

# DURHAM CRICKET GRASSROOTS CRICKET AWARDS *2021*

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The Grassroots Cricket Awards recognise the hard work thousands of volunteers across Durham put into the recreational game. A nomination is a great way for your club, league or organisation to say thank you to your best volunteers and give them the recognition they deserve. Nominations close on Sunday 8th August 2021.

## THE CATEGORIES:

- **Connecting Communities** – A Club or community organisation which has gone above and beyond the call of cricket to support communities/groups coming back to the game we love.
- **Inspired to Play** – An Individual or group within your club or community organisation going above and beyond to open the game up to new audiences.
- **Rising Star Award** – Young volunteer making a difference – 11 – 16-year-olds
- **Game Changer** – Young volunteer 17 – 25-year-olds making a difference in the game.
- **Unsung Hero** – Those heroes who impact our game and help us make cricket happen. This could be ground staff, coaches, officials, umpires, or other volunteers.

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## THE CATEGORIES:

- **Growing the Game** – A league volunteer, committee member, or administrator going above and beyond to support clubs and help increase the number of games played.
- **Lifetime Achiever** – That one individual who has given many years of service to your club or community group you could not do without.
- **Cricket Innovators** – Someone who has brought new ideas and/or implemented new systems to improve your club or community group.
- **Contribution to Youth Participation** – A volunteer who has made a significant contribution to the junior participation pathway including All Stars Cricket.
- **Women's and Girls' Cricket Development** – Dedicated to volunteers who have supported the growth and quality of participation opportunities for W & Gs.
- **All Stars Cricket Centre of the Year** – Club that have demonstrated commitment to grow and professionally deliver ECB's entry-level programme.

Please take time to read through the criteria for each category below. Testimonials should be no more than 200 words and we advise writing the testimonial in advance so you can copy and paste it into the online nomination form. This is to avoid the system timing out.

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# **CRICKET AWARDS**

## **THE CRITERIA:**

### **CONNECTING COMMUNITIES**

A Club or community organisation which has gone above and beyond the call of cricket to support communities/groups coming back to the game we love.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty for the sake of the community and its members
- Club supporting their players, members, and wider communities throughout/post Covid-19
- Running programmes or events to empower individuals/groups back to cricket
- Setting up initiatives to proactively get the club or community back into cricket
- Displaying enthusiasm and drive to use the power of cricket to bring their community together
- An impact of their actions on the development of the club/community in a positive and lasting way

### **INSPIRED TO PLAY**

*An Individual or group within your club or community organisation going above and beyond to open the game up to new audiences.*

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of :

- A consistent effort to try new things to inspire new individuals to the game
- Increasing the number of boys, girls and women participating
- Recruitment and training of new volunteers to help deliver Inspire to Play programmes
- Plans in place to help retain all new players following Inspire to Play programmes
- Introducing initiatives to support new groups into your club or community
- Encouraging others to come on the journey in trying something new

### **RISING STAR**

Young volunteer making a difference – 11 – 16-year-olds

Someone who:

- Has a zest of energy positively impacting your club or community.
- Is responsible, dependable, and enthusiastic.
- Has a positive effect on their club/group/organisation and other members

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Criteria for Rising Star continued:

- Is willing to use their volunteering experience to help recruit more young people into volunteering roles within cricket.
- Is willing to learn from experience, undertake training and learn from others.
- Is displaying enthusiasm and drive to increase participation at their club or wider community.

### **GAME CHANGER**

*Young volunteer 17 – 25-year-olds making a difference in the game.*

Someone who:

- Has a zest of energy positively impacting your club or community.
- Is a fantastic role model at their club providing leadership, use of initiative and being prepared to think outside the boundary.
- Has a positive effect on their club/group/organisation and other members by creating and delivering new initiatives
- Is willing to use their volunteering experience to help recruit more young people into volunteering roles within cricket.
- Is willing to learn from experience, undertake training and learn from others.
- Is displaying enthusiasm and drive to increase participation in cricket by recruiting and/or retaining players within their environment.

### **UNSUNG HERO**

Those heroes who impact our game and help us make cricket happen. This could be ground staff, coaches, officials, umpires, or other volunteers.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- That special volunteer that your club simply could not do without, they are always there to lend a hand, displaying enthusiasm supporting other volunteers and players.
- The undertaking of several key roles and tasks within the club when they are not fulfilled by others.
- A willingness to try their hand at anything in order to get it done and a willingness to learn or be trained in certain areas if needed.
- Helping to recruit and retaining players, volunteers, administrators, and officials at their club or organisation.
- A significant dedication of time and commitment to a cricket club or organisation
- An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty for the sake of the club and its members.



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#### **GROWING THE GAME**

*A league volunteer, committee member, or administrator going above and beyond to support clubs and help increase the number of games played.*

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- An outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty to ensure that matches and games are played and completed
- Supporting adoption play-cricket and use of play-cricket scorer across all their leagues.
- Go beyond the call of duty and support key volunteers within clubs to help reduce the number of cancelled and conceded games throughout the season
- Initiatives to recruit and train new umpires and officials
- Positively increase the quality of umpiring, scoring and grounds at all levels of the game
- The introduction of new ideas and rules which will help and support Club Captains and players on and off the field

#### **LIFETIME ACHIEVER**

That one individual who has given many years of service to your club or community group you could not do without.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- A commitment to their cricket club, league, board or local cricket community spanning a significant number of years.
- Taking on a wide variety of different playing and volunteering roles with the cricket club, league, or board
- Having an impact on the development of the cricket Club/League/Board/community and its members i.e., implementation of junior section, women's section, ground improvements, increase in participation levels, improved administration processes etc.
- Embracing change and evidence of moving the club/league/board/community forward
- Providing a legacy for the organisation and providing for regeneration in the future
- Building partnerships with external organisations and embracing programmes for the benefit of the club/league/board/community i.e. CricketForce and Chance to Shine

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#### **CRICKET INNOVATORS**

Someone who has brought new ideas and/or implemented new systems to improve your club or community group.

Nominations should demonstrate evidence of:

- A consistent willingness in empowering, further developing themselves to positively impact your club/community. E.g upskilling themselves via digital skills training to support.
- Implementing procedures or actions to positively impact processes within your club or community
- Introducing a new idea to positively impact your club or community
- Thinking outside the box to enhance the experience of those in and around your club or community
- An ambition to always look at ways of doing things better and challenging the norm
- Empowering others to come on the journey or adopt change

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

A volunteer who has made a significant contribution to the junior participation pathway including All Stars Cricket.

The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:

- Supporting the development of the junior participation pathway in their environment
- Driving participation initiatives in clubs/ all stars centers and/ or school settings
- Engaging with partner organisations to enrich junior programmes and other additional activities
- Raising the profile and importance of junior pathways and engaging with others to recruit a wider pool of volunteers or activators

#### **ALL STARS CRICKET CENTRE OF THE YEAR**

A club that has demonstrated commitment to grow and professionally deliver ECB's entry-level programme.

The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:

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- Engaging with partner organisations to enrich junior programmes and other additional activities
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#### **WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CRICKET DEVELOPMENT**

Dedicated to volunteers who have supported the growth and quality of participation opportunities for women and girls.

The best nominations will show the nominee has/is:

- A significant commitment of time dedicated to supporting and growing the women's and/ or girls' game in their club
- Planning and organising regular participation and competition opportunities for women and/ or girls
- Promoting participation opportunities across a variety of channels within their community
- Taken part in Durham Cricket's women's and/ or girls' initiatives
- Raising the profile of the female game within their club, community, county and is encouraging others to support women's and girls' provisions

#### **HOW TO NOMINATE**

Each nomination should include a testimonial of no more than 200 words. The closing date for nominations is Sunday, 8 August 2021.

We advise writing the testimonial in advance so you can copy and paste it into the online nomination form. This is to avoid the system timing out.

To nominate someone, click [here](#) or below.

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