand how many junior games can be played on the square and / or match play pitch

Click [here](#) to find out more.

## The Junior Pathway

Has been developed to help young players progress at their own pace and play in games which are best suited to their age and/or ability and signal a fundamental change in junior cricket. More children are playing the game and through All Stars Cricket we have seen an influx of children taking up cricket.

There are now new pitch and boundary lengths for junior cricket for boys and girls from under 9s upwards. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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